

Bob Kennedy Shot, Critically Wounded

4 Hours in Surgery; Gunman Held at L.A.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in the head and neck and critically wounded early Wednesday as he left a jubilant primary election celebration. After nearly four hours of surgery, spokesmen said his condition was "extremely critical."

A team of surgeons removed bullet fragments from his head but did not take out a bullet still lodged in his neck. Until the operation he was able to breathe only with assistance. His doctors — their words relayed by Kennedy's press secretary — warned that the senator might have suffered impairment of the blood supply to the part of the brain that governs the eye track, the level of consciousness and, indirectly, his speech. The next 12 to 36 hours would be critical, the doctors said.

The 42-year-old brother of the late President John F. Kennedy was shot from about three feet away by a swarthy man who was subdued by three Kennedy aides — but not until he had emptied all eight bullets from a .22-caliber revolver toward the

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TIGHT HOLD ON GUNMAN — A Los Angeles policeman keeps a firm grip on the man accused of shooting Robert Kennedy.—UPI

Suspect Came From Jordan

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LOS ANGELES—The man who shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was identified Wednesday as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian who recently has been living in Pasadena, Calif.

Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty and Police Chief Thomas Reddin told a news conference Sirhan lived with a brother, Munier "Joe" Sirhan, of Pasadena, a department store employe.

They said identification was made through Joe and another brother, Adel, who were traced through the .22 caliber revolver used in the shooting. It had passed through many hands.

Yorty said the gun was owned by Munier Sirhan, who told officers he had no idea how his brother got the weapon.

Chief Reddin said identification was confirmed by fingerprints on an application Sirhan had filed for a job as an

exercise boy at Hollywood Park Race Track.

The application, on file in Sacramento, was made some time ago while Sirhan was a student at John Muir High School in Pasadena. It showed Sirhan was born in Jerusalem March 18, 1944.

At that time Jerusalem was under a British mandate.

He was admitted to the United States in 1964.

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For other stories and pictures related to the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and for accounts of his showings in primary elections, see Pages 2 through 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 23 and 24.



Sen. Robert Kennedy lies on a hotel floor, a bullet wound in his head.

—AP Photo