

Mexico seizes King suspect

CABORCA, Mexico—Police say they have arrested a bearded hitchhiker from Baltimore in their hunt for a suspect in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They said they arrested Daniel D. Kennedy at a cafe Wednesday in this town 80 miles southwest of Nogales, Ariz., questioned him for 12 hours, and then drove him in handcuffs to the Sonora state capital of Hermosillo, 120 miles to the south. A hotel manager said Kennedy resembled pictures of James Earl Ray, the suspect in the King murder.

In Washington, the FBI said "there has been no arrest" in the hunt for Ray. In Baltimore, Kennedy's mother called the arrest "impossible." She said: "He's just a skinny old thing" and only a "blind man" would say her son resembled Ray.

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Mixup in King Suspect's Prints—Georgia Red Faced

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The Georgia bureau of investigation discovered yesterday it was given an erroneous set of finger prints identified as belonging to James Earl Ray, wanted in connection with the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Maj. Barney Ragsdale, bureau director, said a routine comparison of prints received from the FBI with a set sent by the Missouri state penitentiary after Ray's escape in April, 1967, revealed the discrepancy.

Altho both the FBI and the Missouri prison warden said the prison wanted poster was in error and a correction should have been received shortly after the original was distributed, Ragsdale said his office never received the correction.

Nor Did State Police

Atlanta detective Supt. Clinton Chafin said his office never got the corrected poster either. Neither did state police in Georgia or Alabama.

"They never sent us one," Ragsdale said. "If they had, we would have corrected it."

He said the bulletin listing Ray as an escapee had been in the Georgia bureau files since it was received May 25, 1967.

"It's sure is dangerous to put something like that in our files here and ever expect us to find James Earl Ray for them," said Ragsdale. "This is a state identification bureau. If they failed to send us one, it stands to reason they didn't send it to others."

Ragsdale said there was a possibility Ray could have been

arrested and released by law enforcement officers using the wrong poster.

Chafin said the police department received the Missouri flyer on June 6, 1967, but never the correction. He said the department notified the FBI and Missouri prison authorities and the FBI prints were substituted in police files for the erroneous set.

Warden Harold R. Swenson of Missouri state penitentiary said the mistake was discovered almost immediately.

Sent Out Correction

Swenson said the mixup was discovered by the Kansas City police department, which had previous prints of Ray in its files. Ray had been in jail in Kansas City previously. Swenson said the mistake "has had no effect" on the search for Ray, who is still at large.

"We sent out a correction to each and every agency that received one in the first place," he said.

He told the Atlanta Constitution it was the only instance of the wrong finger prints being put on an official wanted bulletin he could recall, adding, "and I don't know why it had to happen in this case."

Senior stenographer Mrs. Oneita Peters of the Georgia bureau discovered the error yesterday when she received a new wanted poster and noted the finger prints were different. Ragsdale said the difference in the two sets would have been obvious to any "finger print man."

Special Agent Frank V. Hitt of the Atlanta FBI office, meanwhile, said the prints in the FBI identification are "are Ray's prints."

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Every possible effort is being made, and should be made, to arrest the murderer of Martin Luther King. We think it was quite proper for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to name the chief suspect, to describe him, to reveal his long criminal record, and to release photographs of him. Newspapers from coast to coast have published this information, which may lead to the capture of the assassin.

We are surprised, however, that there has been no criticism of the FBI from the professors and others who were so concerned about the constitutional rights of another murder suspect in 1966.

The suspect was Richard Speck, the killer of eight student nurses in Chicago. His fingerprints were found in the dormitory where the girls were killed. A survivor identified his photograph. Police Supt. O. W. Wilson issued a warrant for his arrest and announced to the press that he was being sought. The superintendent released copies of Speck's pictures to the newspapers and held up a picture before television cameras.

As a result, Speck was soon arrested. A doctor at Cook County hospital who had read descriptions of the killer recognized his face and a tattoo. Thereafter no reporters were permitted to talk with him and the police made no effort to question him. The public defender was appointed to protect his rights.

But Supt. Wilson immediately came under criticism. Three Harvard professors of constitutional law said the superintendent had prejudiced the case by releasing pre-arrest information. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart called Wilson's action irresponsible in view of the Supreme court's ruling on pre-trial publicity in the case of Dr. Sam Sheppard of Cleveland.

The justice said that it was desirable, in order to prevent prejudicial pre-trial publicity, that police, prosecutors, and defense lawyers should be restricted severely by the courts in talking to the press before or during a trial. Then the press won't have anything irresponsible to print, he said.

THE TRIBUNE, in reply to the critics of Supt. Wilson, pointed out that one of the most important elements in a fair trial is having a defendant to try. If the police had not supplied the press with information about Speck being wanted, the case might have been written off as another unsolved crime.

The No. 1 wanted man on the FBI list is now the suspected killer of Martin Luther King. It is important to capture him even at the risk of jeopardizing his chance for a fair trial.

But where are the law professors who, in the Speck case, were so anxious to protect Speck's constitutional rights?

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Tells King Suspect's Trip to New Orleans

Hollywood, Cal., April 25 [Special]—A song writer today described the auto trip he made to New Orleans last December with James Earl Ray, accused by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Charles Stein, 38, said he and Ray, whom he knew by the name Eric Starvo Galt, left Hollywood Dec. 15 and returned Dec. 21.

Ray told Stein he was making the trip to talk with a business man who Stein said had an Italian-sounding name. Stein accompanied him, he said, to pick up two nieces who lived in New Orleans.

Questioned by FBI

Agents of the FBI have repeatedly questioned him and his sister, Mrs. Rita Rosas, Stein said. The girls picked up in New Orleans were daughters of Mrs. Rosas, who had been staying with relatives there.

Mrs. Rosas said Ray had discussed his proposed trip in a Hollywood bar where she worked. She said she had told him about her daughters and that he had invited her to accompany him and bring them back, but that at the last minute Stein had made the trip instead.

Can't Remember Name

Stein said he and Ray drove straight thru to New Orleans. On the drive of nearly 2,000 miles Ray drank can after can of beer, Stein said.

"We would stop and get a six-pack of beer and he would drink it while he was driving," Stein said.

Stein said Ray had told him the name of the man he visited in New Orleans, but that he couldn't remember it. "But it

was a man with an Italian name and he either lived on the industrial canal in New Orleans or he had a business there," said the bearded song writer.

Stein said that Ray stopped to make several telephone calls to New Orleans as they drove thru Texas. In New Orleans, Ray said he had seen the man he had come to see, Stein said. He said Ray seemed to be pleased. Stein said Ray wanted to drive right back to Los Angeles, but that he had prevailed upon him to stay a few days so he could visit relatives.

Records of the Provincial motel in New Orleans show that an Eric Starvo Galt stayed three days, Dec. 17 thru Dec. 19.

Stein said that Ray asked him and Mrs. Rosas to sign petitions to get the name of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace on the California ballot as a Presidential candidate—and they did.

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James Ray's Family Portrait: Squalor And Crime

By Burnell Heinecke

Sun-Times Correspondent

QUINCY, Ill.—In the words of a Quincy social worker, this was the family setting in which James Earl Ray, the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., grew to young manhood:

"The mother drank. The father absconded. The children grew up in a red-light district."

Or, consider this 1954 report from an Adams County judge and state's attorney:

"The subject seldom if ever worked. The family was in the lower economic group. There was a bad social environment. Little or no encouragement to go straight."

1st Criminal Step

Earlier, from 1935 through 1944, the family lived a mile and a half outside of Ewing, Mo., under the name Raynes. Residents there say the family was destitute and the father lazy—but honest.

It was in Ewing as a ninth-grader that James Ray took his first step toward lawbreaking by stealing the school's hot-lunch funds.

But the big troubles for Jimmy Ray and the other family members were to develop in Quincy, where they lived at several addresses, always in run-down neighborhoods then rampant with corruption and vice.

A week-long effort to reconstruct a picture of the family was made by a reporter who checked records in Missouri and Illinois and from information supplied by Ross V. Ran-

dolph, Illinois director of public safety and former warden at Joliet Penitentiary.

A Family Portrait

The family portrait is not a pretty one.

James Earl Ray was born in Alton, Ill., on [redacted] to James and Lucille Maher Ray. He was named after his uncle, Earl Ray, who was then serving an eight-year prison sentence for assault with intent to kill.

The second child of James and Lucille Ray was Marjorie, born [redacted]. She died of burns April 5, 1937, in Quincy. Her dress had caught fire while playing in the yard of the ramshackle country house

in which the family lived near Ewing, Mo., some 20 miles west of Quincy.

John was the next child. He was born [redacted]. The fourth child, Gerald William (Gerry) was born [redacted].

Both John and Jerry were to land in prison.

Killed in Crash

Another son, Franklin Dennis, was born [redacted].

He was 19 when the auto he was driving hit the guard rail of the Quincy Memorial Bridge and plunged into the Mississippi River, killing him and the girl who was riding with him.

Other children in the family—some of whom were placed in an Alton orphanage for a time, and later in foster homes—were Melba, Carol, Susan and Max. The latter three were taken away from the mother by court order.

One of the big family riddles, not solved to date, is whether the mother, Lucille,

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had ~~one~~ or more husbands. John and Jerry, in their ~~recognition~~ of background to Illinois prison officials, listed their father

as "Jerry Raynes" or "Gerald Ryan," though at later interviews they spoke of "Jerry Ryan" as the second husband of their mother.

Public Safety Director Randolph said he recalled during his service as warden the great confusion in the records of Jerry and John over family background.

Whatever love there was in this strange, disjointed family flowed from the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Maher.

Bought A Farm

Although she has been dead since 1962—one year after the death of her daughter, Lucille—records are available in Madison County which indicate she was the one who bought the little farm outside Ewing where the family lived from 1935 to 1944.

The man now sought by the FBI as the fugitive killer of Dr. King lived with this grandmother in Alton at least part-time during one of the most promising periods of his life.

Jimmy Ray was 16 at

the time, and he had left his own family's disruptive atmosphere to undertake an energetic, money-saving job in a tannery at Hartford, outside Alton.

An uncle, William E. Maher, of Alton, recalled that young Jimmy had saved between \$1,000 and \$1,500 from working at the tannery of the International Shoe Co. at Hartford.

"He wouldn't spend a dime; he saved everything," said the uncle. "Then he went into the Army, and when he came back he blew every cent as fast as he could get his hands on it."

The Army apparently was the turning point toward serious trouble in the life of young Jimmy Ray.

The Pentagon has impounded the records of details of his service career, but an FBI statement on his Army tour of duty indicates he was given a general discharge in 1948, after two years' service, due to ineptness and lack of adapt-

ability for military service."

Also, while in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for "being drunk and breaking arrest."

James Earl Ray was released from the Army on Dec. 23, 1948.

Within a year, on Oct. 11, 1949, at the age of 21, he was arrested in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

That was the first serious crime of which he was accused. The last was the murder of Dr. King.

CALLS REWARDS LIKELY LEVER IN KING CASE

Memphis, April 27 (UPI)—Special Agent Robert Jensen, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's top man here, said today a \$100,000 reward offered for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be the "lever" needed to break the case.

Jensen made the comment as he checked on the reward fund, attempting to determine how it would be collected. He said it could be a lever they need to get some information in the FBI's search for King's killer.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal opened the reward fund with a \$25,000 offer. It was increased to \$50,000 when the Scripps-Howard newspaper group, owner of both the Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar, matched the \$25,000 offer. Later the city council appealed for private donations to add to the fund and agreed to guarantee a total reward of \$100,000.

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Australians join hunt for King suspect

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) —Australian police are making a nationwide search for James Earl Ray, wanted in the United States on a charge of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Police officials said the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation had cabled that it had information indicating that Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, might have fled to Australia.

Australian police have also begun an intensive examination of all entry documents filed at points of entry since Dr. King's assassination April 4, but officers say nothing positive has turned up.

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King Suspect on FBI Tipoff

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Charged by FBI

Ray has been the object of a massive hunt since April 17 when the FBI charged him with conspiring to violate King's civil rights. Memphis police followed with a murder charge.

The FBI lost all trace of Ray since April 5 when a man answering his description was seen abandoning a white Mustang in a public housing project in Atlanta.

The car, which matched the description of one which fled the murder scene, was registered in the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

King was cut down at a Memphis motel April 4 by a sniper who fired from the window of a sleazy rooming house across from the motel.

Widow to Memphis

Meanwhile, King's widow was slated to return to Memphis today to open the southern poor people's campaign her husband had planned.

Mrs. King is to speak at a rally tonight which will mark the beginning of the campaign — a massive march converging on Washington from several cities.

Also scheduled to arrive here tonight is the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, who took over as president of the Southern Christian Leadership conference upon King's death and who now is directing the poor peoples campaign.

Tomorrow, Mrs. King is to lay a star in the cement balcony at the Lorraine hotel in downtown Memphis. It will mark the spot where her husband was standing when felled by a sniper's bullet.

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FBI Links Atlanta Map With Ray

By Jack Nelson

L.A. Times Special

WASHINGTON — A map of Atlanta with the areas of Dr. Martin Luther King's residence and church circled has been linked to accused assassin James Earl Ray by the FBI, it was learned Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Times learned from an unimpeachable source that the map is part of the FBI's evidence in its civil rights conspiracy case against Ray.

The map tends to support a theory of some investigators that Ray stalked Dr. King for some time before fatally shooting him on April 4 as the civil rights leader stood on a balcony outside his Memphis hotel room.

Murder Charge

The areas circled included the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Auburn Av. in a Negro business area on the eastern edge of downtown Atlanta and the area of Dr. King's residence several miles southwest of downtown Atlanta. Dr. King and his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., served as copastors of the church.

Ray has been the object of a nationwide manhunt since April 17 when the FBI charged him — in a complaint listing him under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt — with conspiring to violate Dr. King's civil

rights. Memphis police followed with a murder charge.

How the FBI obtained the Atlanta map with its markings is not known.

The FBI alleges Ray bought a rifle with telescopic sight in Birmingham March 29. And Jefferson County (Birmingham) Sheriff Mel Bailey has said the killing probably was planned in Birmingham.

No Other Person

Bailey said there was evidence that Ray was in Birmingham the same time as Dr. King last October and November. "He could have laid in

wait on many occasions, waiting for a shot at Dr. King," Bailey said.

Federal investigators, however, apparently favor the theory that Ray did not plan the killing over that long a period of time.

Although the FBI complaint accused the suspect of conspiring in the murder with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," it was learned that the FBI's investigation has turned up little or no evidence that the crime involved more than one person.

The FBI apparently has lost all trace of Ray since between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. (EST) April 5 — 12 to 14 hours after the killing — when a man believed to be him was seen standing in a public housing project in Atlanta.

The car, which matched the description of one which fled the murder scene, was registered in the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

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Reward Funds Could Be Lever In King Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (UPI) — FBI Special Agent Robert Jensen said the \$100,000 in reward money offered for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. might be a "lever" to pry open the case.

"I want to be able to tell our agents if there is a reward and how it can be collected," Jensen said. "It could be a lever they need to get some information."

Jensen is the agent in charge of the Memphis FBI office, the field headquarters in the search for the sniper who killed King April 4 as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel here.

Jensen made the comment while getting information about the reward from the offices here of the Memphis Commercial Appeal and Press-Scimitar.

The newspapers began the reward fund the morning after King's murder. It was doubled later that day when the Scripps-Howard group, owners of both newspapers, matched the newspapers' \$25,000 offer.

The fund grew later when the Memphis City Council appealed for public contributions and underwrote a reward of \$100,000 in the case.

Jensen refused to elaborate on the reward fund's value to the FBI in gaining information during the investigation.

In Atlanta, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said he remains confident "law enforcement will break the case." Clark added, "I had hoped we would have an arrest by this time."

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Brother Appeals To Ray: Give Up In Dr. King Case

By Art Petacque

The person closest to James Earl Ray — his brother Jerry — issued an appeal for him to surrender during an exclusive Sun-Times interview Thursday.

But at the same time, the brother voiced doubts that the nation's most-wanted fugitive is still alive. And Jerry Ray, 32, said other members of his family also fear that the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may be dead.

The brother was interviewed by a Sun-Times reporter in the tiny room he occupies on the grounds of a north suburban country club. He works as a maintenance man at the club.

He's Amazed

When The Sun-Times reporter appeared at his room, Jerry Ray asked in amazement: "How did you find me?"

He said a national magazine had communicated with him

through his Wheeling (Ill.) post office box number and he had replied by mail.

"But I didn't have much to say to them," he said. "They haven't been out here. I didn't think anyone would find me here. I've been keeping my nose clean and I want to stay out of the picture."

"All I ever did was have a post office box number in Wheeling. Despite what has been printed, I have never lived in Wheeling."

Ray said the hunt for his brother has "brought some of the members of my family back together, but it's been real hard on all of us."

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nives I haven't seen in many years and even they didn't know where I was at," he said.

He said he has a sister, Susan, 20, who lives near North Chicago, where her husband manages a restaurant. He said he has not seen her for "many, many years."

'The Most Wanted'

Jerry Ray sipped from a can of beer while sitting on his cot as he described his brother as "the hottest man in the country . . . the most wanted man there ever was."

"If he is still alive," Jerry Ray continued, "I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or to contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements."

Jerry Ray described himself as "the closest person to my brother," but said he hadn't

seen the brother since visiting him in prison last year. That visit was shortly before James Earl Ray escaped from the prison at Jefferson City, Mo., the brother added.

Visited In Jails

Jerry Ray, who also has a long criminal record, said he and James had visited each other several times in jails, and "I only saw him a few times on the outside" in recent years.

Because of his own prison record, Jerry Ray asked the reporter to withhold the name of the north suburban country club where he lives and works. Ray said he is now going straight and fears he would be fired if the club received undesirable publicity.

In discussing the killing of Dr. King, Jerry Ray said he found it difficult to believe his brother pulled the trigger because he "never was a man of violence."

"Check his record of all the trouble he's ever been in, and

you'll find he never fired a gun or pistol-whipped anyone or slapped anyone around," said the brother. "That wasn't his style of his makeup."

'Used' In Conspiracy?

But Jerry Ray conceded his brother could have been "used," as he put it, by persons conspiring to kill Dr. King.

The brother obviously had received a large payoff at some point, Jerry Ray said.

"Look at all the money he came into all of a sudden," he continued. "Buying Mustangs, taking dancing lessons, taking trips to Mexico. Look at the mileage he put on his car. You don't get that kind of money from sticking up grocery stores, and my brother wasn't the kind to stick up currency exchanges."

James Earl Ray never displayed animosity toward Negroes, according to the brother.

"My brother wasn't about to shoot a man because he was colored," he said.

Interest In Wallace

However, Jerry Ray said he and other members of the family had heard of the brother's interest in the political ambitions of segregationist George Wallace, the former Alabama governor.

There was a time, Jerry Ray said, that his brother thought about entering rural politics.

"He got the idea in the service. He always was a good talker."

But James Ray turned to crime rather than politics following his discharge from the Army in 1948.

Asked what caused his brother to go wrong, Jerry Ray said, "It's the old routine—a broken family, poor and in need."

Was the brother a marksman?

Jerry Ray repeated that the brother never fired a pistol in holdups, but he did remember that the brother was familiar with guns, as were most farm boys, during his youth.

Theme Of Death

The theme of death often repeated itself in Jerry Ray's conversation.

He said if the brother

"makes contact with the people who used him, he will be dead."

He also said he feared some "trigger-happy ex-con" might kill the brother "because there's such a big bounty on his head."

And at another point, "If he's still alive, the FBI's going to get him, you can be sure of that."

Jerry Ray said he had reason to respect the investigative work of FBI agents.

Within three minutes after the picture of James Earl Ray was flashed on TV screens as the killer of Dr. King, "the FBI was knocking on my door to question me," the brother said.

'Might Get A Break'

Jerry Ray, a short and muscular man with curly receding hair and sharp features, said he was hopeful that if his brother surrendered and named the others involved in "this razzle-dazzle conspiracy," the brother "might

get a break" from authorities.

There are many aspects of the published reports concerning his brother that confuse him, Jerry Ray said.

"For example, every picture I see of him makes him look different," he said. "And there are reports that seem to show him being in two or three

places at one time."

Again, Jerry Ray speculated that there had been "a giant conspiracy" in which his brother somehow had been "used."

He speculated that the conspirators "somehow got my brother's fingerprints on that gun" that was found near the slaying scene.

But it also appeared that "my brother had to be around" the murder scene, "because they found his car," Jerry Ray said.

A surrender by James Earl Ray would help clear his confusion over the case and might help ease some of the racial problems facing the nation, the brother concluded.



Exclusive Sun-Times photo of Jerry Ray, brother of the fugitive sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Photo was taken in the tiny room Ray occupies on grounds of a north suburban country club.

Feds Doubt Ray Dead, Push Massive Hunt

Federal agents coordinating an international search for James Earl Ray from Washington FBI headquarters doubt that the prime suspect in the April 4 murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King is dead.

The claim that Ray met death from co-conspirators in the murder plot was made in Chicago by Ray's brother, Jerry, a former maintenance worker at a northwest suburban country club.

Investigators believe that someone will eventually collect the more than \$100,000 in reward money offered for Ray's capture.

World-Wide Search

The scope of the search for the escaped Missouri convict and small time Alton, Ill. thief is world-wide. Reports have been investigated that Ray has been seen in Mexico, Australia, Paris, and other places.

Jerry Ray, 32, also an ex-convict, was taken into custody and questioned extensively just hours after his brother was identified as a suspect in the King case.

At first, Jerry was a suspect in the murder. But further investigation revealed that he was working as a maintenance man at Sportsman Country club near Northbrook, where he also had a room, the day King was slain.

Ray used the name Eric

Starvo Galt and introduced a companion who traveled with him as his brother, police said.

Police theorize that the alias Eric Starvo Galt is a compilation of fictional characters. Eric and Starvo are from Ian Flemming's James Bond espionage novels and Galt was the free wheeling hero in Ayn Rand's "Fountain Head."

Jerry, along with the rest of Ray's family, is cooperating with federal authorities and has made a plea for James Earl to surrender.

"Feds. Will Get Him"

"He's the hottest man in the world," Jerry said. "If he's still alive, the 'feds' will get him. Or maybe some trigger-happy, reward hungry ex-convict will shoot him. It would be better if he surrenders."

Jerry does not believe his brother committed the King murder.

"It's not consistent with his record," Jerry said. "He never fired a gun or pistol whipped anyone."

Police feel differently. Federal warrants charge James Earl Ray with the murder of Martin Luther King. As Jerry said, he is the hottest person in the world.

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RAY'S BROTHER IS TRACED HERE

Leaves Job at Suburb Country Club

Jerry Ray, 32, brother of James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has quit his job as a maintenance man in a north suburban golf club, THE TRIBUNE was informed last night.

Ray, who used a Wheeling postoffice address but lived in a room of the Sportsman Country club near Northbrook, quit a day after his photograph appeared in a national magazine, a club official said.

"We don't know where he went," the official said. "He didn't leave a forwarding address. I guess he got tired of being interviewed."

Asks Brother to Give Up
One interview quoted Jerry Ray as calling on his brother to surrender.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents located Jerry Ray shortly after April 19, when fingerprints found on the rifle used to slay King in Memphis April 4 were traced to James Earl Ray, 40, a convict who escaped from the Missouri state prison in Jefferson City, April 23, 1967.

Made Jail Visits

In recent years contact between the brothers had been limited to visiting each other in jail.

Jerry was reported to have said that since his brother was named by the FBI, many of the scattered members of the

Ray family have communicated with each other.

He said that some family members believe James is dead, possibly slain at the hands of fellow conspirators.

The fugitive's younger brother voiced the opinion that if James is alive, he would receive leniency if he were to give himself up.

The brother was said to have described James as a man who was not violent and who had no strong feelings against Negroes. He said that he thought it was likely that James had become a tool of a group intent on killing King and had received money for his part in a scheme.

Cites FBI Report

He pointed to FBI statements which said that James spent large sums of money in several parts of the country over a period of time in which he had no visible means of support.

James used the Wheeling post office address to send letters to his brother.

Jerry was at first a prime suspect because his brother James, who used the alias of Eric Starvo Galt in purchasing the rifle in Birmingham, once introduced another man in his company as "my brother."

However, agents discovered Jerry was in the Chicago area the night a sniper shot felled King as he stood on a balcony of his Memphis motel.

Charged in Conspiracy

James Ray is charged with conspiring "with an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," quoting from the official court document, in the King murder.

The white Mustang James Ray purchased in the name of Galt was found in Atlanta the day after the murder, and had been identified as the car seen speeding from the scene of the murder shortly after the shot was fired.

A streaked white Mustang was seen speeding away from the motel later, said a police source.

by the FBI. During the first half hour of the search for the slayer, Memphis police received a series of mysterious decoy radio transmissions purporting to describe a Memphis police car chasing a white Mustang. Investigation later proved conclusively the chase did not occur.

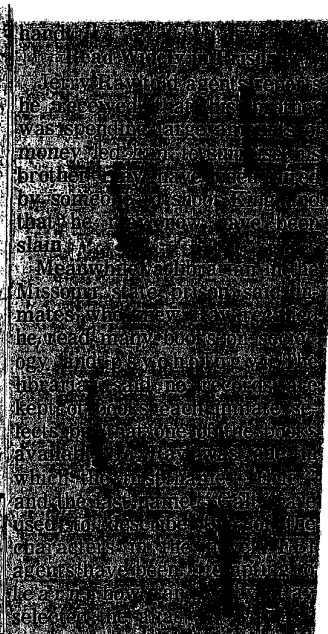
FBI Seeks Information

A reward of more than \$100,000 has been offered for James Earl Ray's apprehension and conviction.

Marlin Johnson, agent in charge of the Chicago office, has asked persons with information as to James Ray's whereabouts to call the FBI

telephone number 431-1333.

James Ray is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right



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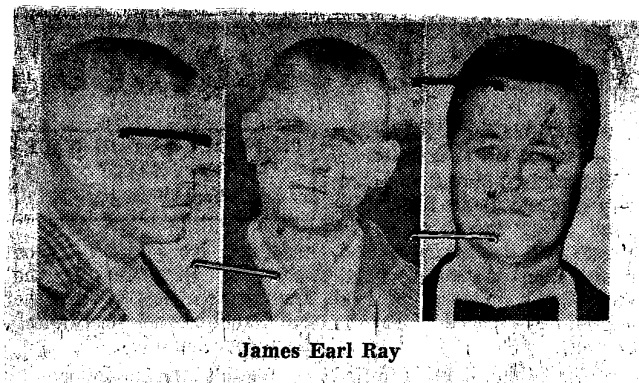
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James Earl Ray

FBI Hunts Ray, Doubts He's Dead

Federal agents coordinating an international search for James Earl Ray from Washington FBI headquarters doubt that the prime suspect in the April 4 murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King is dead.

The claim that Ray met death from co-conspirators in the murder plot was made in Chicago by Ray's brother, Jerry, a former maintenance worker at a northwest suburban country club.

Jerry Ray, 32, also an ex-convict, was taken into custody and questioned extensively just hours after his brother was identified as a suspect in the King case.

Ray used the name Eric Starvo Galt and introduced a companion who traveled with him as his brother, police said.

Police theorize that the alias Eric Starvo Galt is a compilation of fictional characters. Eric and Starvo are from Ian Flemming's James Bond espionage novels and Galt was the free wheeling hero in Ayn Rand's "Fountain Head."

"He's the hottest man in the world," Jerry said. "If he's still alive, the 'feds' will get him. Or maybe some trigger-happy, reward hungry ex-convict will shoot him. It would be better if he surrenders."

Jerry does not believe his brother committed the King murder.

"It's not consistent with his record," Jerry said. "He never fired a gun or pistol whipped anyone."

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Brother Tells Own Hunt For Ray

By Art Petacque

Jerry Ray, brother of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., disclosed to The Sun-Times that he has been actively seeking out the whereabouts of most-wanted fugitive James Earl Ray.

But so far, said Jerry Ray, he has been no more successful in uncovering a lead to his brother than have the thousands of policemen who also are searching for James Ray.

Jerry Ray, interviewed exclusively by The Sun-Times at the north suburban country club where he works as a maintenance man and lives, told of making a two-day trip to St. Louis earlier this week for his sleuthing work.

Visited Sister

He visited a sister, Carol, a St. Louis housewife, and talked to other family members and old friends of the fugitive in that area, Ray said. Among those he contacted were persons James Ray asked about when the brother last visited him in the Missouri state prison at Jefferson City. That visit was about a year ago, shortly before James Ray successfully es-

caped from the prison in a bread truck.

Jerry Ray, who believes his brother may have been "used" by conspirators in the Dr. King murder, speculated that the conspiracy may have included helping him in the prison escape.

"He had tried other escapes and didn't come close to getting out," the brother observed.

Jerry Ray also pointed out that James Ray made no effort to contact members of his family after fleeing the prison.

Financial Help

Previously, James Ray had depended on family members for financial help when he was outside prison walls, the brother noted. This strengthens the theory that James Ray received a substantial payoff of some kind after fleeing prison, according to the brother.

Jerry Ray was interviewed by a Sun-Times reporter Thursday in his one-room living quarters at the country club. A club spokesman said Friday he had taken a short leave of absence from his job to avoid giving further interviews, as he had nothing more to say.

Jerry Ray's investigative

work in search of his brother represented something of a switch for the 32-year-old former convict.

Jerry Ray often has been the object of police hunts during his life of crime. He pointed out during the inter-

view, however, that he has not formed, or as he put it, "I've been keeping my nose clean."

In the interview, Jerry Ray urged his brother to surrender or to contact a member of the Ray family to arrange for a surrender—if he is still alive.

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Is James Earl Ray now dead?

By T. Rowan

WASHINGTON—The entire U.S. intelligence apparatus, including the military and the Central Intelligence Agency, has now become involved in investigating the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Evidence gathered by FBI agents in the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

- That James Earl Ray, the alleged Cuba-Red China plot.
- That the "assassin squad" of the Soviet secret police was somehow involved in the plot.
- That Ray was hired indirectly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

The FBI has had as many as 2,000 men working at one time, in co-operation with hundreds of local policemen and other U.S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead—including the above possibilities—that the assassination was plotted to create internal chaos in the United States.

It should be emphasized that the dominant theory—and hope—among those directing the investigation is still that the killer was a loner who murdered Dr. King out of his own crazy, racist views.

But this theory loses supporters as each day goes by without agents turning up any trace of Ray, who is linked to the murder and murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistics data.

FBI agents believe Ray could not get food and drink for so long a period in this country without being detected.

THIS POINT, added to the now-known fact that Ray had plenty of money, has



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given credibility to the theory that Dr. King's assassin was a hired killer.

A growing fear in FBI circles is that the killer was given \$10,000 with a promise of much more upon completion of the job.

When he returned to his U.S. racist employers for the final payoff, the theory goes, he was slain and his body dumped where agents may never find it.

International intelligence agents have entered the investigation, however, because of Ray's mysterious visits to New Orleans—and certain of his trips out of the country.

The FBI reportedly has pinpointed Ray's movements even to knowing which prostitute he spent which night with in certain countries, but it has not yet produced meaningful evidence of an international plot.

But there is deep suspicion of a Cuba-Red China plot. The assumption is that

if the Cubans had made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the United States, they very likely killed him and dumped him into the ocean.

Totally informed sources say, however, that there is no evidence whatsoever of involvement by the U.S. Communist Party or of any splinter group of U.S. Communists.

ONE SOURCE called the King killing "one of the most baffling cases in memory." He said suspect Ray "just vanished in the face of the damndest FBI manhunt in ages."

He also theorized that the slaying and escape were so smoothly organized that it tends to discredit suspicions of black nationalist involvement—but that "every possibility must be checked."

The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if Dr. King's killer is not found, all sorts of

rumors will arise. Memphis police already have been accused of plotting the murder, and the accusations soon could be hurled at the FBI or other federal agencies.

Some of those directing the investigation are openly hoping that it will turn out to be the work of one man. They fear the explosive repercussions if it turns out that the murderer was a hired killer for white, black or even for a foreign power.

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New Ray photos shown by FBI

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The FBI Tuesday distributed two newly obtained photographs of James Earl Ray, the ex-convict sought in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One was described as "an extremely good likeness."

A candid photograph of Ray, which the FBI said was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California, shows him almost full face in a business suit and tie.

The second photograph, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, also is a candid shot. It shows him in dark glasses wearing what appears to be a white sports shirt.

THE FBI declined to say how the photographs had been obtained. They will be



The picture of James Earl Ray wearing dark glasses was taken in Mexico in November, 1967, while the other photograph (right) was made in California during late January or early February of this year. The photographs were released Tuesday in Washington by the FBI. (AP)

displayed throughout the country along with two other photographs of Ray that appear on the FBI's wanted poster.

One is a photo of Ray at the time he was said to be posing as a man named Eric Starvo Galt, and was taken at the time of his graduation from a bartending school in Los Angeles, early in 1968.

The other photo actually is two likenesses of Ray on the same print—prison photographs taken in 1960 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

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Wanted by FBI

Pictures of James Earl Ray released yesterday by FBI.

Washington, May 7 (AP) — The FBI issued today two more photographs of James Earl Ray, who is sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A spokesman said one of the photos is "considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray."

The one the FBI considers the best was taken in last January or early February of this year somewhere in California. It shows Ray wearing a dark checked jacket, striped tie and button-down collar shirt.

The FBI said the other photo

was taken last November at an undisclosed location in Mexico. It shows Ray wearing dark glasses and a light colored shirt open at the collar.

The two photos confirm what FBI descriptions say — that his weight has been known to vary widely. The Mexican picture disclosed a man with a thin face and pointed chin, much as he appeared in 1960 photos. But the picture taken in California shows him edging up to pudginess, with a clear cleft in his chin.

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NEW RAY PHOTO

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday issued this new picture of James Earl Ray, suspect sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The photograph was made in California last January or early February. (AP)

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Nothing lax in FBI hunt for assassin

By Drew Pearson
and Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and Dr. King were not on good terms — Hoover having publicly branded the clergyman as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking, exhaustive manhunt ever undertaken in the United States. Its agents have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence.

**Drew Pearson
and
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That he has not been found may be due, first, to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill Dr. King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money — and apparently he had — Ray might be

able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and co-operative, but police in the remote areas are not.

WHAT THE FBI has established about Dr. King's assassin is that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle, a bedspread which contained strands of his hair.

Ray broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1,000,000 bounty that supposedly had been offered by a "businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. He bought a white Mustang for cash and drove it from Mexico to Montreal from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns where prices were cheap. In

Los Angeles, he advertised in a hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman."

ALL TOLD, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven

months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been involved in a long list of filling station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner, in some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald.

Note: Ray was the product of a broken home. He was the eldest of eight children. His father deserted Ray's

mother, and various people adopted the children. When the FBI approached the father, they discovered that the elder Ray had not seen his son for 17 years. "I would be the last one he would come to for help," the father said.

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J. Edgar Hoover

FBI TURNS DOWN TIP KING ~~SLAYER~~ SEEN IN SAN JUAN

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 17 (AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation said today a man seen here was not the suspect sought for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI spokesman said investigators checked a report of two girls in Hartford, Conn., that they had seen a man resembling James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, at San Juan International airport last week.

The girls told the FBI the man acted nervous and wanted a ticket for any place in South America and refused an offer of a ticket to Miami.

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Hunt for Ray, Mexico asked

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — A U.S. embassy spokesman Monday said the 17 American consulates in Mexico have been ordered to enlist the aid of Mexican law officers in locating James Earl Ray, wanted in the April 4 assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Conrad Manley, embassy information officer, said he did not know whether similar instructions had been circulated to U.S. consulates in other countries. He said there was no concrete information that Ray, an escaped convict, was in Mexico.

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Cops and FBI Blame Other in Hunt For Killer

The tangle of contradictory theories and the rivalry between local and FBI hunters for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King recall the confusion that followed the killing of President John F. Kennedy. Three weeks have passed and there is still no indication that the government is even on the trail of the assassin.

The confusion that began a day after the killing, with Attorney General Ramsey Clark's repeated statements that the shooting was the act of a "lone" killer and that there was no conspiracy, was compounded as clues, or alleged ones, began to come from all sides.

Now comes word from inmates of Missouri State Penitentiary, where James Earl Ray spent seven years until his escape, that he is not the man whom the FBI indicted under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt. One of Ray's close friends in prison said categorically, according to a New York Times interview, that the man shown in the FBI photograph as Galt is not Ray.

Most amazing was the assertion of Warden Harold R. Swenson of the prison that the FBI did not even come to the penitentiary to check Ray's record and question prisoners for possible helpful information.

"We've got 2,000 prisoners here and none of them recognized him," said the warden.

The inability to find a connection between Galt and Ray recalls the almost unanimous statements from persons in Memphis and Alabama who had contact with him, or saw him at the scene of the killing, that the picture did not resemble the man they knew or saw. The FBI said it had positively identified Ray from its fingerprint file as the man who bore the alias Galt.

The Memphis police, meanwhile, very much on the spot for letting the killer slip through their fingers, are taking the opportunity, much as did the Dallas police, in the Kennedy assassination, to blame the FBI and the

Justice Department for the confusion in the hunt.

"You don't know what to look for," complained William Price, assistant police chief of Memphis, as he noted the many discrepancies in the FBI's descriptions of Ray, Eric Galt.

Police in Birmingham and Atlanta also charge the confusion to the FBI. They have said: Ray at 40 is at least four years older than the man described as Galt; Ray had a Midwestern twang, "Galt" a Southern drawl; Ray was not known as a heavy drinker, "Galt" was, especially of beer and vodka; Ray was sloppy, "Galt" was a neat dresser. "Galt" was reported as spending \$500 on dancing lessons in 1964-65, while Ray was still in prison. Ray was described by prison inmates as very tight on

money, while "Galt" was pictured as a big spender, paying \$2,000 cash for a white Mustang.

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James Earl Ray seen Downstate?

Special to The Daily News

DECATUR, Ill. — A local minister said he and four other persons saw a man who looked like James Earl Ray, 40, sought in connection with the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FBI agents in Springfield declined to comment on the report beyond noting that the agency still checks out scores of possible leads every week.

The Rev. Gordon C. Stewart, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, said the "sporty dressed" man was standing under a lamppost when the center was closed about 10 p.m. Tuesday.

MR. STEWART said the man acted strangely—as if he were under the influence of drugs — and gave different names to the various counse-

lors who tried to find out who he was.

He said the man said nothing significant beyond remarking "it's a very nice thing you have here" about the teen center, in a sarcastic tone of voice. Both Negro and white youths use the center.

THE DISJOINTED conversation went on for about 10 minutes. Then the stranger crossed the street to his car and drove away. Mr. Stewart said the man told several counselors he lived in Peoria.

One of the counselors later thought the man resembled Ray and they went to the police and the FBI.

"He sure looked like the pictures," Mr. Gordon recounted. "He was well dressed — like a man who had just come from a cocktail party. His speech was slurred and his eyes looked odd."

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Dr. King Killing Suspect Ray Seized in London

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Earl Ray, chief suspect in the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr., has been arrested in London, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced today.

Ray, object of an intensive manhunt for two months, was arrested by Scotland Yark detectives as he passed thru British immigration offices for a flight to Brussels, Clark said.

Maximum Security

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray is being held under maximum security conditions on a passport violation.

Hoover said Ray was armed with a fully loaded pistol when taken into custody today.

He was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession, Hoover said.

400,000 Passports Checked

The Royal Canadian Mounted police, checking thousands of Canadian passports got on Ray's trail and notified the FBI and Scotland Yard that he was heading for Britain.

A mounties spokesman said a routine check of passport files was begun when the FBI started looking for Ray.

After going thru about 400,000 passport pictures, the mounties came across one that looked like Ray. In short order, it was discovered that the name with the picture was fraudulent.

Hoover said the search for Ray, named in an FBI complaint as having entered into a conspiracy to shoot King, covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries.

Conspiracy Hinted

It was not explained how Ray, previously described as

poor, obtained the money to travel to Europe. There has been speculation King's murderer obtained aid from conspirators and even might have been a paid assassin.

King's killing sparked racial riots in more than 100 cities.

State Department officials said they expect a formal request to be made of Britain for return of Ray thru the United States-British extradition treaty.

The officials expect Tennessee, the state where a murder indictment was returned against Ray, to initiate the proceedings.

Shot In Memphis

The State Department officials also said they did not know how Ray obtained the Canadian passports.

King, 39, and a 1964 Nobel

Peace Prize winner, was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine motel April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. The fatal shot was fired apparently from a cheap rooming house 205 feet away. King died less than an hour later at St. Joseph Hospital.

A state first-degree murder charge was issued April 17, charging the man then known as Eric Starvo Galt, with "unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought kill and murder King. A federal warrant had already been issued charging him with conspiracy in King's death.

The FBI placed Ray, originally sought as Galt, on its most wanted list April 20, lengthening its usual 10-name roll of dishonor to 11.

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in London

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Ray, object of an intensive manhunt for two months, was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives as he passed through British immigration offices for a flight to Brussels, Clark said.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray is being held under maximum security conditions on a passport violation.

RAY WAS ARMED with a fully loaded pistol when taken into custody at 11:15 a.m.,

London time, Saturday, Hoover said.

He was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession, Hoover added.

Hoover said the search for Ray, named in an FBI complaint as having entered into a conspiracy to shoot Dr. King, covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries. Dr. King, 39 and a 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., when the fatal shot was fired apparently from a cheap roominghouse 205 feet away.

He died of a bullet wound of the neck less than an hour later at St. Joseph Hospital.

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NAB ACCUSED KING SLAYER

London Airport Is Arrest Scene; Pistol in Pocket

Windowless Cell Holds Prisoner in Solitary

BY ARTHUR VEYSEY
[Chief of London Bureau]
[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

LONDON, June 8—James Earl Ray, arrested here today in a world-wide search for the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, American civil rights leader, tonight was the only prisoner in the single row of windowless cells at Cannon Row police station. It is a blackened, solid, fortress-like annex to the recently abandoned Scotland Yard headquarters in the shadow of Big

Ben.

The man who rounded up Britain's Great Train robbers, Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, brought Ray from the airport in an ordinary police patrol car.

Reads His Charges

At the station, a police lieutenant read Ray the charges Butler placed against him—possessing a forged passport and possessing a firearm without a certificate.

The lieutenant warned Ray in British fashion, that anything he would say might be taken down and could be used against him. British law demands that Ray's reply must be kept secret until repeated to a magistrate at Bow Street court near Covent Garden. Court house is a large, old building.

The jail cells all are entered from a hall that runs along the outside wall. The wall is broken only by five long narrow slots, like archery openings in medieval castles, barely wide enough to admit a hand.

Ceiling Is High

Ray's cell is about 9 feet wide and 12 feet long. The walls are of white-glazed brick, the floor of wood. The ceiling is high, and at the top of the rear wall is a sort of skylight opening into a long, narrow air well behind the cells.

The cell has a wooden bench for a bed, planks, and toilet.

In the thick door is a barred peephole, about 3 inches by 12 inches, with a sliding cover.

Tomorrow afternoon, police will move Ray to another cell. This will permit the used one to air out. With no window, door, and only a peephole in the door, cells get stuffy, if long occupied.

The passport and the gun charge were not collar and held Ray until Monday. Ray was in a patrol car brought to Bow Street station.

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that was served to the police working here.

Butler arrived at Cannon Row with Ray without advance notice to the police there.

Under British law, questioning must cease from the moment a person is formally charged with an offense until he appears in court.

As darkness fell, police turned on a pale electric light buried high in the wall of Ray's cell.

People Wander In

In the morning police will let him walk up and down the hall.

As soon as his arrest became known, people wandered in from Downing street and Westminster square and stood looking at the police station. A young bobby, legs spread, took up his position at the station door, exuding pride over the Yard's newest catch.

Superintendent Butler is head of Britain's most famous criminal-chasing outfit, Scotland Yard's Flying Squad. The men don't normally take to the air. The name was applied figuratively to denote the speed with which this set of the Yard's 100 most experienced detectives get onto an important case.

RAY IS CAPTURED

British Arrest Dr. King Suspect

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

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was carrying a 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 those charges Monday. Meanwhile, he is held without bond under maximum security conditions at London's Cannon Row police station.

It was learned that a check of Ray's fingerprints was used in identifying the arrested man as the long-time criminal wanted in Dr. King's murder.

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

Extradition Planned

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.

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 Dr. King was killed as

he stood on the balcony of a motel talking to friends.

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

Appearance Checked

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 unconditionally that he is Ray.

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 was called and the arrest followed.

No Fixed Address

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

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

He had escaped from prison at Jefferson City, Mo., about a year before Dr. 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.

Tip From Canada

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 authorities in the past that fugitives have been able to obtain Canadian pass-

ports too easily.

Hoover praised the co-operation of the Canadian police and Scotland Yard but said Ray's arrest was the direct result of an intensive investigation by the FBI that covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries.

As the trail appeared to grow dim there were complaints from civil rights leaders, particularly followers of Dr. King, that the G-men were not pursuing the investigation vigorously enough. Among law enforcement people there was fear also that Ray had been killed by others involved in a conspiracy to murder Dr. King.

No Plot Verified

A chief source of speculation about the shooting has been that Ray was part of a group that plotted Dr. King's death, but no other persons are known to be involved at this point.

Ray had served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery when he escaped from prison. A fellow inmate at the time said Ray told him he would be willing to kill Dr. King for \$1,000,000.

Ray, the son of a laborer, had a long list of arrests for burglary, vagrancy, driving a car without an operator's license and forgery. He was a man of many aliases, including Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard, Harvey Lowmyer, James Bridge, James Walton, James O'Conner, and now, Ramon George Sneyd.

Hoover said Ray is being held under maximum security

conditions in a London police station. It is expected he will be brought into court by London authorities Monday on the charges of false documentation and carrying a concealed weapon.

Closely Guarded

The State Department said it is not yet clear whether Ray will be brought to trial in the United States or in England.

under a U.S.-British extradition treaty listing murder as one of the crimes for which extradition is authorized.

Ray was reported wearing a sports jacket, flannel trousers, light raincoat and glasses when he deplaned from the Lisbon-Brussels flight at London.

He had checked his luggage through to Brussels when he boarded the plane at Lisbon but got off when the aircraft made a refueling stop in London.

Sure Of Man

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 on to Portugal without stopping in the British capital.

The FBI, with the help of the RCMP, had picked up Ray's trail in Canada and officers satisfied themselves a few days ago that the man bearing a passport in Sneyd's name was, in fact, Ray.

It then became a matter of intercepting the bearer of this passport and immigration authorities were alerted on a wide scale.

The question of how Ray obtained Canadian passports remained something of a mystery.

Ordinarily, a person applying for a Canadian passport must have someone, usually a professional man or banker, swear he has known the applicant for two years. Or the applicant must have a notarized affidavit as to the facts

in his application.

Sneyd, the alias Ray chose, is a name widely known in eastern Ontario. It dates back to British Loyalists who fled during the American Revolution.



This photo seized in Toronto led to the arrest of James Earl Ray in London. Man who had picture taken gave name as Paul Bridgman. Ray had two passports under name of Ramon George Sneyd when arrested. (AP)

Story of How Ray Obtained Passport

[N. Y. Times-Chicago Tribune Service]

New York, June 8—On April 16, 12 days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, a neatly dressed man in dark clothing appeared at the branch office of the Kennedy Travel Bureau, Ltd., in Toronto, Canada.

In an accent that did not at the time sound particularly American, he ordered from the office manager, Miss Lillian Spencer, a 21-day round trip excursion ticket to London on a British Overseas Airway corporation jet.

Altho no one knew it at the time, officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Royal Canadian mounted police now say, that appearance in Toronto marked the beginning of James Earl Ray's flight overseas following Dr. King's death. The flight ended today with Ray's capture in London.

"Nothing seemed out of place then," said Miss Spencer today of the April 16 meeting. "I



[CP Wirephoto]

Ramon George Sneyd

asked him, as I always ask, if he had a Canadian passport. He said no, so I said we'd get it for him.

He told her, she recalled, that his name was Ramon George Sneyd, that he had been born in Toronto, had moved away and was back for three weeks, and

living at 962 Dundas street—in a rooming house, she supposed.

Miss Spencer said the man told her that he did not have a birth certificate, and that, as a recent returnee, he could not find a guarantor who would vouch for having known him two years.

As is routine in such cases, she said, a notary public witnessed the man's statement that he was Sneyd. The notary was Henry Moos, president of the 42-year-old travel agency.

The man appeared May 2, four days before his departure date for London. He paid Miss

Spencer \$35 in cash for the ticket, picked up his passport and left.

Ramon George Sneyd is a Toronto police constable. Why the arrested man chose to adopt the policeman's identity is something the Canadian authorities were unable or unwilling to explain today.

Spokesmen for the external affairs ministry said the Royal Canadian mounted police had interviewed Sneyd, the policeman, and were satisfied he was innocent of any connection with Ray.

A ministry official reported the discovery in Ray's possession a copy of Sneyd's birth certificate. The official said that Ray had convinced the municipal records office in Toronto that he was Sneyd and needed a copy of the certificate.

The Canadian government knows Ray appeared in Lisbon May 16. He said he had lost his passport and was issued another, also in the name of

Sneyd.

According to Canadian government officials, the break in the case came "sometime before" June 1 when the FBI asked Canadian officials to check their passport files.

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How Mounties Found James Ray's Trail

OTTAWA, June 8 (UPI) — A "colossal investigation" by the royal Canadian mounted police led to the arrest in London today of James Earl Ray, accused of the slaying April 4 of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an external affairs spokesman here said.

Ray was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name, one issued in Ottawa and the other at the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

The mounties came across a picture that looked like Ray after going thru 300,000 passport applications — 200,000 in Ottawa and 100,000 in Washington. They quickly discovered that the application was fraudulent.

Find His Trail

Continuing their investigation, they got on the trail of Ray, traced his journeys in Canada and learned that he was heading for Britain and possibly elsewhere in Europe, a mounties spokesman said. They tipped off the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Scotland Yard.

A person applying for a Canadian passport must have someone, usually a professional man, sign a declaration that he has known him for two years,

or else swear an affidavit before a notary public.

The external affairs spokesman said he is not at liberty to say whether Ray had a guarantor on his application or swore an affidavit.

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He said Ray's application was submitted by mail "from a point in Canada" and issued from Ottawa April 24.

The mounties' search of passport files, begun shortly after the FBI started looking for Ray, "took many days," the external affairs spokesman said. Discovery of the fraudulent application was made "some days ago."

Embarrassed officials here did not know that Ray had picked up a second passport at the embassy in Lisbon May 16, again using the Sneyd identity.

Recall Past Complaints

There have been complaints to the government in the past that foreigners have been able to obtain Canadian passports too easily.

The government has tried to tighten up the procedures for obtaining them, but an external affairs department official said it was difficult to deny a person a Canadian passport when he presented an application properly notarized by a qualified, responsible sponsor.

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Ray Never Overcame Family Environment

Alton, Ill., June 8 (UPI) — The life of James Earl Ray, the man accused of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is written in police records and reports of social workers.

Ray's arrest in London today climaxed a childhood of poverty, a young manhood of petty crime and social failure, and an adult life spent mostly in prisons or on the run.

The last episode began Dec. 12, 1967, when Ray escaped from the Missouri state penitentiary at Jefferson City by hiding inside a bread truck. He was serving a 20-year sentence for the armed robbery of a St. Louis grocery.

Nicknamed "The Mole"

Since his escape, "The Mole," a nickname given Ray by fellow prison inmates after two unsuccessful escape attempts, apparently has traveled almost unceasingly using various names. And, it was that way in the beginning, too, only then it was an attempt to run away from poverty.

Ray was born in this Mississippi river town on March 10, 1928, the first child of James Ray, a railroad worker and tenant farmer, and Marjorie Ray. He was named after an uncle, Earl Ray, who was serving an eight-year prison term for assault with intent to kill.

Brother, Sister Die

The family moved up the river valley to Ewing, Mo., where James dropped out of school in the 10th grade after being caught stealing the school's hot lunch funds, and then over to Quincy, Ill., on the river's edge.

During this period, the father disappeared, one sister burned

to death when her dress caught fire while playing, and a brother was killed in an automobile accident.

At Quincy, a social worker wrote this thumbnail sketch of the family environment:

"The mother drank. The father absconded. The children grew up in a red light district."

It was a background that James was never able to overcome, altho some of his brothers and sisters did. One brother operates a tavern in St. Louis, a married sister lives in a Chicago suburb, and a brother was a groundskeeper at a Chicago area golf club. Another sister lives in a hotel in Quincy. The mother died nine years ago.

Inept in Army

A stint in the army apparently was the turning point in the life of James. He enlisted in 1946 and was discharged in 1948 "due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service." His army record shows a three-month sentence at hard labor for "being drunk and breaking arrest."

Ray returned to Illinois where he bought a car, only to have it repossessed, and then went to Los Angeles where he made the police blotter in 1949. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail for trying to steal a typewriter from a cafeteria.

In 1952, he was sentenced to two years in prison for the \$11 armed robbery of a Chicago cab driver and was in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., from 1955 to 1958 after being convicted of forging postal money orders. Less than a year after his release he was arrested for the St. Louis grocery holdup.

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BROTHER 'HOPED RAY WOULD GET AWAY'

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The brother of James Earl Ray, accused of murdering the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said yesterday, "I hoped he would get away," after he learned of Ray's capture in London.

John Larry Ray, 34, who operates a tavern in St. Louis, was reached by phone shortly after United States Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced in Washington that James Earl Ray, the object of a massive manhunt for the last 2 months, was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives when he attempted to pass thru British customs.

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Suspect in Dr. King slaying seized in London

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WASHINGTON — James Earl Ray, a fugitive convict accused of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. April 4, was arrested in London yesterday as he was about to fly to Belgium, the FBI announced.

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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.

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Ray was travelling on two Canadian passports at the time of his arrest.

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

It was learned that a check of Ray's finger prints was used in identifying the arrested man as the long-time criminal wanted for King's murder in Memphis.

The arrest was made at 5:15 a. m. Chicago time.

Ray was wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny King his civil rights and on a 1st-degree murder indictment returned in Memphis.

It is expected that extradition will be sought on the more serious charge of murder, but the formal indictment is unlikely to be lodged with London authorities before tomorrow.

MEMPHIS OFFICIALS hailed the arrest and said Ray will be brought to trial as soon as possible.

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It was learned here 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 without stopping in the British capital.

The FBI, with the help of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, picked up Ray's trail in Canada, and officers satisfied themselves a few days ago that the man bearing a passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd was Ray. The R. C. M. P. had gone thru about 400,000 passport pictures before finding one that looked like Ray.

Ordinarily a person applying for a Canadian passport must have someone, usually a professional man or banker, swear he has known the applicant for 2 years. Or the applicant must have a notarized affidavit as to the facts in his application.

Authorities at Ottawa said Ray had no formal sponsor on his application.

A Washington source said, however, that Ray gave the name Paul Bridgeman of Toronto as a reference on his application.

An inquiry showed no Paul Bridgeman at the Toronto address given, but Paul Bridgeman is the name of one of Ray's fellow prisoners at the Missouri penitentiary. Ray himself apparently used this name while hiding out in Toronto before his flight to London.

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THIS photo, seized by police in Toronto led to the arrest of James Earl Ray in England. The photo was taken from a photo studio.

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As is routine in such cases, she said, a notary public witnessed the man's statement

that he was Sneyd. The notary was Henry Moos, president of the travel agency.

The man appeared May 2, 4 days before his departure date for London. He paid Miss Spencer \$345 in cash for the ticket, picked up his passport, and left.

He arrived in London on May 6 and flew to Lisbon May 7 on a British European Airways flight.

On May 16 he obtained another passport from the Canadian embassy in Lisbon under the same name, saying that he had spoiled his original passport. Both passports were in his possession when he was arrested.

Ray was apparently in Lisbon from May 7 until yesterday morning.

The real Sneyd is a Toronto policeman, who has said that he has never heard of James Earl Ray.

Ray apparently applied for and obtained a duplicate birth certificate, using Sneyd's identity. With this and passport photos that were made in a Toronto shop, he was able to receive a passport thru the Toronto travel agency.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., head of the criminal division of the justice department, left last night 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."



CROWDS gather outside Cannon Row police station in London after hearing report that James Earl Ray had been arrested.

King Suspect Capture Ends Vigil Here

The Chicago area came under close scrutiny by federal agents twice during the 65 day man-hunt for James Earl Ray seized yesterday in London for conspiracy to murder Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On April 11, a week after King was slain in Memphis, the Federal Bureau of Investigation asked the Illinois state police to broadcast a lookout for a white Mustang that Ray had purchased while using the alias, Eric Starvo Galt. But three hours later, the request was withdrawn. There was no explanation then nor has there been one.

Search Rooming Houses

Early in the week of April 14, THE TRIBUNE received reports of increased activity by FBI agents in the Chicago area, particularly in searching rooming houses and checking occupants along Wilson and Fullerton avenues.

On April 19, the reason for this became obvious. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced that finger print comparisons disclosed that James Earl Ray was the real name of the man they were seeking.

Before the announcement was made, agents had fanned out thru the nation, contacting every relative or acquaintance of Ray. This included his brother, Jerry, 32, found working as a groundskeeper on a north suburban golf course.

Brother Is Absolved

Jerry was at first considered a suspect because James Earl Ray had once during the conspiracy with which he is charged introduced another man as "my brother." Jerry was found not to be the man and was able to establish that he had been in the Chicago area all of the time.

Jerry never was under any



[TRIBUNE Staff Photo]

James Earl Ray being interviewed by reporters after he was wounded by police during robbery attempt here in 1951.

compulsion to do so but he never moved without telling the FBI about it and when he did move, an agent moved with him. This was in case brother James decided to contact brother Jerry.

Agents were aware that James knew the Chicago area

well. He had worked here for nearly two years 1950 and 1951 and was arrested for the armed robbery of a taxi driver in 1952. At that time he was living in a rooming house on Fullerton avenue.

Begged for Leniency
He pleaded guilty and begged

for probation, promising that if it was granted, he would never become involved with the law again. Chief Justice Walter F. Crowley of Criminal Court sentenced him to one to two years in prison and he served his time in the Joliet and Pontiac prisons.

With James Earl Ray's photo in the newspapers and on television, the FBI kept the pressure on in the United States with the aid of other federal agencies, especially the postal inspectors and the naturalization and immigration service while investigating the possibility he had fled the country.

Hundreds of agents were dispatched to Mexico to work with Mexican police on searches there. But from almost the very beginning of the international search, the search leaders were convinced he had fled to Canada and might use a forged passport to leave North America.

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Ray's Brother Learns Of Arrest, Leaves His Job Here

By Art Petacque

Jerry Ray, a brother of the accused slayer of Martin Luther King Jr., hurriedly left his job at a suburban Northbrook golf club Saturday following the capture of James Earl Ray in London.



JERRY RAY

Fellow workers at Sportsman Country Club said Ray departed in his old auto immediately after the broadcast of the first radio bulletin telling of his brother's arrest.

The workmen said he apparently was headed for the St. Louis area, where several other members of the Ray family live.

Jerry Ray, 32, an ex-convict, told The Sun-Times in an exclusive interview on May 2 that he and other members of the family, none of them well-to-do, would do everything possible to help the accused assassin if he was found alive.

During that interview, Ray issued a public appeal for his brother to surrender.

Jerry Ray, who described himself as "the person closest to my brother," also said during the interview that he believed there had been "a

giant conspiracy" in which his brother somehow had been "used."

Ray worked as a night janitor in the clubhouse at the country club on Dundee Rd. At the time of the interview, he lived on the country club grounds in a shabby single room. But fellow workmen said he had been living off the club grounds recently.

Ray asked The Sun-Times reporter not to disclose the name of the golf club at the time of the interview because he feared he would lose his job, and this newspaper respected his wishes.

However, other publications in rewriting the exclusive Sun-

Times story added the name of the golf club.

The management of the club reported shortly after The Sun-Times printed the interview that Ray no longer worked there. However, it was learned that he continued in his employment there.

A spokesman for the golf club said Saturday he didn't know where Ray had gone.

"I suspect he'll be low for a few days now that this (the capture of the brother) has happened," the spokesman said.

Jerry Ray, during the interview, indicated to the reporter that if James Earl Ray were

captured, he would try to talk to the brother and urge him to tell the full story of his involvement, if any, in the Dr. King slaying.

Another brother of Ray said Saturday he was "surprised" that Ray was captured in London and added he hopes Ray "lives to stand trial," the Associated Press reported from St. Louis.

"If my brother did kill King, he did it for a lot of money. He didn't do anything if it wasn't for money. And those who paid him won't want him sitting in a courtroom telling everything he knows," said John Larry Ray, 34, operator of a St. Louis tavern.

John Ray insisted that James is not a member of any racist group.

John Ray was the last family member to see James before the elder brother escaped from the Missouri prison in April, 1967. He said he and brother Jerry were the closest to James of all the 10 sisters and brothers.

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FBI Identifies Man as Ray; Had Passports

BY RUSSELL FREEBURG
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, June 8 — James Earl Ray, chief suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested in London this morning.

The announcement of his detention was made here by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Ray was arrested at London airport by officials of Britain's Scotland Yard as he passed thru British immigration offices for a commercial flight to Brussels, Belgium.

Sought Since April 20

Ray, 40, an Illinois native and fugitive from the Missouri state penitentiary, had been sought since last April 20, the day he was identified as the "Eric Starvo Galt" wanted in the slaying of King in Memphis 16 days earlier.

The arrested man's fingerprints were checked against Ray's and found to be identical, the FBI said.

Hoover said in a statement that Ray was detained by officers of Scotland Yard while he was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession.

Maximum Security Conditions

One passport had been issued at Ottawa last April 24 and the other on May 16 by the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

Ray is being detained in England under British law on his use of the fraudulent passports and also for carrying a concealed weapon. Hoover said that Ray was carrying a loaded pistol in his pocket when detained.

The FBI chief said Ray is in London's Cannon Row police station under maximum security conditions. Government legal authorities here indicated it would take at least a week before Ray could be returned to the United States.

The United States has an extradition treaty with Britain in murder cases. A first-degree murder indictment was returned by the Shelby county grand jury in Memphis last May 7.

A justice department spokesman said that Asst. Atty. Gen. Fred Vinson Jr., head of the department's criminal division, left tonight for London to review on behalf of the United States the custody, protection and expeditious return of Ray to this country.

King's widow was told of Ray's arrest while she was attending funeral services in New York City for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. She had no comment.

Announced to Campers

Ray's arrest was announced over the public address system at Resurrection City, the campsite of the poor people's campaign that King had conceived and was organizing when he was killed.

"We are happy he has been caught if he is the man," said Hosea Williams, director of campaign demonstrations.

Officials here refused to speculate whether Ray is guilty, acted alone or a part of a conspiracy. There are no

indications that he was traveling with anyone. How he financed his travels following the King slaying will be investigated.

Expect Return to Memphis

Ray is believed to have gone to Canada shortly after King's murder. In particular, Hoover singled out the outstanding cooperation received from the royal Canadian mounted police and from New Scotland Yard. The FBI chief said Ray was located on information given by the FBI to New Scotland Yard.

Eventually, Ray is expected to be returned to Memphis for trial.

Officials here said it was easy for Ray to travel into Canada since no American passport is needed to cross the border between the United States and Canada.

Fits Ray Description

Chief Inspector Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard told newsmen in London:

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

Altho Butler went no further than that in saying the man arrested is Ray, the FBI statement said unconditionally that he is Ray. It did not provide

details on how the identification was verified.

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

Produce Massive File

The FBI produced a massive file on Ray's activities up to the time of King's slaying and gathered information from various sources.

mystery and confusion at the man's death which seemed to have the gunman in the shooting of King played a

tradition information. For example, some said the man was in his late 30s, contrast to Ray's age of

A chief source of speculation about the shooting was that Ray was part of a group that plotted King's death, care, but no other persons known to be involved at point.

Ray had served a term of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery, was capped from prison and inmate at the time he told him he would be paid to kill King for a million dollars.

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Chief Inspector Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard.



Ray Then and Now

James Earl Ray after arrest in 1959 [left], and in recent photograph [right] seized by Canadian police.

MEMPHIS ACTS TO SPEED TRIAL OF JAMES RAY

Memphis, Tenn., June 8 (AP)—Police Director Frank Holloman, elated over the London capture of James Earl Ray, said today immediate steps will be taken to return him here to stand trial for murder in the sniper slaying 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 United States-British extradition treaty, on a federal conspiracy charge, or under a Tennessee indictment for first-degree murder.

Under the latter charge, 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 jailing 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.

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

"Great! I'm just delighted," Loeb said. "This is good news. I hope justice will be done. Anything that the city can do

to see that the culprit is brought to justice will be done."

King, the leading civil rights advocate of nonviolence, was shot by a sniper as he stood on a motel balcony April 4. He was preparing to lead a demonstration on behalf of 1,300 striking city garbage collectors.

The long walkout was settled with the help of a Presidential mediator, soon after King's death—and the workers, most of them Negroes, now are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"I hope he is safely brought to local authorities where he can be completely interrogated," said Gerald Fannion, West Tennessee director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

Police Director Holloman, former head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here, said the FBI and the Memphis police department had worked in close cooperation on the case.

"We are hopeful James Earl Ray will be brought to Memphis at the earliest possible date to stand trial for murder," Holloman said. "He will receive a fair and impartial trial."

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Edwin Berry comments

'May solve other killings'

By L. F. Palmer Jr.

THE CAPTURE of the suspect in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "may lead to information that will shed light on some other killings," said Edwin C. Berry, executive director of the Chicago Urban league.

Declaring that he was "delighted" to learn that James Earl Ray had been nabbed in London, Berry said:

"This may mean that we'll get some answers to some questions. The most signifi-

cant thing on everyone's mind is whether that man acted alone or in concert with others to assassinate Martin.

"I do not pretend to prejudge anything, but Ray was too elusive a character and went far away. It seems he'll be able to shed some light on Martin's assassination and solving that one may lead to information that will shed light on some other killings."

JOHN McDERMOTT, director of the Catholic Interracial council, cautioned that

"we should keep our cool" following the arrest of Ray.

"Nothing can bring Dr. King back. We will remain faithful to Dr. King's memory and for what he and Robert F. Kennedy 'stood,'" McDermott said.

"We must see to it that Ray is given every protection of the law which presumes innocence until guilt is proven. I am glad the principal suspect has been captured and I hope justice will be done but we must all remain calm."

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TOWER TICKER

By *Herb Tuon*

In the early news reports on the capture of suspected [Dr. King] assassin, James Earl Ray [at a London airport], there was emphasis on much big money being found in his possession. Then that part of the story was scuttled. How much was it, FBI? This would sure'n all heck indicate a conspiracy and pay-off in the Dr. ~~Martin~~ Luther King killing.

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