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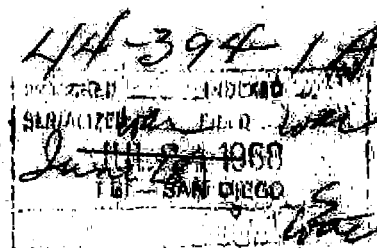
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Introduction

THE hieroglyphic inscriptions on the temples of Egypt, though in existence for centuries, remained a mystery to modern man until the discovery and deciphering of the Rosetta Stone, which became a key to their meaning. The Rosicrucian Order, though in active existence for centuries, is also not known to some persons, institutions, or organizations as it should be, because of the lack, heretofore, of a concise work referring to its objects, practices, and history. A number of recognized literary reference sources, such as the encyclopedias, refer to the organization, but they are not always available and it is for this reason that this brochure is prepared. It is hoped that it will also be a key to the solution of any mysteries which, it may seem to some, surround the world-wide activities of the Rosicrucian Order.

This brochure has been published with a realization of the need of editors, publishers, authors, and research workers, for brief, relevant facts pertaining to the subject of *The Rosicrucians*. Therefore, all unessential information has been deleted and elaboration has been left to the larger bound works on the subject. For further convenience, this brochure has been divided into two parts and the classifications indicated below:

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The ROSICRUCIANS

AMORC

Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, Calif. 95114, U.S.A.

PART ONE

What Are the Rosicrucians?



Nature of the Organization

The Rosicrucian Order is, broadly, a world-wide fraternal organization, established and operating on a lodge system. It expounds a system of metaphysical and physical philosophy intended to awaken the dormant, latent faculties of the individual whereby he may utilize to a better advantage his natural talents and lead a happier and more useful life. It accomplishes this end by a method of personal instruction and guidance. The member is taught the significance and application of the Cosmic and natural laws which are found manifest in the universe around him and in himself. It unites, into one *livable philosophy*, metaphysical idealism and such practical sciences as physics, chemistry, biology, physiology, and psychology. It also seeks, by its educational campaign, to rid society of the enslaving influence of superstition.

The Order, throughout the world, is divided into jurisdictions, in each of which there are established Grand Lodges with temples of instruction. The Supreme Temple for the international jurisdiction of The Americas, British Commonwealth, France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, and Africa is located in San Jose, California. (For history, see page 8.)

What Does the Name Mean?

The word "Rosicrucian" is the Anglicized form of the original Latin name of the Order—*Rosae Crucis*, which means of *the rosy cross*. The name is derived from the Order's centuries-old symbol—the cross and a single *red rose*. Although the symbol consists of a cross, it has no sectarian or strictly religious significance, but an allegorical meaning of its own.

"Rosicrucian" is pronounced: Ro'zi-kru'shan.

What Does A.M.O.R.C. Mean?

The initials, A. M. O. R. C., are an abbreviation of the words, "Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis," which is the complete name of the Order throughout the world. In Latin, the full title of the Order was originally: *Antiquus Arcanus Ordo Rosae Rubeae et Aureae Crucis*. In various lands at various times the Order has been known by slightly different abbreviations of the original Latin title. In modern times the initials, A.M.O.R.C., usually follow the popular phrase, "the Rosicrucian Order," to designate authenticity.

Is It a Religion?

The Rosicrucian Order is absolutely NOT a religion. It is nonsectarian in every respect. As its membership is world-wide, it of course includes persons of *every creed* and denomination, as does any other world-wide fraternity of a cultural nature. Many leading clergymen of Protestant denomination, rabbis, and priests are members; but the Order itself, in the past and at present, is *free of religious alliances*. Although its ethics adhere to the principles of Christianity, it must not be considered a religious movement or a Christian sect. The teachings do not interfere with the religious freedom of its members.

Is It a Commercial Enterprise?

The Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC (The Rosicrucian Order) is incorporated in the State of California, and its subordinate bodies are incorporated elsewhere, as *nonprofit corporations*. No funds of the Order inure to the personal benefit of any officer or member. There are no stockholders or shareholders, and all funds are held in trust for purposes as defined by the Constitution and Statutes. The nonprofit status of the Rosicrucian Order is recognized by the United States Department of Internal Revenue, and in similar departments in other nations.

What Does It Teach?

An individual listing of the subjects included in the membership curriculum would be too lengthy for the space provided here. In main, it includes such topics as the mysteries of time and space; the human consciousness; the nature of matter; perfecting the physical body; the effect of light, color, and sound upon mind and body; the ancient philosophies; development of will; human emotions and instincts, and their relation to personality; important discoveries in Rosicrucian chemistry and physics; explanation of the phenomena of intuition, etc.

The organization maintains its own editorial and research departments, composed of men and women of its membership who have skill and training in specialized fields of science and literature, as well as being well versed in Rosicrucian principles. The instructions are either delivered orally in temples of the Order to the members, or sent privately to them in manuscript form. The subjects are accompanied by experiments which the member must conduct in order to remove the material from the realm of theory and make it entirely practical and applicable, by demonstration, to his personal life. Highly speculative, fantastic, or improbable subject matter is not included in the teachings of the Rosicrucians.

Who May Become Members?

Any law-abiding citizen of either sex and over twenty-one years of age, of good repute and having a firm conviction in a Supreme Being, is eligible for membership in the Grand Lodge of the Rosicrucian Order regardless of creed or financial status. Thus, the organization includes in its membership a cross section of all classes of people. Its membership includes manual laborers seeking to better themselves, and also prominent businessmen, directors of industries, physicians, attorneys, scientists, artists, editors, educators, and authors, who find the teachings stimulating and very livable.

Those desiring membership may write to the Rosicrucian Order at its Grand Lodge in San Jose, California, requesting free literature which fully explains membership and its benefits.

What Rosicrucians are NOT



The Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) IS independent. It never was and is not a part of or sponsored by any other movement or organization. It has at times during the centuries of its existence entered into a federation of orders or fraternities of like nature, but it has never submerged its individuality or forfeited its independent functioning. Regardless of the similarity that some persons believe exists between the honorable Freemasonic Order and the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC), there is, in fact, no relationship between the two orders.

The Rosicrucian Order does not teach, endorse, or practice astrology, fortunetelling, crystal gazing, or any past or present superstitions, or similar popular pseudo-scientific practices.

The Order makes no demands upon its members to conduct themselves in any manner that would cause public ridicule or condemnation. The members are not required to dress, eat, or act differently from any intelligent and morally responsible man or woman in conducting his or her ordinary affairs. They resort to no practices or rites which in any sense are injurious to health, family relationships, or morals.

No Political Affiliations. The Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) is nonpolitical, and not aligned or associated with any movement, society, or group having political activities. Political affiliations are considered to be the prerogative of the individual member and not a matter for intervention or counsel by the Order.

The following, however, is ascertained from each member who desires affiliation with the Rosicrucian Order: "Are you doing your best to be a good and useful citizen and to obey the laws of the country in which you live?" Also, the Rosicrucian Oath of Membership has for many years exacted the promise—"that I will honor and respect the flag of my country and the country in which I live; that I will never be guilty of treason; that I will be a good and useful citizen contributing to the advancement and welfare of the country in which I enjoy the privilege of being a resident."

History of the Rosicrucians



Traditional History

Traditionally, the Rosicrucian Order traces its origin to the *mystery schools* or secret schools of learning established during the reign of Thutmose III, about 1500 B. C., in Egypt. Though he devoted himself seriously to an investigation of "the mysteries"—in other words, natural phenomena—Thutmose III still clung to the ancient religions of the period. His descendant, Akhnaton, 1355 B. C., known as the heretic king, also became leader of the mystery schools; but, being extremely progressive, he abolished the polytheistic religions of the time to advance in their stead the world's first doctrine of monotheism. The Rosicrucians look upon Akhnaton as their traditional first Grand Master.

From Egypt, the secret teachings of the brotherhood spread into Greece, and thence into Rome. During the Middle Ages they were concealed under various names due to circumstances of the times.

Chronological Records

Chronologically, the Order is mentioned as far back as 1115 A. D., in a book of the collection of Brother *Omnis Mariar* in Germany. It rose to considerable prominence during the Sixteenth Century when, following the invention of the printing press, a small pamphlet entitled *The Fama Fraternitatis* was issued and given wide circulation. The authorship of the *Fama* has often been erroneously attributed to Johann Valentin Andrea (1586-1654). The pamphlets were part of a campaign for the revival of the Order. The Order first came to America in 1694, locating in what is now Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

For a detailed history of the Order, refer to the *fourteenth* edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*; *New Standard Encyclopedia*; and *Rosicrucian Questions and Answers with Complete History of the Order*, by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, available in public libraries.

Current Rosicrucian Activities



Rose-Croix University

The Rosicrucian Order maintains, as part of its cultural program, what is known as the *Rose-Croix University*. The University is located in Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California. The University is divided into three distinct colleges: The College of Fine and Mystic Arts, The College of Mundane and Arcane Science, and the College of Humanities.

The Rose-Croix University building contains well-equipped modern laboratories. The faculty members have academic degrees from world-recognized universities in their chosen fields of teaching. Students from all over the world attend the University's special semester. The University is strictly a *non-commercial* venture.

(For picture of the Rose-Croix University building, see page 22.)

International Board of Lectureship

A trained lecturer, with sound motion-picture equipment and films and scientific devices to demonstrate the Order's teachings, personally visits countries in which the organization is active. In each city, lectures and demonstrations are given, not only to the membership of the Order, but to the general public as well, without charge. The lecturer is a part of the International Board of Lectureship of the Rosicrucian Order.

Support of Public Libraries

Public libraries in the Americas and many libraries in Europe receive one or more of the large, bound, Rosicrucian philosophical works gratis. As readers' demands increase, additional copies are sent without cost to the library. A number of the books have been translated into several languages, and Braille.

Rosicrucian Science Museum and Planetarium

The Rosicrucian Science Museum, located in the Planetarium building in Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California, and built at considerable cost, includes a series of exhibits to demonstrate fundamental laws of the physical sciences. It was one of the first science museums of its kind in the western United States. Here, instruments are arranged in order according to the spectrum of energy, progressing from the lower rates of vibration upward in the scale of manifestation. The visitor presses a button, automatically operating equipment for illustrating the principle explained on a placard within the case. A model of sound waves in slow motion, an electronic picture of sound vibrations, electric generation, object suspended in space, mechanical rotation produced by heat, and the mystery of black light are only a few of the exhibits in this growing institution.

The Planetarium building also houses a modern air-conditioned amphitheater called the "Theater of the Sky," portraying the greatest drama of all the ages. Astronomical mysteries, present in the sky, are simply revealed for both young and old. The building includes a seismograph for recording earthquakes, a Cosmic ray coincidence counter, a uranisphere, and many other scientific instruments.

(For picture of the Rosicrucian Science Museum and Planetarium, see page 20.)

Egyptian, Oriental Museum and Art Gallery

The Rosicrucian Egyptian, Oriental Museum is the largest museum devoted to Egyptian antiquities in western United States and is a member of the *American Association of Museums*. It contains a collection of several thousand exhibits from all parts of the Orient and from interesting centers of ancient civilizations. The exhibits consist of Egyptian mummies of human beings, animals, and birds; statuary, jewelry, utensils, clothing, and works of art of vanished races. The Museum also contains the only full-sized exact reproduction of an ancient Egyptian rock tomb to be seen in America—such a tomb as one sees in the sandstone cliffs on the west bank of

the Upper Nile. Its collection has been secured from leading museums of the world. Models of the Great Pyramid, King Tutankhamen's mummy case, and other objects of historical importance enchant the visitor. A prominent art gallery in San Jose is maintained here. Outstanding exhibits are made available to the public.

Admission to the Museum is FREE to the public as well as to members of the Rosicrucian Order. It is visited annually by 120,000 persons, including school and college groups.

(For picture of Museum building, see page 18.)

Statistics

The following statistics are offered to give the reader some conception of the extent of activity of the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC):

- The AMORC mail is one of the largest on the Pacific Coast—its postage expenditure amounting to more than \$245,000.00 annually.
- More foreign money orders are received by AMORC monthly than by any other institution between San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- Over 6,000,000 pieces of literature are mailed to all parts of the world annually by AMORC.
- AMORC maintains the only public, free museums in San Jose—the Science museum, and the only strictly Egyptian and Oriental museum on the Pacific Coast. A modern art gallery is included.
- At every Rosicrucian Convention nearly all states in the Union, the provinces of Canada, and several foreign countries are represented.
- If all the 7,120,000 sheets of letter-size stationery used by AMORC in one year were laid end to end, they would form a path of paper from New York City to Kansas City, or 1,236 miles.
- The number of readers of magazines and newspapers in which AMORC advertisements appear monthly is in the tens of millions or exceeds the entire population of many countries.
- The Reading Mail Department of AMORC reads 7,000,000 words monthly, or the equivalent of 160 standard-sized volumes of 300 pages each, of approximately 145 words to the page.

World-Wide Affairs

Countries of the world in which
Rosicrucian lodges, chapters, and
pronaos are situated.

- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- British Guiana
- Cameroun
- Canada
- Ceylon
- Chile
- Colombia
- Congo
- Cuba
- Dahomey
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Holland
- Honduras
- India
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast, Republic of
- Jamaica
- Lebanon
- Lesser Antilles
- Madagascar
- Mauritania
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Netherlands Antilles
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Panama
- Peru
- Rhodesia, Southern
- Scotland
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Suriname
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tahiti
- Togo
- Trinidad-Tobago
- United States
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Wales

PART TWO

The Institution Behind the Organization



Integrity

The Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) is proud to refer inquiries as to its administrative practices to the San Jose, California, Chamber of Commerce and The Better Business Bureau of Santa Clara Valley.

The organization in its present form has been established in the United States and various other nations for *several decades* and enjoys an enviable reputation in whatever community its lodges and chapters are located. It zealously guards its ancient landmarks and customs which keep its administrative conduct above reproach.

Foundation and Stability

The ability of the Rosicrucian Order to *make good* on its promises to provide members with certain study material, and to perform the various services and provide the facilities held out to them, is possible because of *the institution behind the organization*. It owns the real property upon which its buildings stand, and there are no outstanding obligations against either its real or its chattel property. Financially, the Rosicrucian Order is quite capable of meeting any obligation it assumes.

The following pictures will give the reader a pictorial representation of the stability of the Rosicrucian Order.



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PARTIAL VIEW OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS

These buildings house a number of the offices and departments shown in the latter part of this booklet.



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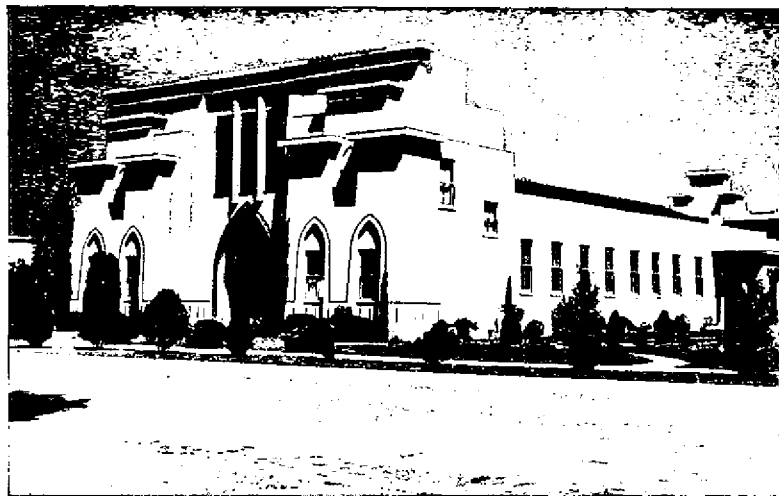
ROSICRUCIAN PARK

A partial view of Rosicrucian Park looking toward the Science Museum and Planetarium. Benches in artistic settings are available to all who visit.



FRANCIS BACON AUDITORIUM

This attractive Moorish structure commemorates the labor of Sir Francis Bacon, early Rosierucian Imperator, in the interest of the Order. Here the Rosierucian Convention sessions are held. The auditorium seats many hundreds and has such facilities as Reception and Rest Rooms, Registration Office, etc.



THE SHRINE OF AKHNATON, PHARAOH OF EGYPT

This artistic structure erected on the grounds of Rosierucian Park has no religious significance but commemorates the Initiation held by approximately a hundred Rosierucian men and women in Karnak Temple, Egypt, in 1929.



THE ROSICRUCIAN
EGYPTIAN AND
ORIENTAL MUSEUM
AND ART GALLERY

This structure is of
Byzantine architecture.
Unusual relics are on
display, including repli-
cas of the Rosetta Stone,
and a bust of the Eryp-
tian Queen Nefertiti.
Herein also is a large
modern art gallery.



THE
SUPREME TEMPLE
ROSICRUCIAN
ORDER
AMORC

In this lodge room are
conducted the impres-
sive and symbolic ritu-
alistic convocations of
the Grand Lodge. (Not
used for any religious
purposes.)



THE ROSICRUCIAN SCIENCE MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

Here the visitor has the opportunity to test for himself the fundamental laws of physical science through the personal operation of working experiments. He also gains a clear conception of the wonders of the heavens through the astronomical demonstrations in the "Theater of the Sky."



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ROSIKRUCIAN RESEARCH LIBRARY

This handsome edifice of Egyptian design houses thousands of volumes on the sciences and arts, philosophy, metaphysics, and mysticism.



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THE ROSE-CROIX UNIVERSITY BUILDING

This beautiful edifice of Egyptian architecture is the Rose-Croix University building, located in Rosterman Park. It houses physics, chemistry, light, radio, and photography laboratories, as well as demonstration halls.



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THE PLAZA AND FOUNTAIN

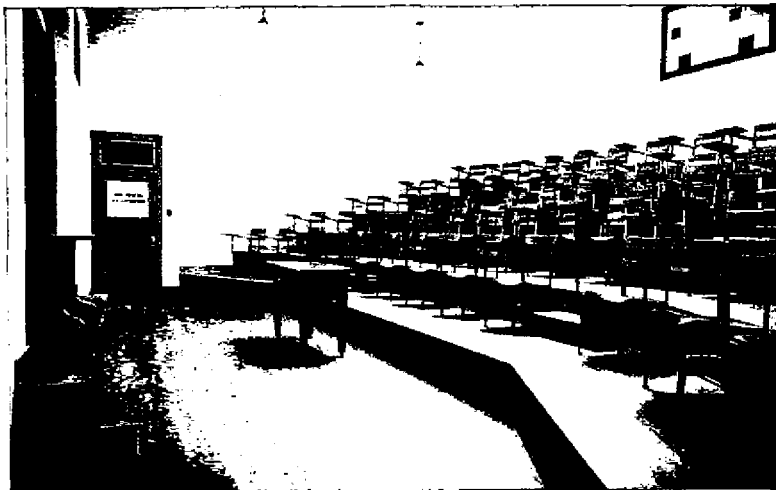
This view is taken toward the promenade of the Rose-Croix University building; it reveals the attractive plaza, and the fountain, which at night may be magnificently illuminated. The plaza is the center for pleasant chats.



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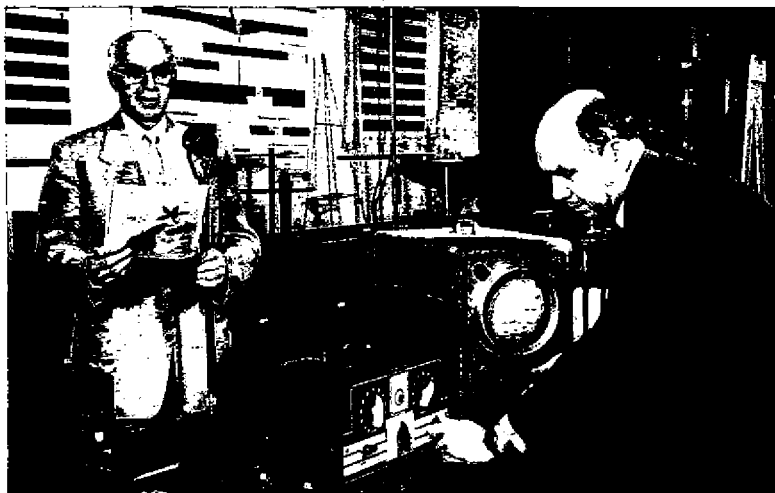
LECTURE AND
DEMONSTRATION
HALL

This is one of several modern lecture and demonstration halls located in the Rose-Croix University building. The wide arms of the seats make it possible for the students attending the classes to take notes of the principal points of the professor's lectures. The amphitheater arrangement of the hall gives each student an unobstructed view of the platform and demonstration table.



PHYSICS
LABORATORY

This is a partial view of the Physics Laboratory in the Rose-Croix University building. Experimentation in vibrations of sound, light and color, and other phenomena of nature, are part of the research conducted in this laboratory.





THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST IMPERATOR

It was from here that
Dr. H. Spencer Lewis,
founder of the second
cycle of the Rosicru-
cian Order for North
and South America, di-
rected its extensive
activities.



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VIEW OF SECTION OF RECORDING DEPARTMENT

Many such assistants
are occupied constantly
in meeting the demands
of the heavy daily
correspondence.



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LATIN-AMERICAN BUILDING

This division of the
Rosicrucian Order com-
prises a large staff
trained to serve the
Latin-American
membership.



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SECTIONAL VIEW OF MAILING DEPARTMENT

Here are operated all
the modern devices for
sealing, metering, stack-
ing, and counting mail.
Thousands of pieces
monthly are sent to all
parts of the world, con-
stituting one of the
largest mails on the
Pacific Coast.

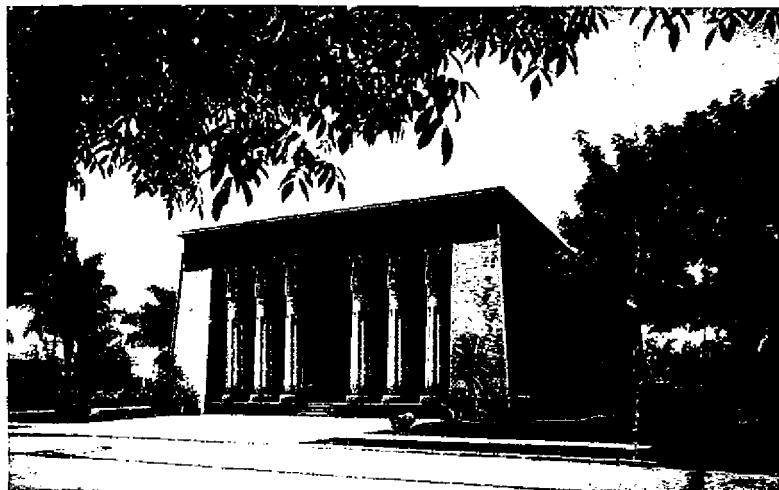


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THE IMPOSING
EXTERIOR
ENTRANCE TO
THE SUPREME
TEMPLE EDIFICE

The massive columns
and general appearance
of the exterior are de-
signed after the great
temple of Dendera of
ancient Egypt.
(Used for Fraternal, not
religious functions.)



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PORTAL
TO
ROSICRUCIAN
PARK

This pylon, or gate, is
a reduced reproduction
of the outer gate of the
Temple-Fortress of
Medinet Habu on the
west bank of the Nile
opposite Thebes.



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Photos of Sirhan
Sirhan & family



Adel B.



Sharif B.



Mary
(Mother)



Saidallah B.



Munir B.



SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,
male, Arab, born 3/12/40,
Jerusalem, 5'3", 120 lb.,
brown hair, brown eyes



Adel B.



Sharif B.



Mary
(Mother)



Saidallah B.



Munir B.



SERHAN BISHARA HADJI,
male, Arab, born
Jerusalem, 1917, 1918,
known as...



Adel B.



Sharif B.



Mary
(Mother)



Saidallah B.



Munir B.



MARYAM BINNABAR-SINNAN,
Arab, born 1/1/1912
Jerusalem, "14", 120
brown hair, brown eyes

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Photo of Suhan Suhan



RICHARD B. GIBSON,
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 Washington, D.C., 190 cm,
 70 kg, brown eyes



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WITH - A GERMAN R. PARSONS
IS GOING TO DEFEND THE ARAB
RAT FREE OF CHARGE - A GERMAN
COMMIE A.L. WIRIN IS GIVING
THE ARAB PLENTY MONEY TO
SPEND IN JAIL - A GERMAN TO
BODY GUARD WHEN HE WAS SHOT
WAS GETTING DRUNK WHILE SEN. KENNEDY
WAS GETTING SHOT - OVER



GERMAN L. THOMPSON OUR AMBASSADOR TO
RUSSIA GAVE GERM-AN COMMIE RAT OSWALD
\$450 IN RUSSIA SO IT COULD GO BACK
TO THE U.S. IT CAME BACK AND
KILLED — PRES. KENNEDY AND POLICEMAN. TIPPIT
SHOT GOV. CONNALLY AND 8 MONTHS
EARLIER SHOT AT AND TRIED TO KILL GEN. WALKER
RAT OSWALD FOR HIS LAWYER WANTED GERMAN
COMMIE JOHN ABT
RAT OSWALD WENT TO CUBA AND BRAGGED HE
WAS GOING TO KILL JFK - HE SPENT 2 YEARS IN
RUSSIA TRAINING FOR THE JFK MURDER AND
NEARLY GOT AWAY WITH IT BUT THE GERMAN
RAT WHO WAS TO PICK HIM UP AFTER HE
WENT HOME TO GET A PISTOL DIDNT SHOW
UP THEN HE HAD TO SHOOT POLICEMAN
TIPPIT WHO GOT IN HIS WAY

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SPC JOSEPH L. STALEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR KENNEDY
6/5/68

AM this date JON HALL, D Co, C & E Btn, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, telephonically contacted this office and related the following information.

Approx. one month ago he was in the Longbranch Bar, Midway ChuckWagon and met an individual somewhat resembling the description of the Assassin of Senator Kennedy. This individual conversed with the complaintant about a group he was in that was contemplating carrying out assassinations of political leaders etc. Mr. Hall said he notified David English, an Officer of the San Diego PD about what the man had said.

Mr Hall said he would be willing to give more details if he was contacted.

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TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (137-1643)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : C. JORDAN NAYLOR

SUBJECT: SD 1155-C

CI advised today he considers MIKE VEJVODA as possibly identical with the person who shot ROBERT KENNEDY in Los Angeles on 6/4/68.

VEJVODA is described by C I as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	32 but appears 25
Hair	dark
Complexion	dark
Weight	110-120 lbs.

CI said VEJVODA departed San Diego last weekend for Los Angeles area to attend a gun show. Not yet known if he has returned to San Diego area. C I checking and will advise.

VEJVODA frequently carries a .22 cal automatic in his belt and never carries any identification. He is described as a super patriot whose motive in this matter would be to "save the country" from KENNEDY. During past week VEJVODA has been trying to obtain some hand grenades, but not believed to have been successful.

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SA BILL NOLAN,
LOS ANGELES,
ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
9:25 AM 6-5-68
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PER NAYLOR: SD-1155-C
ADVISED THAT VEJVODA IN
SAN DIEGO 10³⁰ AM 6-5-68.

SA DICK STILLING, LOS ANGELES
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED 1040 AM 6-5-68
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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, JUNE FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE BUREAU TEL TODAY CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF THIS INVESTIGATION THE FOLLOWING
CODE NAME SHOULD BE USED IN ALL TELETYPE AND AIRTEL
COMMUNICATIONS --- "KENSALT."

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TO : SAC (44-NEW)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : ASAC BROWN

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. KENNEDY
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION
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Supervisor AL CLARK, San Francisco, telephonically advised at 8:10 AM today that he was relaying the message from the Bureau that all informants should be alerted as to possible violence as a result of the above shooting.

No other instructions were given in the relayed message.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases HUGO AMOYES, aka Hugo Amores			Address of subject			Character of case 44-0. CIVIL RIGHTS		
Complainant Mrs. JEAN CESPEDES			Complainant's address and telephone number 3516 Sidney Pl. San Diego, Calif. 283-8153 Unlisted			Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 6/5/68 Time 9:30AM		
Subject's Description	Race Cau	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Height 5'8"	Hair Hvy Blck	Build Med	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age 27-30		Weight 160	Eyes Brn	Complexion Olive			
	Scars, marks or other data							

Facts of complaint

Complainant telephonically described herself as follows:

Name	Mrs. JEAN CESPEDES
Race	Caucasian
Age	43
DOB	
Height	5'8"
Weight	130
Hair	Long brown hair
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Housewife, with 4 children
Spouse	Mr. GREGORY CESPEDES Alco Fence Co. (Self-employed) National City, California

Mrs. CESPEDES stated she was upset and wished to furnish the following information for whatever value it may have; the following being a narrative of her statement:

Mrs. CESPEDES advised that several months ago she wrote a letter to Radio Station, KLAC, Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, radio announcer ROBERT GRANT, which was read over the air. Encouraged, she began sending regular articles to ROBERT GRANT at the above radio station. The latest was sent by registered mail, with her name and return address revealed for the first time, and included a public library book, from her local library, entitled The Dynamics of Soviet Life, by WALTER BOWSTOW.

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In her articles, she claimed that she had a close association with Communists, which was not true. She stated, however, that she knew JOSEPH RUSSELL, who died of an overdose of heroin and was a Communist organizer.

Mrs. CESPEDES then advised that the night President JOHNSON announced he was not seeking re-election, she went to a local bar to celebrate. While there, she was approached by two men. One showed her a gold badge and credentials in a black leather or plastic folder.

From the conversation, she got the impression that they were interviewing her because of the last letter she had written to Radio Station KLAG. One week later, she came to the conclusion that her house was under observation when she noticed three men in suits standing outside her home which is on a dead end street.

On an unremembered date, she telephonically contacted Navy Intelligence, San Diego, California, and talked with the duty officer, Mr. WINBERHALTER, because she thought perhaps Navy Intelligence had something to do with her being under observation.

Mrs. CESPEDES advised she has been working in the Senator KENNEDY campaign as a precinct worker and telephone worker. She advised that two weeks ago when Senator KENNEDY was in town, she attended the rally in San Juan Ysidro. While KENNEDY was speaking, she shouted, "We want justice for the dead President!" The crowd hushed and KENNEDY continued his speech. She followed KENNEDY to the airport and briefly talked to him there. She said to him, "We know that the evidence of the killing of JOHN F. KENNEDY is in the Archives." KENNEDY replied, "Yes."

On the night of Sunday, June 2, 1968, she was working late at the KENNEDY campaign headquarters in downtown San Diego. She noticed a strange man who she had seen often in campaign headquarters. He identified himself to her as HUGO AMOYES or HUGO AMORES.

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That night about 9:30, she left the campaign headquarters and got her automobile from the U. S. Grant garage. As she was heading north on Highway 395 entering Balboa Park, she advised she is certain someone took a shot at her. She got out of her car and hid behind it. Two young men in a Volkswagen pulled up and attempted to start her car. A uniformed policeman arrived in a squad car. She advised him of what had happened and she stated she must have run over something.

When she arrived home, she called the KENNEDY campaign headquarters and asked if anyone knew of or if there was a record of HUGO AMOYES. She was advised there was no record of this individual.

Mrs. CESPEDES advised that last week she wrote a letter to Corporal ROBERT D. CORNELL, Marine Serial No. 2270356, currently in Vietnam, MABS-12, ORD MAG-12, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602, in which she stated she feared for the life of Senator KENNEDY.

Mrs. CESPEDES indicated she feels the individual known to her as HUGO AMOYES may have had something to do with her being shot at.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN DIEGO
FROM CINCINNATI (175-6)

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REBUTELS AND CINCINNATI TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES AND BUREAU
TODAY.

MRS. JUAN (PATRICIA) DORFMUELLER, EIGHT ZERO BURLEY CIRCLE,
GREENHILLS, OHIO, ADVISED OBSERVED PHOTO OF KENNEDY'S ASSAILANT ON
NBC TV THIS AM AND FELT SURE HE WAS IDENTICAL TO ONE JOSE LUIS MERCADO
WHOM SHE MET DURING FIRST FIVE DAYS MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, WHILE
SHE WAS REPORTING THEFT OF PURSE TO MEXICO CITY POLICE (JEFATURA).
MERCADO AT TIME WAS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS MAKING APPLICATION FOR
POLICEMAN JOB AND CONDUCTED HER AND HER CHILDREN AROUND MEXICO CITY
BALANCE OF DAY OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION PAPERS. MERCADO GAVE HIS
ADDRESS AS QUOTE LUIS MADJER NINE FOUR UNQUOTE, BELIEVED TO BE HOTEL
LUIS MADJER, AND PHONE NUMBER ONE TWO DASH THREE ONE DASH SEVEN ZERO.

SHE DESCRIBED MERCADO AS ABOUT TWENTYSIX YEARS OF AGE, ONE FORTY
POUNDS, FIVE FEET FIVE TO SEVEN INCHES, MEXICAN, SKINNY BUILD, WIRY,
LIGHT COMPLEXIONED, SHARP NOSE, CLEANSHAVEN, CLOSE CURLY BLACK
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HAIR, HAD CAUCASIAN LOOK, EXCELLENT ENGLISH, NERVOUS. MERCADO ADVISED HE HAD TO GO TO GUADALAJURA TO GET BIRTH CERTIFICATE, WAS RAISED IN UNITED STATES, INDICATED HAD RESIDED IN UNITED STATES, WHERE POSSIBLY DESERTED WIFE AND CHILD, AND HER IMPRESSION IS FAMILY BELIEVED RESIDING EITHER LOS ANGELES OR SAN DIEGO AREA, IDENTITIES NOT KNOWN. MERCADO MENTIONED HE WAS IN BOXING MATCH FOLLOWING WEEK, WAS PLEASANT, AND DID NOT AROUSE HER SUSPICIONS. STATED HER FEELING HE INTENDED TO STAY AFTER SECURING POLICEMAN'S JOB MEXICO CITY AREA UNTIL AFTER SUMMER OLYMPICS. MERCADO DRESSED IN CASUAL LIGHT SPORTS CLOTHES, NO HAT, AND APPARENTLY HAD NO MOTOR VEHICLE.

DORFMUELLER ADVISED ABOVE ONLY CONTACT SHE HAD WITH MERCADO; HAS HAD NO CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE, AND HAS NO INFO AS TO HOW HE COULD BE PRESENTLY LOCATED.

IF SUBJECT NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED, BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER THIS INDIVIDUAL AS POSSIBLE SUBJECT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-394)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: KENSALT

At 6:51 PM instant date MRS. FREDA BAKER, 2430 Calle Quebrada, San Diego, California, telephone number 479-6903, telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MRS. BAKER advised that between 12:30 A.M. and 1:30 A.M. this date she and her two daughters were watching channel 10. On this station newsman Sander VanOaker (ph) was interviewing a heavy Mexican-American girl who told him that she had been a group leader in the Kennedy campaign. This girl also told VanOaker that she had seen a young girl, of Spanish descent, running down some stairs at the rear of the location of the shooting. The girl was reported to have been yelling, "We shot him, We shot him!" This girl was followed by a boy of similar coloring. MRS. BAKER went on to state that she had heard reports of one shot being fired and then shortly thereafter a series of shots and she feels that these other people explain the other shots, or shot. She advised that she has been watching television constantly since the shooting and all the reruns of VANOAKER's interviews stop with the person just before the girl in question.

MRS. BAKER made statements to the effect that she felt that it was more than one man and that she did not want to see the others get away "this time." She also stated that she had contacted several newscasters and television stations and told them of the above and that she had been told to contact this office.

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TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-397)

DATE: 6-5-68

FROM : SPC ALLAN THOMAS JAEGER

SUBJECT: KENSALT

At 7:10 pm this date, EDWARD ANDERSON, 8110 Binney Place, La Mesa, Calif., 466-1021, telephonically contacted this office and advised that he had seen an interview on television (Channel 10 in San Diego - NBC) early in the a.m. this date in regard to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, et al, in Los Angeles.

ANDERSON stated that a young girl was being interviewed along with a Negro fellow and that several things that the girl told the interviewer were rather suspicious under the circumstances. They were as follows:

The girl stated that she was a Kennedy campaign worker and that she also attended Pasadena College (a Nazarene school) which is in the immediate vicinity of the subject SIRHAN's address on Howard St. in Los Angeles. ANDERSON stated that this school is a fundamentalist school and that they have a variety of way out beliefs.

According to ANDERSON, the girl was most explicit in describing the subject and his activities during the commotion. The girl also gave the impression that she was watching the subject run away from the area after the shooting, which would be physically impossible in such a confined and crowded area.

The girl stated that she left the immediate area of the shooting two or three times and on one occasion she left to call her mother in Ohio and advise her of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. She then came back to the area inquiring as to who was shot.

The girl gave ANDERSON the impression that she was in some way more familiar with the subject than just a passing happenstance would indicate.

ANDERSON stated that his only reason for calling was to bring this information regarding this interview to the attention of the proper authorities and further advised that he thought that due to the nature of the information given during this interview, it was quite possible that the same information had already been given.

ASAC BROWN advised at 8:15 pm and SA THORNTON advised at 8:30 pm.

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TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)
SUBJECT: KENSALT

Re Dallas telephone call to Los Angeles 6/5/68.

For information of San Diego, ASAC DONALD W. MOORE, JR., Dallas Division, furnished the following information:

Mrs. NAT KRISS, 25436 Adriana, Mission Viejo, California, telephone 830-2392, telephonically contacted her brother-in-law, HARRY KRISS, in Dallas, Texas, after she had heard suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN's name mentioned on television.

According to Mrs. KRISS, an individual with the same name of SIRHAN SIRHAN, whom she met, was in Dallas in April 1968 and at this time SIRHAN claimed to be attending SMU and had a brother employed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

ASAC MOORE stated that the Bureau has instructed that KRISS be immediately located and interviewed for full details concerning KRISS' alleged meeting with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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AT MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA. Immediately contact NAT KRISS, 25436 Adriana, and obtain all information she may have re SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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SA BOB MULLEN,
LOS ANGELES CALLED -
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS (44-394)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM: *W/80* SAC ROBERT W. EVANS

SUBJECT: KENSALT

The Bureau has called attention to the possibility of the outbreak of acts of violence as a result of the attempted assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

All Agents are instructed to alert their informants in this regard. Any information of value developed should be furnished the Bureau and Los Angeles by teletype under above caption.

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Mystery Woman Is Sought

EVENING TRIBUNE News Report

LOS ANGELES — The man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., was described today by acquaintances as honest, good-hearted and a hard worker.

But he was a fanatic when it came to discussion of religion and politics, they said.

His name is Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. He is 24.

Police say he is a cool, close-mouthed Jordanian who fired a bullet from close range into the brain of Kennedy.

Bulletin Issued

Los Angeles police have issued an all points bulletin for a woman sought in connection with the assassination. The bulletin said her identity was not known, described her as a white woman 23 to 27 years old.

Police said she was seen with Sirhan prior to the shooting and was clad at the time in a white dress with black polka dots.

Mayor Samuel Yorty told a news conference the assassin was stirred by bitterness over the Middle East situation — and was inflamed by Communists.

Head Injury Told

Sirhan apparently wrote in a 9-by-12 inch notebook about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Many — neighbors, former employers and the authorities — say he hates Jews.

He hurt his head in a fall last year, says his mother.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," says one of his four brothers.

The record says Sirhan is 5-feet-5, weighs about 120 pounds, has a swarthy complexion and wiry hair. He has been an exercise boy at a race track, wanted to be a jockey and worked in a health food store.

Charges Are Listed

He is under maximum security guard in a hospital ward at the Los Angeles County central jail, charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

Asst. Dist. Atty. William L. Ritz said his office will ask the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to indict Sirhan on a charge of murder tomorrow.

Sirhan's index finger was broken and his left ankle sprained in a tussle that ended in his capture, seconds after Kennedy was shot early yesterday.

Attorney Is Refused

Sirhan has talked to police, but not about Kennedy or the shooting. Officers said he was advised of his rights, but didn't want an attorney. He refused to give officers his name.

"He was violently pro-
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Jordan and anti-Israel," said John Shear, who worked with Sirhan at Hollywood Park race track. "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed."

"Sen. Kennedy said the other day he wanted to help Israel," said Sirhan's recent employer, John H. Weidner, 57, operator of a Pasadena health food store chain.

"So I was not surprised after he was shot that Sirhan's resentment had pushed him emotionally to do what he did."

M. Weidner Jr. said Sirhan told him he had to flee Jordan as a child and had seen Jews kill members of his family.

"He was not a citizen and didn't like the United States," Weidner said. "You had to be careful not to walk on his feet. He wanted you to respect him intellectually."

Called Good Student

Mrs. Elsie Boyko, who worked with Sirhan at the store, said he was "a hard worker, honest and goodhearted, but nonetheless a fanatic when it came to discussion of religion and politics."

High school classmates called him a good student and a polite one.

With permission from Sirhan's family, police recovered two notebooks from his room. They contain 18 to 20 pages of handwriting. Some in Arabic, most in English.

In a notation entered either May 17 or 18, the mayor said, Sirhan apparently wrote "a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Anniversary Cited

Kennedy was shot when June 5 was only a few minutes old. It was the first anniversary of the beginning of the six-day Arab-Israel war.

There's much scribbling, repeated phrases, many references to Kennedy.

"He does a lot of writing pro-Communist and anticapitalist, anti-United States," said Yorty. "Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter."

In Sirhan's possession when he was captured was a clipping of a column by David Lawrence on what the mayor's press secretary called Kennedy's dove position on

Vietnam and his hawk position on the Middle East.

Mother Is Shocked

"My son —it can't be. No. Oh, no," cried Mary Sirhan, when she learned her boy was arrested. Mrs. Sirhan is a housekeeper at a Presbyterian nursery school in Pasadena.

"Ever since he had a fall about a year ago, he hasn't been the same. I can't talk to him."

Mrs. Sirhan said her son fell from a horse and "hurt his head here." She pointed to her right temple.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," commented Said Sirhan, brother of the accused man.

Father In Jordan

In Israeli-occupied Jordan, Sirhan's father, Bishara Sirhan, 53, commented, "I am very, very sorry. I brought up my children as best I could and to fear God. I am sorry for what happened."

The jobless father lives alone in a stone cottage in the sleepy mountain village of Taiyeba, overlooking Jericho.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was born March 19, 1944, in Jordan, territory seized by Israel during the lightning war last June.

As a child, Sirhan said he saw an Israeli soldier cut off the breast of an Arab woman with a bayonet.

The Sirhans came to the United States in 1957. They moved into a white frame house. The father returned to Jordan in 1961 after a family fight.

He is an American citizen and visited the United States twice after 1961.

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Sirhan Still Won't Make Statement

Jack Murphy writes about capture — Page c-1

By TONY CIMARUSTI

Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24-year-old suspect in the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and five others, was under heavy guard in the medical ward of central jail late yesterday.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, who took over jurisdiction of the prisoner following his arraignment at 7 a.m. yesterday, said Sirhan suffered a broken left index finger and a sprained ankle at the Ambassador Hotel after Kennedy was shot.

The broken finger was set and Sirhan remained in the medical ward of the jail.

"He has refused to make a statement," Pitchess said.

'VERY COOL'

Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin said:

"During a number of lengthy conversations, Sirhan talked freely and with interest—until asked who he was and anything about Kennedy."

He was "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid," Reddin said, but anytime the questions got around to Kennedy he would say, "I prefer to remain incommunicado."

The change from the Los Angeles Police Department to county sheriff's jail care was

considered part of the routine process of handling prisoners.

The sheriff is responsible for, and operates, all central jail facilities in the county where prisoners are held until trial or are freed on bail. Sirhan's bail was set at \$250,000.

NO DETAILS

In a terse statement, Pitchess did not go into detail on precautions to prevent unauthorized persons from seeing Sirhan other than to emphasize, "He is under maximum security."

Apparently the most critical moments in getting Sirhan into custody came at the Ambassador after the shots had been fired. It was the job of the Los Angeles city police.

The suspect was surrounded by officers and ushered out the back door of the hotel, then taken to the Rampart Street Police Station near the Ambassador.

Police armed with loaded shotguns surrounded the station and no newsmen from any media were allowed to enter.

Arraignment before Municipal Court Judge Joan Dempsey Klein came seven hours after the shooting. Six charges of assault with a deadly weapon with

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intent to commit murder were formalized.

Later yesterday, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger announced, his office would seek a county grand jury indictment tomorrow against Sirhan on the same charges, a move which can eliminate a preliminary hearing in the fishbowl atmosphere of a municipal courtroom.

Grand jury cases are behind closed doors, and an indictment would prove the way for early action in Superior Court leading to a trial.

Police said Sirhan lived with a brother, Munir (Joe) Sirhan, who works in a Pasadena department store. Detectives took Joe from the Sirhan home, where the brothers' mother, Mary, also lives.

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