

Shirhan To Be Tried In Steel-Cased Room

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Sirhan B. Sirhan, described by his chief defense attorney as "an average chap," will go to trial for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy on Jan. 7 in a steel-plated courtroom with closed circuit television for news reporters.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker Thursday overruled a prosecution argument that the trial should start as scheduled next Monday and granted a continuance past the holidays so new defense lawyer Grant B. Cooper could prepare his case.

In a 15-minute court session in the Hall of Justice and at a news conference afterwards, it developed:

Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, who was only a few feet from her husband when he was fatally wounded in the Ambassador Hotel June 5, will not be called as a witness.

Emile Zola Berman, a New York attorney who gained prominence for his 1956 defense of a Marine sergeant accused of causing the death of rookies, will join the defense team along with Cooper and Russell Parsons.

There is "no probability" that Sirhan will waive his present straight plea of innocent to one of not guilty by reason of insanity although his "mental condition" will be a prime factor in seeking to avoid the maximum penalty of death in the gas chamber.

The trial will last at least two months and jurors will be locked up in their hotel rooms nightly although their husbands and wives will be allowed to visit them on weekends.

Sirhan spoke only a few words at the hearing. He said "I have no objection at all" when Judge Walker described the closed circuit TV which would show the courtroom proceedings in the eighth floor room in an auxiliary room for the newsmen on the fourth floor.

Cooper, who twice got a hung jury for Dr. Bernard Finch in the sensational Finch-Tregel murder trials of a decade ago entered the case just this week after winding up another trial.

He said he talked with Sirhan for an hour last Monday, the first time he had met him.

Asked his impression of the Jordanian immigrant, Cooper said:

"I found him an average chap. I didn't form any definite impression. I was just getting acquainted with him."

"The new inmate is subjected to a series of abasements, degradations, humiliations and profanations of his self," Goffman wrote.

"He is stripped of his possessions and provided with institutional clothing... particularly during this initial period, the inmate's life is controlled from above by regulations, judgments and sanctions. He must learn to follow the rules unthinkingly."

Sirhan wrote that "a sizable body of patients (perhaps 40 per cent or more) do not want to leave the mental hospital. For a variety of reasons—social, economic and perhaps even medical, the Downey VA Mental Hospital is home to them."

He wrote, "As one patient put it, 'It's still better than skid row.'"

"The noninstitutionalized 25 per cent have the opposite problem," Sirhan wrote. "They want out, yet they cannot find the therapy they seek because the hospital is run for the institutionalized mass of patients."

5 Entomologists From Purdue Tell Of Insect Curbs

DALLAS (UPI)—Five Purdue entomologists presented reports relating to the control of insect deprivations on plant life at the annual convention of the Entomological Society of America.

Robert C. Anderson, instructor in entomology, and M. Curtis Wilson, research entomologist, both delivered reports concerned with the ability of various insect parasites to withstand larger doses of insecticide than their hosts.

Kenneth Knauer, graduate assistant, reported to the ESA that he had determined the hours of peak activity of the northern walking stick. Such research is important for the insight it may provide into the removal of these massive defoliators from tree crowns.

In other reports by Hoosiers, Ray T. Everly, professor emeritus at Purdue, indicated that infestations of corn leaf aphids have been greatly underestimated in the damage they cause. In some cases the destruction may reach 50 per cent of corn yield.

Dr. Ross H. Arnett, Jr., professor of entomology, was able to report a high degree of dependence and specificity of false blister beetles for pollen, which enabled him to determine the food plant of these insects.

Legion District Supper To Mark Pearl Harbor Day

FRANKTON — The Frankton American Legion will serve as the hosts to members of the Fifth District on Saturday in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day. Supper will be served by the Auxiliary from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will open at 8:15 p.m. with a special initiation service in which each new member will receive a pin and a small flag. Afterward will be a dance, featuring Bud Ginder and the Royal Serenaders.

Members of the Frankton Post are to report the ages, sex, and number of their children who will attend the Christmas Party.



Andersonians On AC 'Who's Who' List

The jet left Key West at 6:41 A.M. for Anderson College will be represented by 24 students, including three from Anderson, in the 1959 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The group, including Andersonians Linda Thornburg, Marsha Friermood and Joe Snowden, was recognized as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries in North and South America.

Dean of Students Norman Beard said selection of the students by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory was based on academic achievements, service to the campus community, leadership in co-curricular activities and future potential.

Besides those from Anderson princesses. A transferee from this year are: Cozette Beach, Sanford, Mich.; Milo Miller, Toledo, Ohio; Col Bloom, Erie, Pa.; Tony Wolfe, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Sheila Smart, Lexington, Ky.; Daryl Yoder, Springfield, Ohio; D. Joe Smith, Drexel, N.C.

Also, Glenn Burns, Hickory, N.C.; Ruth Helbling, Prineville, Ore.; Bob Mathis, Newark, Ohio; Dan Clark, Knoxville, Tenn.; Carol Pendleton, Enid,

Okla.; David Van Norman, Frankfort, Ky.; Victoria Bouterfield, Plaqu, Ohio; Louise Sutterenga, Racine, Wis.; Joe Cookson, West Liberty, Ohio; David Heitzenrater, Erie, Pa.; and Katheryn Ramsey, Mishawaka.

Campus leadership in many areas are represented in the 1959 group, including government, drama, religion, athletics, student publications, debate, international affairs and music.

Miss Thornburg, a senior English major, was a 1968 Homecoming Queen candidate and served as one of two senior Indiana University, she has been active in dramatic circles and is a member of two national honoraries—Sigma Tau Delta, English, and Alpha Psi Omega, drama. She is the daughter of Mrs. Betty B. Thornburg, 111 South Dr.

Miss Friermood, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Friermood, 2125 Crystal St., is a junior elementary education major. She also has taken active roles in campus drama and belongs to Alpha Psi Omega as well as Aerie Pop Club, social group for women.

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Fordham Dean Stricken After Demonstration

NEW YORK (UPI)—Dr. Martin J. Meade, 37-year-old dean of students at Fordham University, suffered a critical heart attack Thursday, less than 24 hours after Negro students barricaded him inside his office and forced him to sign a statement in regard to student demonstrators.

Meade, who also is vice president of the Jesuit university, was placed in the intensive care unit at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N.J., according to a school spokesman. He was taken there after he awoke Thursday morning and complained of chest pains.

Fordham's president, the Rev. Leo McLaughlin, rushed back to the campus from a trip on the third day of a round-the-clock sit-in in a lounge of the student center by some 200 demonstrators. They are demanding additional of student and faculty representatives to the board of trustees and "secularization" of the university.

On Wednesday, 40 students shoved a desk against the door of Meade's office and crowded inside with him until he signed a statement pledging that the university would take no action which would result in the loss of federal aid to Negro student demonstrators.

Meade said later he signed the pledge as an individual and not as a school official.

A bill pending in congress would disqualify "disruptive" student demonstrators from federal loans.

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Teachers Will Get Briefing

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A briefing will be given Saturday to presidents and legislative chairmen of the Indiana Classroom Teachers Association as well as the 12 county citizenship chairmen of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

Robert H. Wyatt, ISTA executive secretary, will present the briefing on educational bills expected to be introduced before the 1969 Indiana Legislature.

Charles T. Reece, Warsaw, will moderate a panel discussion on legislative questions. Reece is the newly elected president of ISTA. Panel members will be Mrs. Marianna Aldridge, Kokomo; Robert Burgess, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Virginia Combs, Winfield, and Richard Dellinger, Noblesville.

There will be a luncheon after the briefing with Dr. Gary D. Watts of Washington speaking. Watts, one of the top executives of the National Education Association, is director of the NEA Field Service Division and a member of the steering committee for NEA's new Task Force on Urban Education.

Wilson Is Officer In Farm-City Group

FORTVILLE — E. H. Wilson of Fortville was named vice chairman of the Indiana Farm-City Committee. Wilson is radio and television editor for the Indiana Farm Bureau. The Farm-City program is conducted in 72 Indiana counties.

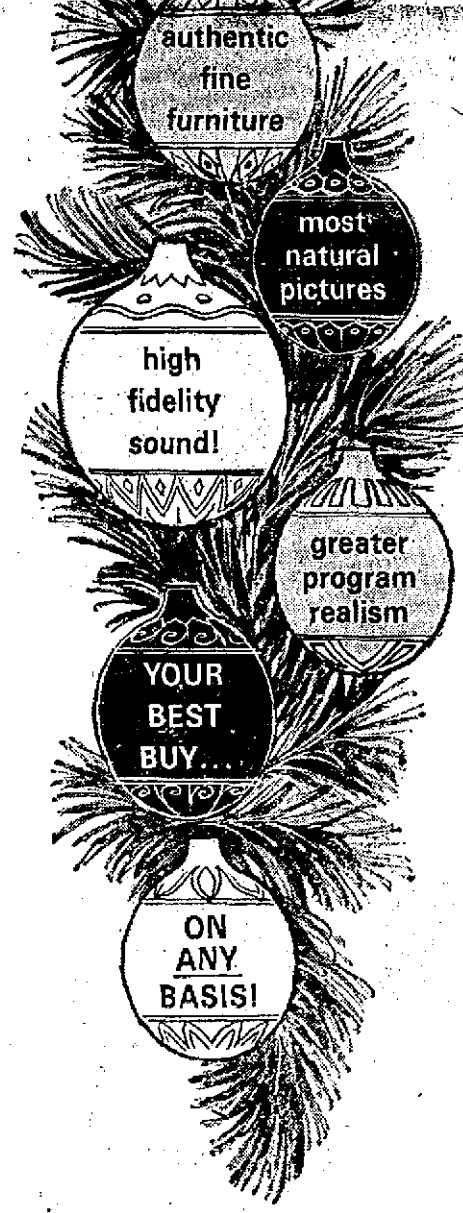


FIRST NEGRO CITY COUNCILMAN — Arthur Shores stands in front of the Birmingham, Ala., city hall shortly after the City Council elected him to fill a vacancy on the nine-member body. He is the first of his race to hold such a post in Birmingham.

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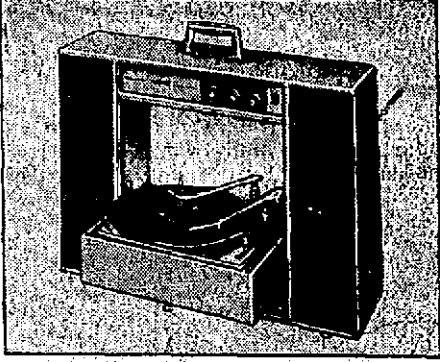
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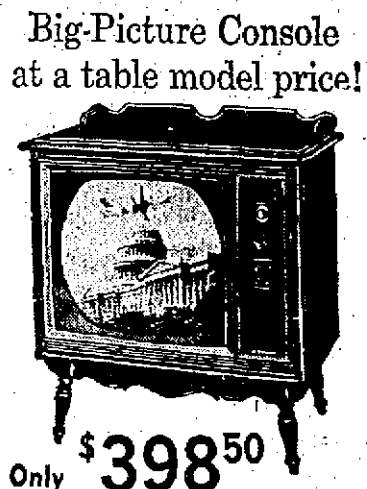
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