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DISCOVER RAY HELD A JOB IN WINNETKA

Worked 2 Months in Restaurant

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James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spent two months working in a north shore restaurant shortly after his escape from the Missouri state prison, The Tribune learned yesterday.

The disclosure by the owners of a Winnetka restaurant to Winnetka police supplied FBI



Mrs. Harvey Klingeman

eral Bureau of Investigation agents with the missing link in Ray's whereabouts from the time of his escape from prison on April 3, 1967, to April 4, 1968, when Dr. King was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

Tell of Phone Calls

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, owners of the Indian Trail restaurant at 507 Chestnut st., also told FBI agents that Ray

received "two or three" phone calls at the restaurant during the week before he quit his job as a food server.

In addition, both Mrs. Klingeman and her sister, Elizabeth Struve, reported that on the day he left, an unidentified man appeared at the back door of the restaurant and spoke to Ray for several minutes. Neither of the women could identify the man.

The Klingemans did not learn that their former employee was Ray until mid-August when they were approached by a writer for a national magazine who was commissioned by Ray to write his life story.

Used Another Name

The couple then notified Winnetka police. The police reported the information to the FBI. Agents interviewed them on Aug. 24. It was at this interview that the agents disclosed that the Klingemans' information "supplied the missing link" to Ray's whereabouts shortly after his prison escape.

Eight pay checks given Ray and later indorsed by him while in the Klingemans' employment

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and the application he filled out to obtain the job were turned over to the FBI. Mrs. Klingeman said she later learned that Ray supplied his own social security number, but gave her an alias when he applied for the job of dishwasher.

Given a Better Job

Ray used the name of John L. Rayns when he applied for the job on May 3, 1967. He remained there until June 24, 1967. The Klingemans were pleased with his work and shifted him to the job of food server where his salary was increased from \$103 to \$117.50 a week.

Mrs. Klingeman, who does the hiring, noted that Ray was clean shaven, neatly dressed, and courteous when he first appeared at the restaurant. He told her he had worked aboard a ship and had kitchen experience in the army in Germany.

Authorities said earlier that Ray had more than \$300 with

Missouri prison. FBI agents also found Ray's brother, Jerry, 32, working as a groundskeeper at a country club 22 miles from the restaurant.

Mrs. Klingeman recalled that Ray was a quiet, uncomplaining man who performed well on a difficult and tedious job.

She also noted that he had trouble with his feet when he applied for the job. According to Mrs. Klingeman, investigators told her that the foot injuries apparently occurred as Ray hitchhiked and walked to Chicago after his escape from the prison in Jefferson City.

Left After Phone Call

Mrs. Klingeman recalled that Ray was called to a phone on June 24 and a short time later the mysterious man appeared at the kitchen door. That was Ray's last day on the job.

"Altho he was a very quiet man, he seemed preoccupied," Mrs. Klingeman said.

The following day, Ray failed to report for work. A few days later, the Klingemans received a letter from their employee, postmarked Quincy, Ill. It stated:

"I have been offered a job on a ship so will take it. I guess George will be back this week so everything will be alright. If I have any pay coming just send it to the address below and they can send it wherever I am." It was signed John L. Rayns, and included a postoffice box number in Winnetka.

Mailed Check to Him

The next day, Harvey Klingeman mailed a check for \$94.50 to Rayns in care of the postoffice box.

Less than a year later, when the FBI released photos of Ray

as a suspect in the King murder, neither the Klingemans nor their 72 employees connected Ray as Rayns. Ray's photo was on display in the village postoffice, just across the street from the restaurant.

The Klingemans both noted that "the description on the photo in the postoffice just didn't fit that of Rayns."

However, the couple were

shown several photos of Ray by the FBI and identified him as the person they knew as Rayns.

Awful Waste of Life

Mrs. Klingeman stated:

"We feel terrible to have brought a former convict and accused murderer into our restaurant to work. He fit in with our other valued employees."

I'm even more distressed about the tragic loss of two lives."

"First, the awful waste of Ray's life. I'm sure there is good in him. I've hired at least 1,000 employees over the last 35 years and thought myself a good judge of people."

"If this man had been given proper guidance and some kindness and concern, instead of kicks and rebuffs from the time he was a child, who knows? Our country might have been spared the irreparable loss of Dr. King, whom my husband and I so sincerely admired."

Ray knew the Chicago area well. He had worked here for nearly two years, in 1950 and 1951, and was arrested for the armed robbery of a cab driver in 1952.



James Earl Ray in manacles upon return to Tennessee. him when he escaped from the



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Where Ray Worked

Indian Trail restaurant, 507 Chestnut st., Winnetka, where James Earl Ray worked for two months after his escape from Missouri state prison.

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George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert here, has been named as a probable violator of a strict pre-trial publicity ban in the case of James Earl Ray, indicted in the murder of Martin Luther King. A committee of lawyers appointed by a Memphis judge to help enforce the order has written Attorney General Ramsey Clark asking that Mr. Bonebrake appear for a hearing. Apparently Mr. Bonebrake made some comments about Ray's fingerprints at a seminar in Wichita, Kans., last month.

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(RAY)

MEMPHIS, TENN.--CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE WAS TOLD TODAY THAT A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO AN FBI FINGERPRINT EXPERT IN WASHINGTON WAS PROBABLY IN VIOLATION OF HIS ORDER RESTRICTING PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY IN THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY.

THE SEVEN-LAWYER COMMITTEE BATTLE APPOINTED TO AID IN ENFORCING THE ORDER FILED A REPORT STATING THAT FBI AGENT GEORGE BONEBRAKE WAS IN PROBABLE CONTEMPT OF THE ORDER, WHICH PROHIBITS ATTORNEYS IN THE CASE AND THEIR AGENTS FROM TALKING ABOUT POTENTIAL EVIDENCE.

A COPY OF THE REPORT AND A PETITION FOR A SHOW CAUSE ORDER WERE FORWARDED TO ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK IN WASHINGTON, THE COMMITTEE SAID.

BONEBRAKE COMMENTED ON HIS ROLE AS A FINGERPRINT EXPERT IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BEFORE A POLICE SEMINAR IN WICHITA, KAN. THE COMMENTS WERE REPORTED IN THAT CITY'S NEWSPAPER.

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(FBI)

MEMPHIS--WITH THE MURDER TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AWAY, AN FBI AGENT FROM WASHINGTON HAS BEEN NAMED AS A PROBABLE VIOLATOR OF A STRICT PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY ORDER.

A COMMITTEE OF SEVEN LAWYERS, NAMED BY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE PRESTON BATTLE TO AID IN ENFORCING THE ORDER, REPORTED THAT GEORGE BONEBRAKE, AN FBI FINGERPRINT EXPERT, PROBABLY VIOLATED THE ORDER IN COMMENTS HE MADE IN WICHITA, KAN. IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

THE COMMITTEE SAID BECAUSE BONEBRAKE IS OUTSIDE THE COURT'S JURISDICTION ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT BONEBRAKE SUBMIT VOLUNTARILY TO A HEARING.

BONEBRAKE'S COMMENTS, ABOUT FINGERPRINTS FOUND IN THE INVESTIGATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DEATH, WERE PUBLISHED BY THE WICHITA DAILY BEACON FOLLOWING A POLICE SEMINAR. THE STATEMENTS WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IN ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS HERE OCT. 16 AND 17.

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