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Toronto Retraces Ray's Movements

TORONTO (AP) — James Earl Ray spent two weeks of the month he lived in Canada in a bleak 15-by-12-foot room that had a television set, a "Home Sweet Home" design and picture of Christ.

As Paul Bridgman, he knocked on the door of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Szpakowski's boarding house April 8, four days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., asked the weekly rate, then handed over the first week's rent—\$10.

Letter Arrives

Two weeks later, Mrs. Szpakowski said, a letter arrived for Bridgman bearing the return address of 70 Lombard St., Toronto—the provincial regis-

trar's office which issues birth certificates.

That day, said Mrs. Szpakowski, the man left the house and never returned.

"We never saw much of him," Mrs. Szpakowski, a Polish immigrant, added. "He paid his rent and rarely spoke. I think he was a salesman but didn't give the name of a firm."

Assume Identity

Police now believe that Dr. King's accused assassin, captured in London Saturday with two Canadian passports, was trying to assume the identity of a Canadian about 40 years old, Ray's own age.

Somehow, said Deputy Chief B. J. Simmonds of the Metropolitan Toronto Police, Ray was able to obtain enough information on a Paul Bridgman living

in suburban Don Mills and Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, to apply for passports by mail in both their names. He eventually assumed Sneyd's identity.

"Our job now," Simmonds said, "is to ascertain how Ray got that information."

Birth Certificate

A Foreign Office source said Ray also was able to obtain a Canadian birth certificate. He did not say, however, under whose name.

H. F. C. Humphries, deputy registrar for Ontario Province, said Ray could easily have obtained a birth certificate. He said application forms require the name, place and date of birth of the person to be named in the certificate and the name

of the person's parents.

That information, he said, can be obtained from birth notices and telephone directories.

Ray apparently knew that Bridgman was a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education. He used the name Bridgman when he had passport photos made at Mabel Agnew's photographic studio April 11. Later, when Ray booked a flight to London, travel agent Lillian Spencer said he used the name George Sneyd, giving Bridgman as a person to be contacted in case of illness or accident.

The woman who took his picture at the photo shop, Margaret Eiken, recalled only that the man she snapped looked like the "normal business executive type."

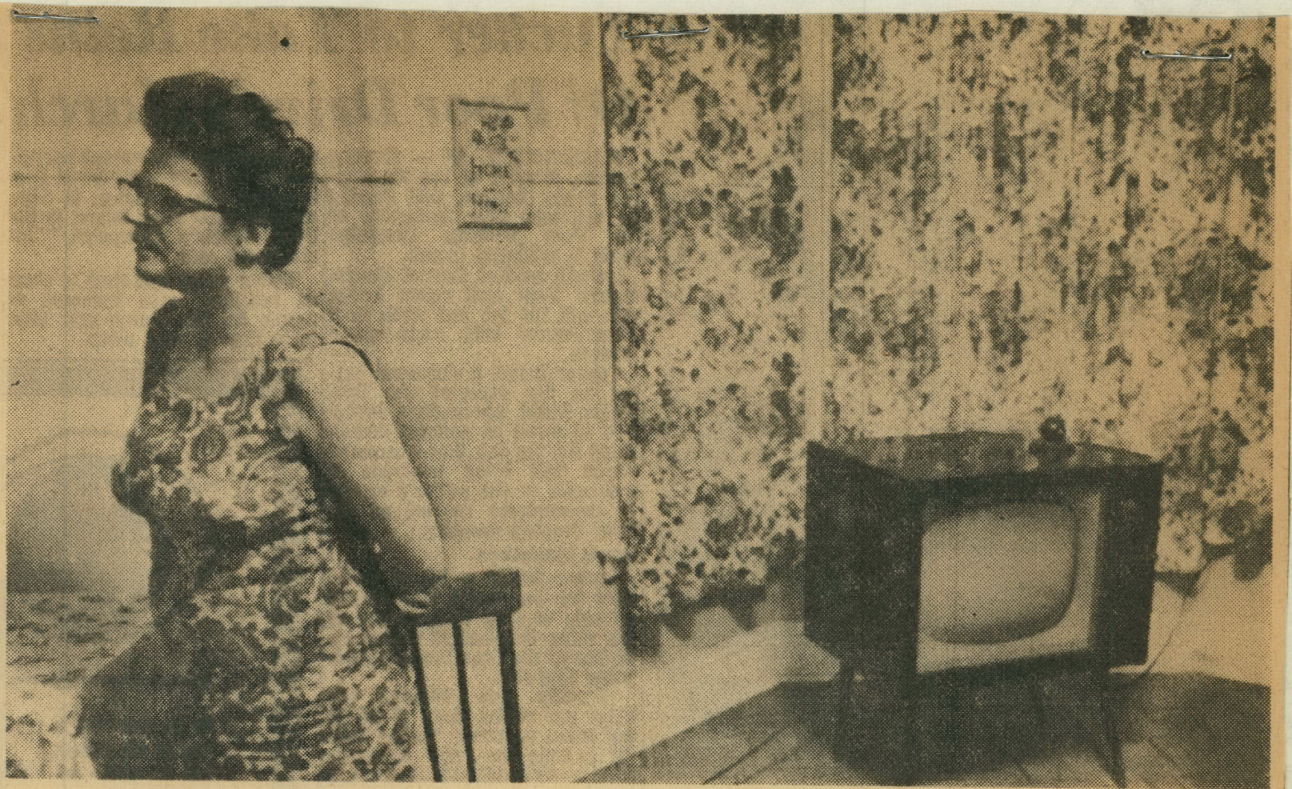
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Mrs. Adam Szpakowski stands in room in Toronto she rented to man identified as James Earl Ray

... suspect in slaying kept room for two weeks

'Sneyd' Sought Role As Soldier in Congo

LONDON (UPI)—The London Daily Telegraph said Sunday night a man calling himself Raymond Sneyd telephoned a Telegraph reporter several times in the last few weeks and asked how to become a mercenary soldier in Africa. Sneyd is believed to be James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Reporter Ian Colvin said in a front-page story that the man calling himself Sneyd first telephoned the newspaper June 4 and spoke with the foreign desk. The call was transferred to Colvin because he had written several stories about foreign mercenaries fighting in Africa.

In Hotel Friday

Colvin said Sneyd certainly was in his London hotel last Friday morning.

Colvin said when he first spoke

to the man calling himself Sneyd, he said in a voice with a Canadian or American accent, "this is Raymond Sneyd. I want to join my brother who has been missing in Angola."

Colvin said Sneyd asked if he could be put in touch with a British mercenary officer who might be able to help. Colvin contacted a Maj. Alistair Wicks, former second-in-command of a commando group in The Congo. He said the name seemed to mean nothing to Wicks and he did not respond to the call.

Colvin said the man called again speaking from a public telephone booth. This time he said his brother was not missing, but that he had not seen him for four months. He said he didn't as much want a search started for his brother as he wished to become a mercenary in Africa himself.

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Arrested in London**British Police
Nab Suspect
In King Death****James Earl Ray En Route
From Lisbon to Brussels**

WASHINGTON (AP)—James Earl Ray, a fugitive convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested in London Saturday as he was about to fly to Belgium, the FBI announced.

Scotland Yard detectives took Ray into custody at London Airport, ending a two month man-hunt that had spread through the United States, Canada, Mexico and parts of Europe.

The Justice Department announcement of the arrest came while Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the civil rights leader, was attending the New York funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, another victim of an assassin's bullet.

Mrs. King Told of Arrest

She was told of the arrest as she left St. Patrick's Cathedral but had no public comment.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was carrying a fully loaded pistol but offered no resistance as he was seized before he could reboard a plane bound from Lisbon, Portugal, to Brussels.

British authorities charged the arrested man with using a false Canadian passport and with carrying a concealed weapon. He is to have a hearing on these charges Monday. Meanwhile, he is held without bond under maximum security conditions at London's Cannon Row police station.

Check of Fingerprints

It was learned authoritatively that a check of Ray's fingerprints was used in identifying the arrested man as the long-time criminal wanted in King's murder. The arrest was made at 11:15 a.m. London time, 6:15 a.m. EDT.

Ray was wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny King his civil rights and on a first-degree murder indictment returned in Memphis, Tenn.

It is expected that extradition will be sought on the more serious charge of murder but the formal application is unlikely to be lodged with London authorities before Monday or Tuesday.

Murder on April 4

Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, left Saturday evening for London, the department said, "to review on behalf of the United States the custody, protection and expeditious return to this country of James Earl Ray."

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Memphis officials hailed the arrest and said Ray will be brought to trial as soon as possible.

It was in Memphis on April 4 that King was killed as he stood on the balcony of a motel talking to friends.

The search for his killer first turned up a suspect identified as Eric Starvo Galt but the FBI later said Galt really is Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Carrying 2 Passports

Ray was using the name Ramon George Sneyd when he was arrested Saturday and was carrying two Canadian passports issued in that name. He had obtained one in Ottawa on April 24 and the other from the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 16.

Chief Inspector Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad told newsmen in London:

"Although the man claims to be Sneyd, his physical description is in fact identical to that of James Earl Ray."

Although Butler went no further than that in saying the man arrested is Ray, the Justice Department statement said uncondi-

tionally that he is Ray — without providing details on how the identification was verified.

He Was Searched

It was learned later, however, that the arrested man's fingerprints had been checked against Ray's and found to be identical, according to the FBI.

British authorities said the man arrived in London by jet airliner Saturday morning from Lisbon, en route to Brussels.

While his passport was being examined and he was being interviewed at London Airport he was searched and the loaded pistol was found in a hip pocket, the immigration men said.

Scotland Yard then was called and the arrest followed.

A spokesman at the U.S. embassy in London said the arrest was made at the request of the embassy's legal action in connection with the King slaying.

A Scotland Yard statement said the passports describe the bearer as a 29-year-old native of Toronto, Canada, unemployed and with no fixed current address.

The announcement of his arrest was made in a statement issued at the Justice Department in the name of Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Hoover, neither of whom was present. No questions were permitted at that time.

Among the questions raised by Ray's extensive travels since the shooting is where he got the money.

Well Supplied With Money

He had escaped from prison at Jefferson City about a year before King's murder. An extensive check of his activities during that year showed he rarely worked and had no apparent income but appeared to be well supplied with money.

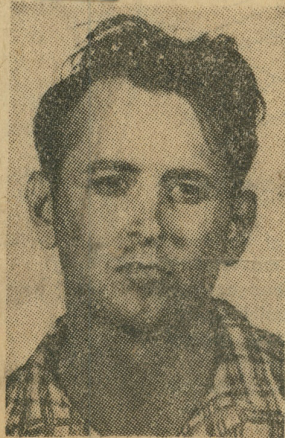
The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who worked closely with the FBI in the hunt for Ray, supplied the tip that focused the search on London. An RCMP spokesman said a check of Canadian passport files, begun soon after the FBI started looking for Ray, finally turned up one with a picture that looked like Ray. It had been issued to Sneyd and was found to be fraudulent.

There have been complaints

from police authorities in the past that fugitives have been able to obtain Canadian passports too easily.

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James Earl Ray

... nabbed in London

King Slaying Suspect

Plans Being Made For Return of Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Police Director Frank Holloman, elated over the London capture of James Earl Ray, said Saturday immediate steps will be taken to return him here to stand trial for murder in the sniper slaying April 4 of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Under normal procedure, Ray would be returned for trial in Criminal Court. How quickly the trial could be held or which judge would be assigned to the case could not be determined immediately.

It was not clear immediately whether Ray will be returned under the U.S.-British extradition treaty, on a federal conspiracy charge or under a Tennessee indictment for first-degree murder.

Action Promised

Under the latter charges, Tennessee would initiate the extradition proceeding and Gov. Buford Ellington said, "Whatever needs to be done will be done" to return Ray here as soon as possible.

Minutes after the news of Ray's arrest, city and county law enforcement officials began making plans for his incarceration here. Holloman said maximum security procedure would be observed but he declined to disclose where Ray would be held while preparations are being made for his trial.

Express Elation

Mayor Henry Loeb joined Holloman and civil rights leaders in expressing elation over the arrest.

"We certainly are glad to know the suspect has been caught," said Mrs. Maxine Smith, executive secretary of the Memphis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"However, the fact that Martin King is dead cannot be changed. We would certainly hope that as much time and effort would be put into the prevention of these atrocities as in the apprehension of this man."

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For the information of the Bureau in considering any expression of appreciation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for their contribution to the identification, location and apprehension of subject JAMES EARL RAY, the following personnel of O Division, RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, supervised and/or participated in the investigation at Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

Chief Superintendent J. G. C. DOWNEY

Superintendent CARL DOEY

Staff Sergeant G. L. TOMALTY

Sergeant HOWARD FULLERTON

Sergeant A. SIKORA

Corporal JOHN DUNLOP

Constable WAYNE GIFFIN

It is the recommendation of the Buffalo Office that the efforts of the above individuals be recognized.

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Drama Ends Manhunt: Police Trap Snares Ray

By JOHN G. WARNER

UPI Staff Correspondent

LONDON, June 10 — British European Airways Flight 075 from Lisbon rolled up Saturday to the cavernous international terminal at London's Heathrow Airport, the whine of its triple jets dying abruptly, and disgorged its 96 passengers.

Most of them, British businessmen and tourists returning from the Continent, trudged up the ramp and joined lines for customs and passport checks.

One of the passengers, a slight, dark-haired man with hornrimmed glasses and an oddly protruding left ear, turned away and strode toward the transient lounge, where travelers could wait between flights.

Nervously, he tugged at his ear. His light raincoat flapped against his legs, hiding the bulge of the pistol in his pocket.

It was 7:50 AM in London. The leaden skies and chill air would soon give way to welcome sunshine.

It was 2:50 AM in New York, a city steeped in grief for Robert F. Kennedy. The U. S. was in mourning, stunned by an assassin's bullet for the second time in 65 days, for the third time in 4½ years.

Steered to an Office

It was 1:50 at Memphis, Tenn., where wilted wreaths and a marble plaque mark Room 306 at the Lorraine Hotel. It was there, on April 4, that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain, and the massive manhunt

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police turned up a fraudulent passport and, in London, Scotland Yard got their man: James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This UPI team report details how Ray was tracked down. It is based on reports from correspondents in London, Montreal, Lisbon, Washington, Memphis and Atlanta.

for his killer was all but forgotten in the fresh grief of Sen. Kennedy's death.

As the passenger from Lisbon hurried toward the transient lounge, a burly man with an official air stepped beside him, took his arm, and asked him to step into a nearby office. Inquiries, he explained, needed to be made.

Around the vast terminal, dozens of men watched tensely. Hundreds more noticed nothing. Calmly, the passenger from Lisbon allowed himself to be steered into the office, ending one of the greatest manhunts of the century.

Charged in London

Eight hours later Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark in Washington announced the arrest of the man accused of assassinating Dr. King.

James Earl Ray, the small-time Midwestern thug charged in Memphis with Dr. King's murder, was whisked from Heathrow Airport to the 19th Century Cannon Row police station by Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad.

He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, obtaining a Canadian passport by fraudulent means, and warned that anything he said might be used against him.

His arrest, the result of a dozen Canadian Mounties spending 15 nights rummaging through passports, answered some of the questions of how James Earl Ray disappeared. But the man still is shrouded in mystery.

Assumed Identity

Despite Atty. Gen. Clark's technical statement that Dr. King's killer acted alone, most investigators believe the assassin was hired, and his escape carefully arranged.

Ray, it was revealed, arrived in Toronto on April 8, four days after Dr. King died. He left there May 6, bearing a new passport issued in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Ramon George Sneyd is a Toronto policeman. But Ray apparently produced a fake birth certificate, showing he was Sneyd, and listing Sneyd's actual parents.

Policeman Sneyd, his superiors say, never head of James Earl Ray outside the investigation.

Neither did Eric S. Galt, who lives two miles from Sneyd in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough. But it was under the name of Eric Starvo Galt, the FBI says, that Ray purchased in Birmingham, Ala., the .30-06 rifle that killed Dr. King.

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JAMES EARL RAY
Passport Photo



RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
A Toronto Policeman

Someone Selling Identities

The real Galt's middle name is St. Vincent. He is 52, 12 years older than Ray. But he is roughly Ray's height and weight. He has scars on his forehead and palm. So does James Earl Ray.

"There were so many similarities," said Eric St. Vincent Galt, "that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and would take a potshot at me."

The simplest explanation, authorities think, is that someone in Canada is adapting identities for sale to persons who want to use the nation's loose passport laws.

Ray—traveling as Galt—visited Canada at least once before Dr. King was killed. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police revealed that he appeared in Montreal in September, 1967, and spent six weeks there. This trip to Canada was not mentioned by the FBI when it issued its warrant for Ray, although it mentioned his trips between Birmingham and New Orleans, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Mexico.

"Like a Rich Tourist"

Ray departed Toronto on May 6 and, on May 8, he appeared in Lisbon, Portugal.

He took a room in the Hotel Portugal and, according to the clerk there, "behaved like a rich tourist, spending the nights in night clubs and coming back late, sometimes at six in the morning."

On May 16 he walked into the Canadian Embassy in Portugal, complained that his name was misspelled on his passport, and demanded another. The passport read Sneya, he pointed out, and it should have been Sneyd. Officials agreed and gave him a new one. He went away with the old one, too.

The next day he left Lisbon and his movements from May 17 until his arrest Saturday have not been revealed—although he evidently spent at least the week before his arrest in London.

Ray had a ticket to Brussels when he was arrested at Heathrow Airport.

Canada to Tighten Passport Rules

OTTAWA, June 10 (CP) —Stricter requirements for identifying persons applying for Canadian passports are being considered, External Affairs Minister Citchell Sharp said following the arrest of James Earl Ray Saturday in London with two fraudulent Canadian passports.

The minister said he had asked for a full study and report on passport-issuing procedures and a department source said a report is nearly complete.



SUSPECT'S STOPOVER—James Earl Ray, suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King now under arrest in London, stayed in this two-story boarding house at 962 Dundas St., Toronto, for 16 days. (AP)

Landlady Reports Envelope Passed to Ray by 'Fat Man'

Toronto Police Trying to Trace Him, Say It Was Probably a Delivery Man

By United Press International

TORONTO, June 10—A boarding house landlady said Sunday she saw a "fat man" pass a small envelope to James Earl Ray, suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, about four days before Ray flew to London from Toronto May 6.

Ray was arrested in London Saturday carrying two Canadian passports in the name of Ramon George Sneyd, a Metropolitan Toronto police constable.

Mrs. Sun Loo said she did not know what was in the envelope and she could not remember what the visitor looked like.

She said the man was the only visitor Ray had during his 16-day stay in the second-floor room he rented in a house at 962 Dundas St. for \$9 a week. He had moved there from another Toronto boarding house where he had stayed 11 days.

Exchanged Few Words

Earlier, Mrs. Loo told a reporter that the man who passed the envelope wore no jacket, but was dressed in a shirt and trousers. She said he exchanged a few words with Ray and handed him the envelope.

Ray got the envelope on the day his rent was due and on the day he paid a Toronto travel bureau \$345 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

An RCMP spokesman said today there is no definite indication Ray had any contacts during his Toronto stay. He said preliminary investigation has shown that the man who delivered the package did not know the wanted man, but was simply making a delivery.

"Every effort is being made to trace this man, but so far there is no indication as to who he is," the spokesman said.

Arrived With One Suit

Ray was described as quiet, polite and hard to remember by people he met during his four-week stay in the two Toronto rooming houses.

Mrs. Adam Szpalowski said Ray took a room at her home at 102 Ossington Ave. April 8 under the name of Paul Bridgman, listed in the Toronto street directory as a consultant teacher living in suburban Don Mills.

She said he arrived with one suit of clothes, a raincoat and a small bag.

"How was I to know he was a bandit?" she asked.

Mrs. Szpalowski described him as an ideal tenant and said Ray left his sparsely-furnished second-floor room about 8:30 AM every day, returned at noon and left again until after supper. She said he spent most of his evenings in the room, dominated by a large double bed and a television set.

Received One Letter

Mr. Bridgman, 35, a consultant teacher with the Toronto board of education, said RCMP and Toronto police officers questioned him last Friday, but added that he had no idea what it was about.

Mrs. Szpakowski said Ray told her he was a real estate salesman with a Toronto firm. She said no one visited him and that he received only one letter from

the registrar-general's office on Lombard Street, the provincial department that issues birth certificates.

On April 18, Ray left the room on Ossington Avenue and did not return.

Mrs. Szpakowski said she saw a sketch of the man wanted in connection with Dr. King's death in a Toronto newspaper and thought it looked like her roomer, but when her husband later told her she was crazy, she forgot about it.

Used Both Addresses

She said "he was such a gentleman" that she thought nothing of it when she found a newspaper folded to the sketch in his room the day he left.

Ray used the name Sneyd when he made arrangements for a 21-day excursion trip by air to London with Kennedy Travel Bureau Ltd. But in completing a section of his application form for a passport, he gave the name Bridgman and the Ossington Ave. address to notify in case of accident.

Ray, as Sneyd, gave his address as the Dundas St. boarding house.

The passport photographs were taken at a Yonge St. photography shop operated by Mabel Agnew. A man calling himself Bridgman ordered passport photos April 11, she said.

Mrs. Agnew said RCMP officers came to the studio June 11 looking for photos in the name of Sneyd, but they later seized pictures of the man she knew as Bridgman. They showed a neatly-dressed man in a dark business suit, white shirt and tie.

Ray's Hideout in Lisbon Was a \$1.80-a-Day Hotel

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and London Express*

LISBON, June 10 — The home base of James Earl Ray for 10 days in Lisbon was a pink-washed room over looking a shabby back street.

There, in the \$1.80-a-day Hotel Portugal in the Rua Joao Daf Regras, which caters for commercial travelers and students, Ray lived from May 8 to 17.

He was known as "Raymond George Sneaya." This is the name he signed in the register when he walked in carrying a single suitcase at 8 PM May 8.

Under the heading "occupation" he wrote "non" and

gave his age as 36, nationality Canadian.

He took room No. 2 on the first floor overlooking a street of hardware and shoe shops.

Room clerk Juan Santo talked Sunday about his quiet guest.

"He paid his bill regularly and was extremely well behaved. He spent quite a lot of time in the room at rather odd hours, in during the day time and out at night," he said.

Another employe, Luis Gentiel, remembered: "Sometimes he would stay for days in his room and then go out and stay away for two days."

From the records it seems he arrived in London May 7, cashing the return half of a 21-day Toronto-to-London excursion airline ticket he had bought May 2.

He left London the afternoon of May 8. Portuguese police believe he left Lisbon to return to London in the early hours of May 18. He was in London until last week, when he made the overnight return trip to Lisbon prior to his arrest in London Saturday morning.

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Paul Bridgeman,
Paul Bridgman,
Paul Edward Bridgeman,
Paul E. Bridgeman,
Ramon George Sneyd
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
April 8, - May 6, 1968

On April 8, 1968, subject, using the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN, obtained a room at a second rate rooming house at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, operated by FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA. He paid one week's rent in advance. It appears that subject obtained the room as a result of a room for rent sign in the window at the front of this residence.

The means by which subject entered Canada and his reason for selecting the alias Paul Bridgeman is not known. However, it is known that one PAUL BRIDGMAN is a former inmate of a prison in Kansas City, Missouri, who was paroled on January 16, 1968, and whose identity may or may not be known to RAY. While at this rooming house, RAY had no visitors, did not befriend any of the other roomers, was not known to be employed and according to the landlady usually left the house early in the morning and returned late at night.

On April 10, 1968, subject wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Toronto, requesting a copy of the birth certificate of PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN and indicating that it should be sent to 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto. In this letter subject gave his date of birth as November 10, 1932, his father's name as EDWARD G. B. BRIDGMAN and his mother's maiden name as EVELYN GOODEN.

It is noted that the above biographic information relative to BRIDGMAN is accurate insofar as it relates

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to an existent PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN who resides at 80 Cassandra Street, Toronto, and who is a reputable citizen employed as a consultant for the Board of Education.

Interviews of both the real BRIDGMAN and his wife by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers in Toronto failed to establish any method by which subject obtained the biographic information set forth in his letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics but both BRIDGMAN and his wife recall having received several telephone calls in early April, which at the time appeared to them to be innocuous, wherein they believed the caller claimed to be a representative of the Canadian Immigration Department and inquired as to whether BRIDGMAN had applied for passport. Both state that they at no time furnished to the unknown caller any information concerning PAUL E. BRIDGMAN's background.

Attachment number one to this insert is a photographic copy of the letter directed by subject to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, dated April 10, 1968, requesting the BRIDGMAN birth certificate.

On April 11, 1968, subject, as BRIDGMAN, visited the Arcade Photo Studio, Toronto, and obtained passport size photographs.

On April 16, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, obtained a room at 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto, a second rate rooming house, operated by a Chinese woman named Mrs. Sun Fung LOO.

It appears that he obtained this room as a result of a sign, room for rent, in a front window and he paid one week's rent in advance (\$9.00) with the understanding that he would take occupancy on April 19, 1968.

On April 16, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 424 Bloor Street West, Toronto, where he arranged with Miss LILLIAN

SPENCER, Manager of that travel bureau office, for a round trip ticket via British Overseas Airline Company (BOAC) from Toronto to London. In connection with arranging this reservation, it was necessary for subject to furnish an Affidavit for a Canadian passport which he did in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his date of birth as October 8, 1932, and giving his address as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto. In answer to a requirement in connection with the passport application for the name of a sponsor, EARL indicated that he had only been in Toronto for three weeks and had no local sponsor. In answer to the question on the application as to who should be notified in the event of an emergency, EARL listed the name PAUL BRIDGMAN and the address of 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto.

In answer to Miss SPENCER's request for three passport photographs, RAY furnished to her three copies of the photograph which he had previously obtained from the Arcade Photo Studios on April 11, 1968, under the name of PAUL BRIDGMAN. It is noted, however, that nowhere on the photograph does any name appear.

As a result of a request made by subject at that time, Miss LILLIAN SPENCER obtained through BOAC, reservations for him to travel to London departing from Toronto on May 6, 1968, via BOAC Flight 600 and returning to Toronto on May 21, 1968, via BOAC Flight 601.

Anticipating that it would take approximately ten days to receive the passport, Miss SPENCER suggested that subject return to pick up his ticket and his passport in about ten days.

On April 16, 1968, subject wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, requesting birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his date of birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, setting forth his father's name as GEORGE SNEYD and his mother's maiden name as GLADYS MAE KILNER and requesting that it be sent to 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto.

A photographic copy of this letter is attachment number 2 to this insert.

It is noted that according to Mrs. FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA, landlady at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, a letter arrived for subject as PAUL E. BRIDGMAN at the Ossington Avenue address from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, several days before he left that address and although she pointed out to him on at least two occasions that the letter was on a table and for him, he never did take possession of it and, therefore, after he departed from the Ossington Avenue address, she returned it to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. On April 17, 1968, Miss LILLIAN SPENCER, Kennedy Travel Bureau, Toronto, addressed a letter to the Canadian Passport Department, Ottawa, forwarding subject's application under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and enclosing a \$5.00 money order, which is the standard fee for a passport.

On April 19, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, moved into the rooming house at 962 Dundas Street West, had no baggage according to Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at that address and she did not see him thereafter until April 26, 1968. According to Sun Fung LOO, subject did not appear to make friends with anyone in the rooming house and she had no knowledge as to any employment or other activities on his part.

On April 20, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his address as 962 Dundas, wrote a letter to the Kennedy Travel Bureau informing them that he had to go to Capreol for several weeks on business and would pick up his passport upon his return.

It appears he was referring to Capreol, a small town in northern Ontario. RCMP investigation indicates that subject was not known in that small town nor was there any evidence that he had actually gone there.

Photographic copy of the letter of April 20, 1968, is attached hereto as attachment number 3.

With regard to the RAMON GEORGE SNEYD identification used by RAY, commencing approximately April 16, 1968, it is noted that there is an existent RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, a police officer in the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), who has been so employed for over 12 years, who resides at 1731 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, and whose biographic background is identical with that furnished by subject when RAY wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Toronto, on April 16, 1968, requesting a birth certificate in that name. Interviews of the real RAMON GEORGE SNEYD by representatives of both the RCMP and MTPD have failed to establish any information as to how subject obtained the necessary background data to apply for the birth certificate in that name. The real SNEYD has advised that he did not know subject and when shown photographs of him, stated that insofar as he could recall, had never seen him.

Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at 962 Dundas West, advised during interview that the next contact she had with subject, subsequent to his moving into her rooming house on April 19, 1968, was on April 26, 1968, when he paid her another week's rent in advance and told her that since he had last seen her he had gone back to Montreal.

According to Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, she did not again have any contact with the subject until May 2, 1968, when he again paid her one week's room rent in advance.

On May 2, 1968, RAY, as SNEYD, visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau, Bloor Street, Toronto, and picked up his Canadian Passport and round trip ticket via BOAC to London. It is noted this ticket called for his departure from Toronto on BOAC Flight 600, May 6, 1968, with a schedule of return by BOAC Flight 601 on May 21, 1968.

According to Miss SPENCER, Manager of the Kennedy Travel Bureau, subject paid \$345.00 in Canadian funds for the round trip ticket and during interview,

Miss SPENCER was very emphatic that it was Canadian money that he used, pointing out that if it had been American money, she would have become involved in the exchange rate, etc., which she could not possibly have forgotten.

On May 6, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, departed Toronto International Airport via BOAC Flight 600 at 7:00 P.M. for London, England. During interview by RCMP, Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at 962 Dundas West, advised that not until May 10, 1968, did she realize that subject, as SNEYD, had abandoned his room in her rooming house so that she does not actually know when he left, as she had not seen him subsequent to the occasion on May 2, 1968, when he paid one week's rent in advance.

It is noted that while both landladies and the Manager of the travel bureau in Toronto, as well as the employee at the Arcade Photo Studios, Toronto, all recognized the passport photograph of subject, none could make a positive or even strong identification of any other available photographs of RAY. It is also pointed out that according to RCMP investigation in Toronto, those individuals who had contact with the subject during his stay in Toronto, from April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, advised that he wore glasses at all times and none had seen him without them.

One of the suggestions as to how subject got the necessary background data concerning both BRIDGMAN and SNEYD to obtain birth certificates in both names is through a check at the morgue at the local Toronto newspaper or possibly a similar check of newspapers available in the public library. This suggestion was advanced since announcements of births appear in Toronto newspapers, listing in addition to the date of birth, the names of the parents. It is noted that both SNEYD and BRIDGMAN were born within approximately one month of one another, that is October 8, 1932, and November 10, 1932, respectively.

The switch from the BRIDGMAN identity to the SNEYD identity in Toronto appears to have possibly been triggered by some suspicion of RAY's that the BRIDGMAN identity was heating up. However, investigation in Toronto, such as a review of MTPD records to ascertain whether BRIDGMAN might have been stopped on a routine or other type check in Toronto, during the time that subject was using that identity, has failed to develop any record of such a check.

No logical explanation has been developed as to why subject, once he decided to abandon the BRIDGMAN identification, continued to reside at the 102 Ossington Avenue West address, particularly, since the landlady at that address had stated that on at least two occasions she called his attention to the fact that there was a letter there for him from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, which presumably contained the birth certificate which he had requested.

It is alsoworthy to note that RAY appeared to have gone through the necessary procedure to obtain the RAMON GEORGE SNEYD birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Toronto, even though it was not necessary in connection with his passport request for his obtaining of passage by BOAC to London. This is evidenced by the fact that his letter applying to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the SNEYD birth certificate was dated on exactly the same date on which he had arranged, through the Kennedy Travel Bureau, for his Canadian Passport.

4-10-68

DEAR SIR;

INCLOSED IS \$2.00 MONEY ORDER
FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

NAME PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN

BORN TORONTO, ONTARIO, NOVEMBER 10 1932

FATHER EDWARD G.B. BRIDGMAN,

MOTHER MAIDEN NAME, EVELYN GODDEN,

THANKS:

Sincerely

Paul Edward Bridgman

102- OSSINGTON AVE.

TORONTO, CANADA.

ONTARIO.

4-16-68

DEAR SIR

ENCLOSED IS A M.A FOR \$2.00,
WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND BIRTH CERTIFICATE,

NAME: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

BORN OCTOBER-8-1932

TORONTO, ONTARIO

FATHER'S NAME: GEORGE SNEYD

MOTHER'S NAME, MAIDEN.

GLADYS MAE KILNER

THANKS,

Ramon George Sneyd

962 DUNDAS ST. W.

TORONTO, ONTARIO.

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

4-20-68

DEAR SIR

I HAVE TO GO TO CARRERA
FOR SEVERAL DAY ON BUSINESS
WILL PICK UP PASSPORT ON RETURN

THANKS

Ramon George Sneyd

962 DUNDAS

6/11/68

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Forwarded herewith for the Bureau, Memphis and Legat, Ottawa are two copies each of a memorandum setting forth a brief chronology of subject's activities during his stay in Toronto, insofar as they had been determined as of the date of apprehension in London, England, 6/8/68.

It is noted that ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL and SA JAMES P. MC MAHON of the Buffalo Office were in Toronto and worked with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) there in the development of this information. The RCMP is still conducting investigation at Toronto in an effort to fill in the gaps in the chronology.

The speculation as to why RAY did certain things in Toronto and how he obtained necessary information to establish his false identities while in Toronto represents the combined thinking of the RCMP personnel in Toronto as well as the Buffalo Bureau representatives who worked on the matter, based upon available information as to his behavior while in Toronto.

It is pointed out that details of the RCMP investigation in Toronto, including interviews, are being prepared by the RCMP and will be submitted in the usual manner, through Legat, Ottawa.

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12:00PM 6-11-68 URGENT EKS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/10/68

Subject JAMES EARL RAY apprehended London, England, 6/8/68. Discontinue efforts to locate.

All Agents who placed stops on RAY should insure that those stops are removed.

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He's Crack Rifle Shot**Real Eric Galt Lives Near Toronto**Special to The Washington Post
and The Courier-Express

By RAY BIGGART

TORONTO—Eric S. Galt, the alias used most commonly by James Earl Ray, is a real person living in a suburb of Toronto.

Galt lives within a mile and a half of the two other men whose names Ray used during the month he was hiding here after the shooting of Martin Luther King.

This revelation is adding further spark to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police search for three people who were believed connected with Ray while he was here.

And the revealing of the real Galt — who is a crack rifle shot — is making officials think Ray may have visited Toronto before.

Ray used the Eric S. Galt name last July when he signed an apartment lease in Montreal on St. Germaine Street. He has been identified there from photographs.

Union Carbide Employee

The real Eric Galt, an inspector

at Union Carbide, lives on Leachmann Crescent in Scarborough, near both Constable Roman George Sneyd and Paul Bridgman, whose names Ray also used. Scarborough is about 15 miles from the downtown Toronto rooming houses Ray used during April and May of this year.

The Toronto Galt's middle name is St. Vincent, not Starvo, which is the name Ray used.

The real Galt is at a loss to explain how Ray knew about him. "But it seems like more than a coincidence that he used that name," he said.

Says He's Relieved

Galt said he was very relieved that Ray had been arrested.

"There were so many similarities between Ray and myself that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and take a pot-shot at me.

"And about the time Eric S. Galt was revealed as one of the names of the suspected King-kill-

er I got a lot of crank phone calls," he said.

He also got a visit from the RCMP and the FBI, who gave him a thorough grilling and suggested to people where he worked that they were lying to protect him.

Galt is 5-feet-11 and Ray is 5-feet-10. Both have scars on their foreheads just above their noses, and both have scars on the palms of their right hands.

Galt is 53 and Ray is 40, but the Toronto man looks to be in his early 40s.

Galt said his name and picture had appeared in an employee magazine sometime ago in connection with his scuba diving activities, and this might have been the source of the alias, he thinks.

He also took a Tennessee vacation two years ago, but could not recall losing any identification papers.

He is secretary of the Viking Gun Club here, and is a crack rifle marksman, but is a poor shot with handguns.

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Lesson in Arrest of Suspected Assassin

The capture of the man accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. hardly could have been brought about under more dramatic and satisfying circumstances than those which prevailed with his arrest Saturday in London.

It proved that international communications for the apprehension of suspected criminals have not broken down at a time when relationships between nations generally have seemed to the cynical to have deteriorated to conditions little short of lawless.

The vigilance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Britain's Scotland Yard, in response to the U.S. law-enforcement agencies' broadcasts asking foreign police to be on the lookout for James Earl Ray, should serve as a lesson to all men that human society at the international level still is able to function in the best interests of the whole.

The long arm of the law remains long and effective. The trail of the accused man was devious and apparently was mapped to effect his escape to some remote, underdeveloped part of the world where a fugitive can lose his identity completely.

Had the plan been carried out, a large segment of the American people would have been dubious at the very least of the capacities of their law-enforcement machinery. Many would have accepted the escape as evidence of a sinister design not to administer justice impartially, free of social and racial prejudice.

Coming at a time when decent Americans were mourning horrible events linked with their involvement in social upheaval and worldwide political turbulence, the arrest in London is somewhat of a beacon in the night of doubts and fears. Lawlessness is not beyond the mastery of a civilized world that is geared in all its parts to cope with it.

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FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SE RICHARD R. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/12/68

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LITTLE recalled that on a day between the Wednesday and Saturday following the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he was in Luigi's Bakery, 374 Seventh St., Buffalo, N.Y. about 10:00AM, he advised he was in this store for about 5 minutes; also present was a negro man about 65 years old who lives two doors from the bakery; two other men were also present in the bakery and on the departure of these two men the negro man at that time asserted that one of the men was ERIC STARVO GALT, whereupon LITTLE observed these two men enter a Mustang with West Virginia license plates and drive away, he could only describe the Mustang as Dark Blue or Green. LITTLE said he actually did not see the faces of the two men and could only recall that both were stocky and one man was about six feet tall and the other man several inches shorter. He stated that the negro man at the time said he was going to call the police but he does not know if this occurred, however he is sure he could locate this negro man who lives only two doors from the bakery.

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FBI Sought Clues to Ray In Buffalo

Buffalo was among the cities involved in the massive manhunt of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The local FBI office joined in the search because of a 9-year-old entry in police records. On May 2, 1959, Ray's brother, Earl E. Ray, 54, was found dead beneath the DL&W Railroad bridge off the foot of old Commercial Street near the former Crystal Beach boat dock.

The medical examiner's office ruled that death was caused by a heart attack. At that time, police listed Earl Ray's address as the Albany Country Club, Western Avenue, Albany.

FBI Sought Leads

Working under the theory that Earl Ray had some friends here who might be able to help in the capture of James Ray, the FBI opened the old case for leads.

FBI officials declined comment on the investigation Tuesday, explaining that any statements would have to come from Neil J. Welch, special agent in charge of the Buffalo office. Welch was reported to be out of the city.

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Buffalo Was Once Hub of Hunt for James Earl Ray

Suspect's Brother
Died Here in 1959;
Officials Opened
Old Case for Leads

By MIKE BENEVENTO

The FBI's intensive international manhunt for James Earl Ray, suspected slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., turned at one time to Buffalo, The Buffalo Evening News learned today.

While the local office of the FBI refused to comment, The News learned that it was the death of Ray's brother here in 1959 that caused the investigation to center here.

James Earl Ray's brother, Earl E. Ray, 54, was found dead May 2, 1959, beneath the DL&W Railroad bridge off the foot of old Commercial St. near the former Crystal Beach boat dock.

Police records show that Richard Kubik of 239 Halstead Ave., Sloan, discovered the body and notified police.

The late Dr. Rocco N. DeDominicis, a medical examiner, after his investigation, ruled the death was apparently caused by a heart attack.

At that time the police listed Earl Ray's address as the Albany Country Club, Western Ave., Albany.

Records show the body was sent to the county morgue and later was claimed by a Quincy, Ill., resident who identified herself as Mrs. Frank Fuller, a sister of the victim.

Police officials say the FBI dug up the old case in its intensive investigation of James Earl Ray and his activities.

The theory was, police say, that if they could establish any contacts Earl Ray had here, they might be able to find someone who could lead the FBI to James Earl Ray.

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Canada's Lawmen Feel He Is Agent Of Global Ring

**Sophisticated Steps
Used in Fleeing
Appear to Be Beyond
One Man's Capability**

Special to Buffalo Evening News
TORONTO, June 11 — Canadian officials today probed the possibility that James Earl Ray, a small-time hood, may have been the trigger man in an international murder conspiracy.

Their theory is based largely on the fact that Ray, 40, who hid briefly a month while authorities searched the world for

him in connection with the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., hoodwinked police with smart moves and sophisticated techniques believed far beyond his powers.

The world hunt spread to Brussels and Lisbon where, according to unofficial reports, Ray may have been picking up funds funneled through a Swiss bank account.

"We are conducting a very intensive investigation into Ray's background and movements while in Toronto," Canadian Mounted Police Superintendent C. R. Doey, in charge of the criminal investigation branch in Toronto, said Monday.

No Link to Aliases

"We have several leads. We're looking into the places he frequented and the contacts he made while he was here."

Toronto police also were conducting their own investigation, primarily concerned with how Ray obtained information on two local citizens whose names he picked as aliases.

Bernard Simmonds, deputy commissioner of police, emphasized again today that there was "definitely no connection" between Ray and the two local men.

Information used by Ray—the birth dates and family names of the two men—appeared in the birth columns of the Toronto star in late 1932.

Sufficient Facts

While investigators would not officially comment on a possible international conspiracy, they privately acknowledged there were sufficient facts to back such a contention. Among them:

1—Ray always had money, with no visible source of income. There is no record of his having worked here, although he claimed a variety of jobs in order to obtain lodging and a passport.

He frequented bars, paying cash, usually in U. S. money and often at an unfair exchange rate. He always paid his rent on time and paid for a round trip ticket to London with \$345 in U. S. small bills.

2—There is evidence that Ray had contacts here who knew his identity, though he was living in more than one place under more than one assumed name.

One of those contacts was described by Mrs. Sun Long, landlady at a rooming house at 962 Dundas St. West, as a "tall, husky" man — her description to the mounties, who said he may have been only a delivery man, although they have not been able to trace him.

3—Ray showed excellent knowledge in ways of obtaining phony documents and in his choice of the actual local names under which he masqueraded.

Officials are trying to find out how a U. S. citizen from an impoverished broken home, with an eighth-grade education, a man discharged from the Army for "ineptness," a man who continually bungled his own smalltime crimes, could suddenly have had the money, the accomplices and the knowledge of such things as Canadian passport laws.

Amazing Likeness

Ray used two aliases here: Ramon George Sneyd, name of a metropolitan police constable, and Paul Bridgman, name of a consulting teacher for the Board of Education. Both men denied knowing either Ray or each other.

In addition, an Eric St. Vincent Galt, who until recently signed his name Eric St. V. Galt, lives here. He is a 52-year-old warehouse foreman for Union Carbide.

How Ray happened to choose the name is not known, but there are amazing physical similarities between the two men. Mr. Galt is 5-foot-11, weighs 170 pounds and has a scar between his eyes and one on each palm. Ray is 5-foot-10, weighs 174 and has two scars on his forehead and one on his palm.

Standard Fugitive Kit Costs \$15 in Toronto—and No Sweat

Ray Had No Trouble Obtaining Papers Because Canada Has Lax Passport Laws

Special to Buffalo Evening News

TORONTO, June 11 — For less than \$15 James Earl Ray bought himself the standard Canadian international fugitive kit—a passport and two phony birth certificates.

The kit took him to England and Portugal in a two-month flight from Memphis, Tenn. He even picked up a second passport along the way with little trouble.

It is ridiculously easy to plunk down \$5 and get a passport in Canada.

You send in a filled-in form along with two pictures of yourself.

Ray even had travel bureau clerk Lillian Spencer fill in his forms as a convenience to him. He paid \$3 extra for the service.

Ray gave the name of Ramon George Sneyd when he applied for the passport. He later got a birth certificate under that name and one under the name of Paul Bridgman. He paid \$2 each for the birth certificates.

Simple to Avoid Rule

One passport requirement states you must have the signature of a sponsor. A number of occupations of acceptable sponsors are listed: Accountants, policemen, lawyers, doctors or judges.



PAUL BRIDGMAN
His Identity Was Pilfered

To get around this requirement, however, it is simple to make a declaration that you have known no qualified sponsor for the required two years. The declaration has to be notarized, but in Ray's case a notary at the travel agency signed his form without even seeing him.

As Mrs. Spencer said: "Well, it could be . . . not exactly dangerous . . . but highly embarrassing," if one of the declaration forms went awry.

If you're in a hurry, you can get a passport in Ottawa with only a few hours' cursory check. Otherwise it takes about five days to a week to mail your application — No fingerprints needed — and get your completed passport.

Birth Certificate Easy

The federal government attempted to pass a law recently setting a sentence of up to 14 years in jail for misuse of a passport but the coming federal election killed the bill.

As it stands, no one cares what you do with your passport—outside Canada.

Getting a provincial birth certificate in Ontario is almost as easy if you have an old copy of a newspaper, as did Ray.

Copy a name, birthplace, date of birth and mother's maiden name from a birth announcement, as Ray did for Paul Bridgman, born 1932 in Toronto, and mail another form. Wait a week and presto. Most of the certificate-getting is done by mail, a boon to those under 21 who apply for false certificates to use to get into bars.

To Cross at Buffalo?

FBI officials and Ontario government registrars believe Ray may have obtained one certificate in Mr. Bridgman's name in order to return to the U. S. through Buffalo.

A birth certificate, by some quirk of customs officers, is a better means of identification when crossing the Canadian-U. S. border than is a passport.

About one of every 10 border crossers are checked for identity on a busy night, said immigration officers.

Ray may also have obtained a birth certificate so he could get a job in Toronto.

It is harder to prove you are old enough to drink in Ontario (by signing forms and showing identification) than it is to outfit yourself with official documents.

Many Have No Papers

There are still many jobs in Toronto where you can work in peace for years without any identity cards or Social Security numbers.

There are 25,000 or more people in Toronto who came in on visitors' visas from other countries and stayed without passport or birth certificate.

Among the 25,000 are criminals, draft dodgers (at least 1000 in Toronto, Army deserters from the United States) unskilled or ignorant to qualify for immigration.



GOT PASSPORT FOR RAY—Mrs. Lillian Spencer, a Toronto travel bureau clerk, unwittingly helped James Earl Ray flee to Europe by filling in passport forms for him in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. (AP)

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New Ray Mystery: 'Fat Man'

From Democrat and Chronicle Wire Services

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police yesterday were hunting a "fat man" who reportedly delivered an envelope to James Earl Ray, accused as the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at a Chinese rooming house in Toronto's West Side four days before Ray's flight to London on May 6.

The landlady, Mrs. Loo Sun, remembers that the fat man was the only visitor Ray received during the 16 days he rented a small second-floor rear bedroom at \$9 a week.

She also remembers that it was rent day and that this was the third time she received advance payment from the silent tenant who had impressed her chiefly as a man who vanished for days at a time and seldom used the room.

The fat man wore no jacket, the landlady recalled, just shirt and trousers. He exchanged a few words with Ray and handed him an envelope, she told police.

On that same day Ray went to a travel bureau where he picked up a Canadian passport for which he had applied, giving the name of Ramon George Sneyd, and paid \$345 in Canadian currency for a 21-day excursion ticket to London.



FRED VINSON JR.
... a prison visit

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Meanwhile, in London, Ray reportedly maintained complete silence yesterday about his role in the assassination of Dr. King as U.S. officials weighed the quickest means of his extradition from Britain.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said the security of the prisoner, held since Saturday by British police, holds top priority among the missions of Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. who flew to London within hours of the arrest.

Vinson visited Ray in a heavily guarded police station yesterday.

Ray was seized Saturday while trying to board a flight for Brussels.

Vinson talked with British authorities about Ray's extradition, a procedure which would take two to three weeks under normal conditions. But if Ray hired lawyers to challenge the action, the process could run considerably longer with an initial hearing and possible appeals.

Ray, 40, was being kept under tight security at Cannon Row police station in preparation for his appearance this morning at Bow Street Magistrate's Court. He will answer there to two charges growing out of his arrest at Heathrow Airport — traveling under a false passport and illegal possession of a firearm.

A yard spokesman said Ray was under constant surveillance.

"This is a big fish," he told a caller.

After arriving in London, Vin-

son met at Scotland Yard headquarters with Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of the flying squad that handled Britain's Great Train Robbery case, and Chief Inspector Kenneth Thomson. They were reported offering Vinson full cooperation in speeding the extradition process.

Talking with newsmen, Vinson declined to say if he would seek to return Ray on the federal charge of conspiring to deny Dr. King his civil rights or on a Tennessee charge that he murdered Dr. King.

The suspect was booked under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name which appeared on his false Canadian passport, but the Justice Department said he definitely was Ray.

An American Embassy official said Ray's extradition papers would include "all his known aliases," and that the name Sneyd would raise no problems in that respect.

The London Daily Telegram said last night a man calling himself Ramon Sneyd telephoned a Telegraph reporter several times in the last few weeks and asked how to become a mercenary soldier in Africa.

Reporter Ian Colvin said in a front-page story that the man calling himself Sneyd first telephoned the newspaper June 4 and spoke with the foreign desk. The call was transferred to Colvin because he had written several stories about foreign mercenaries fighting in Africa.

The narrow street leading to

Cannon Row police station, ~~about 200 yards from the House of Parliament~~, was deserted yesterday, in marked contrast to the crowd which milled there after word of Ray's arrest was announced.

The iron gates leading to the station and the former headquarters of Scotland Yard were open and guarded by a pair of tall London bobbies. They denied entrance to newsmen, saying: "The desk sergeant is not available."

Hundreds of tourists passed by the entrance to Cannon Row, but none was seen venturing down the narrow street. Police signs blocked the path of automobiles.

Vinson told newsmen at London airport earlier that people in America were "delighted" at Ray's arrest and that was greeted with "a great feeling of relief."

"We have been looking for him for a long time," Vinson said.

It was learned that Ray had flown from Canada to London May 6 with a round-trip ticket but cashed in the return portion in exchange for passage to Lisbon and went right on to Portugal.

The FBI, with the help of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had picked up Ray's trail in Canada — apparently after he left — and officers satisfied themselves a few days ago that the man bearing a passport in Sneyd's name was Ray.



JAMES EARL RAY
... passport photo



RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
... he's the real one

'Fat Man' Hunted In Ray Mystery

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'How Was I to Know He Was a Bandit?'

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