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The Lorraine Motel... Moneymaker, Memorial To Martin Luther King, Jr. Or Both?

BY LLOYD SHEARER

MEMPHIS, TENN.
Three months ago this week the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was gunned down outside Room 306 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, this city.

Fired from a flophouse at 418½ South Main Street, 65 yards opposite and five yards north of the motel, the bullet from a Remington big-game 30.06 caliber rifle (catalog cost \$139.95) shattered Dr. King's jaw, penetrated his throat, severed his spinal cord.

Death was instantaneous.

The charismatic leader and co-founder of the ten-year-old Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a non-violent civil rights organization, died at

6:01 on the evening of April 4, 1968. He was 39, the third Negro, and at age 35, in 1964, the youngest man to have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Three hours later that same evening, Mrs. Loree Catherine Bailey, 58, owner of the Lorraine Motel, suffered a stroke. She fell into a coma, was taken to the Baptist Hospital, died the night of April 9. Mrs. Bailey was an intelligent, thrifty

Her husband, Walter "Bill" Bailey, ten years her junior, survives her. Currently he finds himself in a most perplexing dilemma.

Bailey who works as a porter for the Downtown Holiday Inn here—he averages \$20 a day in tips—is the remaining

owner of the Lorraine Motel and doesn't know what to do with it.

"I am sitting on a goldmine," he recently told me, "a potential goldmine. That's what this motel is. And no one wants to help me. All they want to do is to exploit me!"

"This motel where Dr. King was killed by all rights should become a hallowed shrine. It's already become a shrine," he declared. "Why, I get thousands of people coming here, driving by here every week. 'Where did it happen?' they all ask. 'Where did it happen?'"

"Dr. King was shot on the balcony outside his room, Number 306. A double room. It rents for \$13 a day, only we never charged him for it. Never charged him. My wife, may she rest in peace, she

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wouldn't hear of it. To her, Martin King was something special, very special.

"Now Martin's become a martyr. On Memorial Day last month we had this marble plaque in his honor set in the window of 306. I honestly think that Room 306 will go down in history as the most famous motel room in the world.

"I'm telling you, man, the Lorraine Motel has already become one of the most famous tourist attractions in Memphis. And saddest part of it all, I just don't know what to do about it. Just don't know what path to follow."

Bailey's major conflict is that there is a mortgage on the Lorraine Motel for \$240,000, "and I've got to meet those payments. I've got money worries, but I don't want people to accuse me of com-

mercializing Dr. King's death. Some of the schemes I've been offered! You wouldn't believe 'em."

One entrepreneur wanted to construct a cable car line or a monorail between the flophouse and the Lorraine balcony, call it "Bullet's Flight" and sell rides for \$1 per passenger.

Another suggested that Bailey insert into the door of Room 306 a neon sign, "Martin Luther King slept here," then rent out the room for \$100 a night.

A third suggested guided tours of the motel, at \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children.

"All I know," says Bailey, "is that if I continue to have anything to do with it, Room 306 will never again be occupied by mortal man. That room belongs to the memory and honor of Martin Luther King, and that's that.

"My problem is, how do I share that memory with the public? What I have in mind—and here's where I need some good advice—maybe I can get it from W.D. Ingram [Ingram, on today's PARADE cover with Bailey, is a former mayor of Memphis, trusted and respected by the city's Negroes]—what I have in mind is to concrete the swimming pool and erect a canopy over it, construct a kind of combination chapel and museum. Into it I'd like to put a pulpit, the Bibles used by Dr. King, maybe statues of Jesus and all the disciples.

"Then up in Room 306 I'd like to con-

struct bookcases. My wife was a great reader. That's why she was so intelligent. She left me about 1500 books. I'd like to line the wall with bookcases. Then I'd like a special little glass case for her two rings. When we were married 32 years ago, I bought these rings, cost \$19.75, 50 cents down and 75 cents a week. We also bought her a watch for \$29.75. She loved that jewelry just out of sentiment's sake. I'd like to show it, also lay out the clothes she was wearing when she suffered her stroke.

"She was the one who got the idea for the Lorraine. In 1945 we bought it for \$18,000 with a \$5,000 down payment. Then four years ago we added on the motel part, and that cost \$240,000. We got some other property on Advance and Third Street, and here's what I'd really like to do.

"We've got 16 rooms on the second floor of the motel, running along the balcony where Dr. King was shot. I'd like to turn those rooms into individual shrines for the leading people, black and white, killed in the civil rights cause. Each room would contain their personal belongings. The downstairs rooms I'd continue renting out as a motel under the name 'The King-Lorraine.'

"What I'm really hoping is that some organization like Holiday Inns—they're based right here in Memphis, and Mr. Kemmons Wilson is the big boss, and he really knows the business—what I'm

hoping is that some outfit like that go in with me and construct on our Third Street property a brand new motel called the King-Lorraine. Then we could bus people back and forth between there and the King-Lorraine shrine.

"If Holiday Inns don't go for the idea, maybe Sheraton, Hilton, or Travelodge, or some of those others can see the possibilities. Because I am telling you, man, sooner or later, all the black people and millions of whites in the United States are going to come to Memphis to see where Martin Luther King was shot. You can't stop 'em. They're curious.

"Tourists used to come to Memphis to see the Mississippi River and Beale Street, but I feel the King-Lorraine can

become an even bigger attraction.

"It's sad to say, but everyone is trying to make a buck on Martin's death. There are paperback books and special magazines and bronze busts and records, tapes, coins, watchfobs, key rings. I don't know if Mrs. King is getting a single cent in royalties or anyone is contribut-

ing to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, but whatever I—I sure have in mind that a percentage of the profits goes to the Conference.

"People sure are funny, however. I got me a Polaroid camera a few weeks ago. I figured it would be a good idea to take snapshots of tourists who were coming here to look at the spot, to pose them on the balcony. You know what? After I paid for the camera, paid for the film, they wanted the photos as free souvenirs.

"No, sir. It takes know-how to capitalize on this site. That's why I hope some big outfit will go into partnership with me and do the whole thing right with dignity and respect.

"I don't want any kind of a carnival atmosphere, setting up concessions where we're selling booklets and hamburgers and Martin Luther King trinkets. Mrs. Bailey wouldn't have gone for anything like that.

"My wife was a woman of character. Only like I say. She's not here anymore, and I've got to meet the payments."

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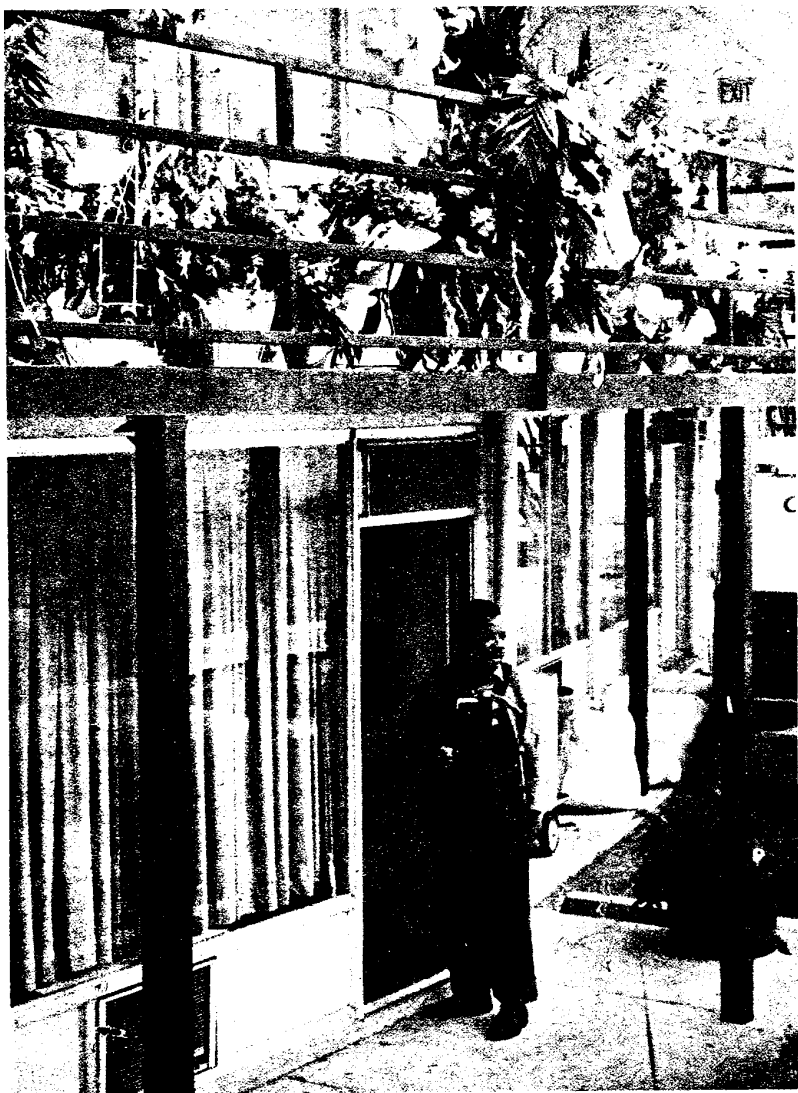
Walter "Bill" Bailey (r), owner of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis where Martin Luther King, Jr. met his death. With him, in room occupied by King, is lawyer William Ingram, Jr., former mayor of Memphis whom Negroes regard as a friend.



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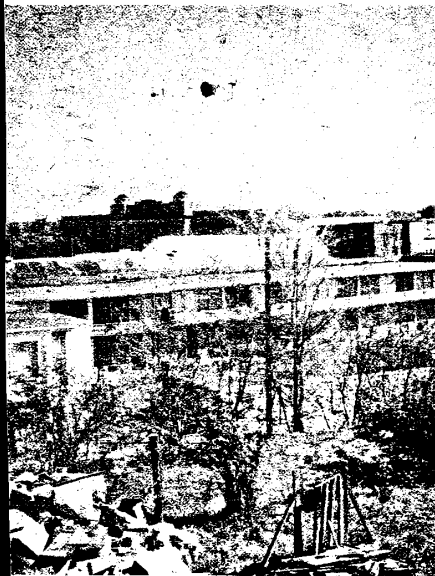
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Martin Luther King's brother, the Rev. Albert Daniel King, occupying room 206 at Lorraine Motel, stands beneath the balcony where his brother was assassinated.

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At left: the Lorraine Motel as seen from the flophouse where assassin fired the



rifle shot that killed King. At right: close-up of balcony in front of King's room.

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King Witness Is in Memphis, Paper Says C-21

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 28 (AP)—Charles Q. Stevens, a key witness in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is in Memphis, the Press-Scimitar said today.

Furthermore, the newspaper quoted an informed but unidentified source as saying that Stevens was not being held in protective custody. It did not elaborate on its findings.

FBI officials and Police Director Frank Holloman declined to comment on the whereabouts of Stevens, 46, and three other possible witnesses in the case.

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LONDON--A WOMAN WITH A "TWANGY" AMERICAN VOICE, A BRUSQUE MALE TELEPHONE CALLER AND A MAN COMPANION ON A HOTEL SEARCH REMAINED ENIGMAS FRIDAY IN THE LONDON SAGA OF JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY'S EXTRADITION HEARING IN BOW STREET MAGISTRATES' COURT THURSDAY

PRODUCED TESTIMONY AND AFFIDAVITS OBTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SAID LINKED HIM TO THE KING SLAYING. IT FAILED TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON A CONSPIRACY BETWEEN RAY AND OTHERS IF INDEED THERE WAS SUCH A PLOT.

NOTHING WAS DISCLOSED WHICH MIGHT CLEAR THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING RAY'S SOJOURNS IN LISBON AND LONDON OR WHERE AND HOW HE OBTAINED THE MONEY TO SUSTAIN A TRIP TO EUROPE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

STILL UNKNOWN WERE THE IDENTITIES OF AT LEAST THREE PERSONS WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE EITHER TRIED TO TELEPHONE HIM IN LONDON OR WHO WERE SEEN WITH HIM ON LONDON STREETS.

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CALCUTT DESCRIBED THE CRIME AS "THE WORKING OF A SINGLE HAND."

THE BARRISTER SAID THE SLAYING WAS A "BITTER IRONY."

"KING'S NAME WAS A PASSPORT FOR PEACE BUT HE MET A VIOLENT DEATH," THE BRITISH LAWYER SAID.

IT WAS THE THIRD BRITISH COURT APPEARANCE FOR THE 40-YEAR-OLD ESCAPED CONVICTED FROM MISSOURI SINCE SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES ARRESTED HIM AT A LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8 AND CHARGED HIM WITH POSSESSING FALSE PASSPORTS AND A LOADED PISTOL. HE WAS TRAVELING UNDER THE NAME OF A TORONTO POLICEMAN, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

ONE HUNDRED POLICEMEN GUARDED RAY AT THE HEARING. HE RODE TO THE COURT IN A BLACK POLICE PADDY WAGON.

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ASKED BY HIS COUNSEL "DID YOU KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING?" RAY REPLIED QUICKLY AND IN MATTER-OF-FACT TONES:

"NO, SIR."

RAY HAD ENTERED THE COURTROOM IN HISTORIC BOW STREET MAGISTRATE COURT CHEWING GUM, HIS FACE ALREADY SHOWING THE BEGINNING OF FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW.

HE HUNCHED FORWARD, HIS JAW MUSCLES TWITCHING FROM TIME TO TIME, AS CALCUTT SAID HE WAS THE "SINGLE HAND" KILLER OF KING AND DEMANDED HIS RETURN FOR TRIAL AS A MURDERER.

RAY ROSE AFTER HIS LAWYER ANNOUNCED TO THE SURPRISED COURT:

"I CALL MY CLIENT."

RAY, FLANKED BY TWO SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES, MARCHED TO THE WITNESS STAND.

ONE OF THE SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES GUARDING HIM AGAINST POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS SHIFTED BETWEEN HIM AND THE MAIN BODY OF THE COURT.

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ADD RAY, LONDON
IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO SWEAR RAY IN BUT MERELY TO HAVE HIM ANSWER
HIS COUNSEL'S QUESTIONS.

"ARE YOU THE MAN ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8?" HIS ATTORNEY,
ROGER FRISBY, ASKED.

"YES, SIR," REPLIED RAY.

"DID YOU KNOW MARTIN LUTHER KING PERSONALLY?"

"NO, SIR."

"DID YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM?" FRISBY ASKED.

"NO, SIR," RAY REPLIED. HE SPOKE QUICKLY AND CLEARLY AND BETRAYED
LITTLE EMOTION.

THEN FRISBY ASKED: "DID YOU KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING?"
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"NO, SIR," RAY SAID.

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Ray, Sole Killer, U.S. Says at Hearing

LONDON (UPI)—The United States said today James Earl Ray was the "single hand" killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It said it had a witness to prove it.

A British lawyer for the United States called in a formal extradition hearing for Ray's return to Memphis, Tenn., to face charges of the "calculated, brutal and senseless murder" of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning civil rights leader April 4.

British barrister David Calcutt said in historic Bow Street Magistrate's Court that finger prints connected Ray to the rifle used to assassinate King.

The attorney said U.S. authorities had a witness who saw Ray enter a rooming house bathroom overlooking the motel where King died, heard a shot fired from the bathroom and watched Ray come out of the room a minute later.

Calcutt identified the witness as a "Mr. Stevens" but did not give his first name.

Heard Shot Fired

The barrister said the witness said Ray stayed an "unconscionable length of time" the third and last time he was observed going in the bathroom.

The third time Mr. Stevens heard a shot fired from the bathroom window," Calcutt said. "A minute later Mr. Stevens saw a man coming out of the bathroom. He was the same man who booked accommodations" (in the rooming house.)

King was hit as he stood on a motel balcony. Investigators said the shot was fired from the bathroom window in the rooming house across the street.

As Ray stood — showing no apparent emotion — in the prisoner's dock, Calcutt looked at him and said: "This tragic death was the work of this criminal."

Work of "Single Hand"

Calcutt described the crime as "the working of a single hand."

Today's was the third British court appearance for Ray, 39, since he was arrested in London June 8 and charged with possessing false pass-

ports and a loaded pistol. He was traveling under the name of a Toronto policeman, Ramon George Sneyd.

One hundred policemen guarded Ray at the hearing. He rode to the court in a black police paddy wagon.

Calcutt quoted Stevens as saying he was certain a shot had been fired from the bathroom window, "because a partition between my kitchen and the bathroom was very thin."

Saw Man Running

"I looked through a broken pane of glass and heard voices coming from across the street in the direction of the Lorraine Motel," the lawyer quoted Stevens. "I opened my door and I looked toward the bathroom. The door was open. I saw a man running. He was carrying a bundle which looked to be about three to four feet long and six to eight inches

wide. It was wrapped in newspapers."

"I think it was the same man I had seen earlier with Mrs. Brewer (the landlady) in Room 5B. I went back to the window and looked toward the Lorraine Motel. I saw a lot of men and policemen."

The barrister charged the bundle the man carried contained the murder rifle, with telescopic sight, and binoculars. Calcutt said there was strong evidence the bullet that killed King came from the rifle. He said the United States also had evidence Ray purchased the rifle. The rifle was found in a doorway on the street.

Calcutt quoted a deposition from George Bonebrake, U.S. Department of Justice fingerprint expert, that three fingerprints found on the murder rifle, its telescopic sight and a pair of binoculars found outside the rooming house matched prints of Ray on file with the FBI.

Admitted Being American

A Scotland Yard detective testified that Ray admitted he was an American although he carried two Canadian passports in the name of Sneyd when he was picked up.

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Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler said he saw Ray at London Airport the day he was arrested.

He said he told Ray that although he claimed Canadian citizenship he had reason to believe Ray was an American.

"He replied, 'Oh well, yes I am' and nodded agreement," Butler told the court.

Butler said when he told the defendant he believed he was Ray the accused suddenly slumped in his cell.

"The accused had been standing up but at this he suddenly slumped down on the seat behind him, put his head in his hands and said, 'Oh, God.' After a moment or so he added, 'I feel so trapped.'"

Made No Admissions

Butler said, however, the man in the dock had made no admission he was Ray. Neither, Butler said, did he admit guilt to murder charges concerning King.

The defendant made "no admissions of any kind," Butler said.

The hearing recessed at 1:05

p.m. for a 75-minute lunch period. The magistrate said another hearing would be held next week.

Sources closely acquainted with the case said they expected the hearing to be completed today. Further legal proceedings will follow a decision by the magistrate. British law requires that the Home Secretary concur in extraditions and that he give the person held 15 days to appeal the magistrate's decision to a higher court decision or the House of Lords.

Legal sources said Ray and his attorneys could delay extradition through the end of the summer even if all appeals fail.

Ray has been held under 24-hours-a-day observation in the maximum security wing of London's Wandsworth Prison.

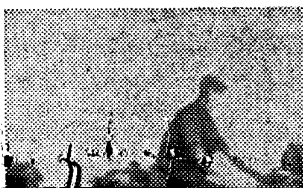
In his first court appearance June 10, Ray was formally charged with carrying a loaded

unlicensed pistol and using a forged Canadian passport. Eight days later the magistrate ordered the British charges held in abeyance pending the extradition hearing.

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THE ATTORNEY SAID U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD A WITNESS WHO SAW RAY ENTER A ROOMING HOUSE BATHROOM OVERLOOKING THE MOTEL WHERE KING DIED, HEARD A SHOT FIRED FROM THE BATHROOM AND WATCHED RAY COME OUT OF THE ROOM A MINUTE LATER.

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A SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE TESTIFIED THAT RAY ADMITTED HE WAS AN AMERICAN ALTHOUGH HE CARRIED TWO CANADIAN PASSPORTS WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP.

ROGER FRISBY, THE BRITISH ATTORNEY REPRESENTING RAY, INDICATED BY HIS CROSS QUESTIONING THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ESTABLISH THE KING ASSASSINATION WAS A POLITICAL CRIME.

POLITICAL CRIMES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE TESTIMONY TODAY WAS SO LENGTHY THE BRITISH MAGISTRATE SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE ANOTHER HEARING NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

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ADD RAY, LONDON

IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO SWEAR RAY IN BUT MERELY TO HAVE HIM ANSWER HIS COUNSEL'S QUESTIONS.

"ARE YOU THE MAN ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT JUNE 8?" HIS ATTORNEY, ROGER FRISBY, ASKED.

"YES, SIR," REPLIED RAY.

"DID YOU KNOW MARTIN LUTHER KING PERSONALLY?"

"NO, SIR."

"DID YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM?" FRISBY ASKED.

"NO, SIR," RAY REPLIED. HE SPOKE QUICKLY AND CLEARLY AND BETRAYED LITTLE EMOTION.

THEN FRISBY ASKED: "DID YOU KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING?"

WITH NO CHANGE OF EXPRESSION AND ALMOST MATTER-OF-FACTLY CAME THE DENIAL.

"NO, SIR," RAY SAID.

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ADD RAY, LONDON

FRISBY HAD TOLD THE COURT: "THE WHOLE BURDEN OF MY CASE IS THAT DR. KING IS A POLITICAL FIGURE." THE EXTRADITION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN DOES NOT COVER POLITICAL CRIMES.

DURING HIS ENTIRE BRIEF TESTIMONY RAY SAT BACK IN HIS CHAIR IN THE WITNESS BOX, RESTING HIS LEFT ARM ON THE RAILING. HE APPEARED IN FULL CONTROL OF HIMSELF AND ONLY THE SQUAKY TONE OF HIS VOICE IN HIS FIRST ANSWERS BETRAYED HIS INNER TURMOIL.

THE COURT CLERK, USING A FOUNTAIN PEN, TOOK THE PROCEDURE DOWN IN SHORTHAND AND THEN READ IT BACK TO RAY. HE ASKED IF IT WERE CORRECT AND RAY SAID, "YES, THAT'S CORRECT."

THE CLERK THEN ASKED RAY IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SIGN HIS STATEMENT.

RAY SUDDENLY LEANED FORWARD IN THE CHAIR, LOOKED SLIGHTLY SURPRISED AND SAID, "WELL, HOW WOULD I SIGN IT?"

THE COMMENT UTTERED WITH A TRACE OF SOUTHERN ACCENT DREW MILD TITTERS FROM THE COURTROOM.

THERE WAS MORE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE MAGISTRATE AND FRISBY AND FRISBY THEN SAID RAY SHOULD NOT SIGN THE DOCUMENT. RAY THEN RESUMED HIS SEAT IN FRONT OF THE IRON-RAILED PRISONER'S DOCK.

CALCUTT HAD BEGUN HIS TESTIMONY TODAY BY ACCUSING RAY OF EXECUTING THE "CALCULATED, BRUTAL AND SENSELESS MURDER" OF KING APRIL 4, IN MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH A RIFLE WHICH BORE HIS FINGERPRINTS.

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The Ray Extradition

GETTING JAMES Earl Ray extradited from England could prove almost as complicated as tracking him down was.

Ray, who is accused of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, has made two court appearances in London. The United States seeks two warrants for his extradition. These formalities aren't troublesome. It's the British extradition laws that portend difficulties.

The British law, which dates from 1870, would permit Ray to argue that the crime of which he is accused is a political offense. Under the extradition act, no one may be turned over to another country for a political crime.

A British journal, The Economist, says that while it seems clear the framers of the 1870 law did not intend to include political assassination among the "political offenses" which would exempt Ray from extradition, the law is so vaguely worded that Ray could crawl under its protection.

And there are British court decisions, The Economist says, which could put Dr. King's murder in the category of an offense of a political nature.

The United States has filed a warrant for Ray's arrest as an escaped prisoner. He escaped prison and still has 13 years to serve of a 20-year term for armed robbery and car theft.

But if extradited on this count, could he be tried then on the charge of King's murder?

Britons point out that Ray could be sent to the United States under "disguised deportation," in which he would be ordered to leave Britain on a specific ship or airplane, which would go directly to a U.S. port, and put Ray right into the hands of U.S. authorities.

This however, verges on being illegal.

Police have international agreements which help them cooperate to track down criminals. The system worked well in Ray's case.

It seems imperative that the courts work out similar international agreements for extradition that would work to serve justice, and not let criminals flee to another country (which can be done now in a few hours), to escape prosecution.

In this case, it is important that Ray be brought back to face trial. There are too many unanswered questions about the murder of King.

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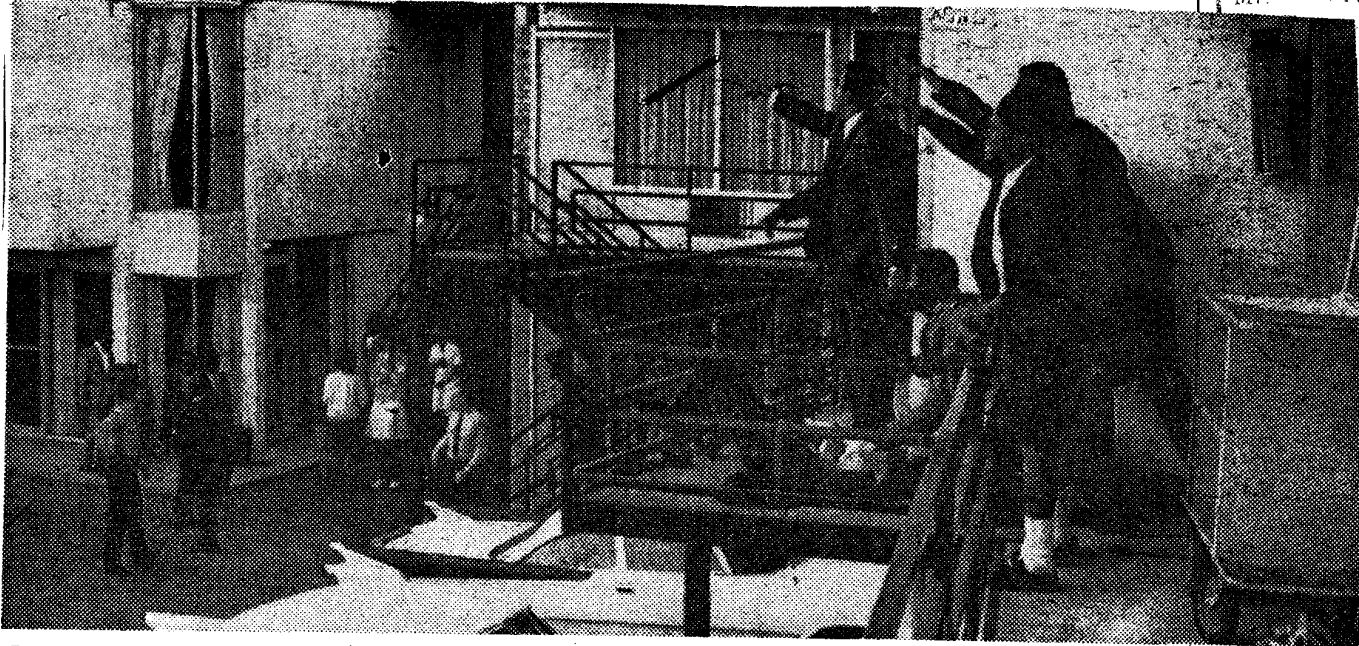
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DR. KING'S ASSASSINATION SCENE—Moments after the murder, Dr. King's aides rushed onto balcony porch of his motel, shouting and pointing out to police where bullet came from. Drama was caught by photographer occupying room two doors away.

AP Wirephoto

Has Full Story Been Told?

FOR most of his failure-filled life, James Earl Ray has been a bungler and chronic loser—and that may be the principal reason why his arrest in London for the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., in Memphis on April 4 has raised more doubts than it has satisfied.

That so mediocre a man—the man with many faces—a humpty-dumpty at everything he tried, should have been the accused sole architect and engineer of one of the century's most heinous crimes was a conclusion which many found hard to accept.

That was why his capture, on the day that another assassination victim, Robert F. Kennedy, was buried, was met by a number of nagging questions—unanswered questions that suggest the possibility that the full story of Dr. King's murder may not yet have been uncovered. Among them:

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- Was Ray acting entirely on his own?
- Or was he the indispensable man in a cleverly-planned plot?
- Who helped him elude the law for an incredible 65 days?
- Where did he get the money he needed to run and hide?
- And, perhaps most vital of all:
- Will he talk?
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Those who knew Ray, either during one of the five prison sentences he served or in the now-and-then years when he was free, were more than aware of his deep-seated feeling against Negroes; he never made any great effort to hide it.

But not even so strong an emotion as hatred would, in the view of his brother, Jerry, have driven him to kill.

"I know," said the brother, "that he wouldn't have put himself in a spot like this unless there was something in it for him . . ."

And there was an even stronger reason, in the opinion of some police, to believe that he did not act alone. Put bluntly, it was this:

Ray was too stupid to have devised, and exe-

cuted, a murder like that of Dr. King without a great deal of help.

He was discharged from the Army for what was described as ineptness and lack of adaptability—a gentle way of saying that, as far as the military service was concerned, he was a hopeless case.

And he was just as hopeless as a small-time hood. After robbing a supermarket in St. Louis of \$190 in 1959, he literally led police to his doorstep by parking the getaway car directly outside it.

Another stickup was botched when he cracked up the car in which he was attempting to flee with \$2200 in loot.

Given that history of failure, some authorities cannot see Ray putting together, entirely on his own, a complex plot to kill and flee. But, though he may have had help either in the planning, the execution, or the escape, neither the FBI or anyone else is ready to say—officially—that there was a conspiracy and that he was the trigger man in it.

Despite their reluctance, there is persuasive, though inconclusive, evidence to suggest that this may have been so. For instance:

Although Ray was a man who made a career out of getting caught, he broke out of the Missouri State Prison on April 23, 1967—and for a full year thereafter kept clear of the law. A most remarkable reversal of fortune.

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He used four aliases in the King murder—Eric Galt, Paul Bridgman, John Willard, and Ramon George Sneyd. All bore a general resemblance to Ray, and Galt even had scars on his forehead and right palm—as did Ray.

But what was just as remarkable was that all four lived in the same area of Toronto, Can., and neither knew each other or Ray. Yet, he knew all that was necessary for him to know about them.

He used the name of Galt when he bought a white Mustang in Birmingham, Ala., in the summer of 1967—and he used the name of Willard when he registered in the boarding house at Memphis from where Dr. King was shot.

And, while phony radio messages sent police looking in several other directions the night of the murder, Ray and the sports car went 380 untrodden miles south and east to Atlanta, Ga. Eventually, he was tracked—but by the time the FBI

Here, too, there was evidence suggesting a smarter man—or men—than Ray may have been involved. Had he followed his instincts, he probably would have tried to get out of Atlanta on the first available plane—but airlines keep records of all their clients.

On the other hand, railroads and buslines do not—and there are three buses a day which leave Atlanta for Toronto. Ray is believed to have crossed the border on April 8, four days after Dr. King was slain, and took a room in a boarding house at 102 Ossington ave. under the name of Paul Bridgman.

"He didn't come cold to this city and make all his own arrangements," said a Canadian Mountie stationed in Toronto. "There was help of some kind."

An American detective, who worked on the Canadian angle of the case, made this comment:

"A guy like Ray, a five-time loser with the law, just does not have the background for the way he behaved."

And Deputy Chief Bernard Simmonds of the Toronto Metropolitan Police said:

"I think someone else was the mastermind."

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That comment could apply either to a plot or to a getaway . . . and in either respect it seemed almost certain that someone other than Ray had to do the kind of thinking that was well beyond him.

Truman Capote, the fancy man whose flair for writing a factual account of another crime—"In Cold Blood"—earned him a million dollars, cannot conceive of Ray being able to travel undetected for so long a time after Dr. King's murder without getting help from an unknown expert.

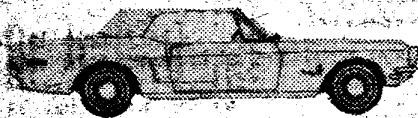
What made Capote's thesis seem plausible was that, in the only two instances where Ray may possibly have acted on his own, he made incredible mistakes. He left a print on the murder gun when he dropped it in the doorway of a grocery moments after the murder and, when he was traced to Atlanta April 19, FBI men went to a room where he was known to have stayed.

There they found a street map of Atlanta, with Dr. King's home and office circled with a pencil. And on the map they found a clear fingerprint, which, when checked, proved to be that of a drifter named James Earl Ray.

By that time Ray had been in Toronto for 11 days, and a search of the city's records

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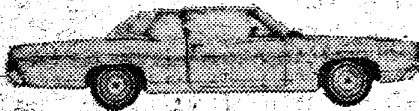
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to indicate he was acting under instructions. He needed a birth certificate in the names of both Bridgman and Ramon George Sneyd, one of which he would use when he applied for a Canadian passport.

As nearly as police can deduce, he went to the public library on College st., and went through the old newspaper files. The Toronto Star of Oct. 8, 1932, contained a notice of the birth of Sneyd, and the Toronto Telegram of Nov. 11, 1932, carried a birth announcement for Bridgman. Both had the information Ray needed, the names of the parents, including the maiden name of the mothers.

He had some passport photos taken, and on April 15, Ray—now using the name of Sneyd—showed up at the Kennedy Travel Agency, on Bloor st. and asked for a passport application. All he had to do, under the conveniently loose Canadian law, was to swear that the data on the application was true. It was forwarded to Ottawa, with a request that action on it be speeded because Sneyd—or Ray—was in a hurry to leave the country.

That same day, he also ordered a round-trip excursion ticket to London aboard a BOAC flight that was scheduled to leave Toronto May 6.

A few days later, the FBI announced that the man it had been seeking as "Eric Starvo Galt" was, in reality, James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old drifter and highly unsuccessful thief. His photograph was carried in newspapers all over the world, including those in Toronto, but by then he had moved out of the Ossington ave. address and into another rooming house a few blocks away on Dundas st., operated by one Mrs. Yee Sun Loo.

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Back at Ossington ave. his former landlady, Mrs. Adam Szpakowski, went to clean "Mr. Bridgman's" room. A newspaper was on the bed, opened to the page that bore Ray's picture, but Mrs. Szpakowski failed to notice the resemblance between "Bridgman" and the fugitive.

A few days after Ray checked out of Mrs. Szpakowski's house, a small man in a nondescript business suit rang her bell and asked to see "Mr. Bridgman." When he was told that "Bridgman" had left he went away, without giving either his name or any hint of what his mission might have been.

For nearly two weeks, Ray lived discreetly, and did nothing to attract attention. His caution was, in a sense, a kind of insurance, because the FBI was still a long way from learning that he had crossed into Canada.

He picked up his airline ticket May 2 and paid \$345 for it—in cash. He also gave Paul Bridgman as the next-of-kin who should be notified if anything happened to him. Four days later, he left Canada, and landed in London.

There he turned in his return ticket for one that would take him to Lisbon where, whether he knew it or not, the breakaway African state of Rhodesia, had an office. Some investigators believed that Rhodesia was where Ray was headed, since it would not have been likely to honor an extradition request from the U. S. if ever he were located there.

Ray stayed in Lisbon until May 17, and while there secured a new passport from the Canadian Embassy, since, on the original, "Sneyd" was misspelled "Sneya."

Then, inexplicably, he doubled back to London, and for two weeks stayed at a small hotel in a section of the capital known as "Kangaroo Valley." He kept out of sight, except for those times it was necessary for him to surface. It was as if he sensed, like a fox, that the hunters were closing in even before he heard the sounds of their pursuit.

And, if that was so it was one of the few times that Ray turned out to have guessed right, for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had come up with

the clue that was needed to bring a world-wide search to a successful climax. At the request of the FBI, which was aware of the many loopholes in Canadian travel regulations, the Mounties began checking passport applications and the photos that accompanied them.

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They went through no less than 250,000 and then, on June 1, a Mountie looked at the picture of "Ramon George Sneyd" and realized that it was, in reality, a snapshot of the elusive fugitive with the deadly aim.

From that starting point, it was a routine operation to trace Ray's travels to London, Lisbon, and back to London again, and to cover all the places where he might be likely to show himself. One of those places was Heathrow Airport.

While the trap was closing, Ray was moving. He shifted from the New Earl's Court Hotel to a cheaper one, the Pax, and quibbled about the \$3.60 a day he had to pay in rent. He never left his room for more than 20 minutes at a time, refusing even to come out to answer four phone calls—two from an airline.

But he did some calling of his own, to Ian Colvin, a writer for the London Daily Telegraph who was considered an expert on Africa. In the first call, on June 5, Ray asked how he might get to Angola, a Portuguese territory in Africa, on the pretext that he wanted to locate his brother there. The second call, on the following day, was more direct. How, he wanted to know, could he join up with white mercenaries who hire themselves out to fight in Africa. Colvin mentioned a man in Brussels, Belgium, who might be able to help—but he did not, as he promised, mail the man's address to Ray.

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"Would you please step into our office, Mr. Sneyd?"

The long chase was over—but the questions were not, and one of the ones which have not yet been answered was:

Where did Ray get the money to pay for his flight from justice?

It was a fact that, on July 13, 1967, not quite two months after he escaped from prison in Missouri, a bank in Ray's home town of Alton, Ill., was robbed of \$37,000. Some authorities hazarded to guess—it was nothing more than that—that Ray might have been one of the lucky bandits.

Possibly; but if that was so, then there, too, the fact that the robbery was successful was a marked departure from Ray's record of past failures.

Against that theory were several seeming contradictions. Whatever his split from the stickup was, it had to be in bills of mixed denominations—but when Ray paid \$1995 for the Mustang in Alabama, when he bought a .30-06 rifle, when he bought the airline ticket at Toronto, he paid in \$20 bills only.

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And, even if it could be proven that he had taken part in the Alton robbery and had taken his cut exclusively in \$20s, it was a fact that, in the year before Memphis, Ray was a man on the lam, moving from Missouri to Canada (in the summer of '67), to Birmingham, to New Orleans, to Los Angeles, Atlanta and, ultimately, Memphis. That took money and, since he was a fugitive, it probably took more than what he was able to pick up when—and if—he robbed the bank in Alton.

Despite all that, Ray, only a few days ago, asked Arthur S. Hanes, a Birmingham lawyer, to defend him.

Hanes is a former Mayor of Birmingham, and was a member of the defense battery for three Ku Klux Klansmen who, the FBI said, murdered civil rights worker Mrs. Viola Liuzzo on an Alabama roadside a few years back.

He agreed to represent Ray, and, when he was asked how Ray would be able to pay his fee, was said to have replied that he understood his client "had funds."

Which again raised the question: if he had money, where did he get it? And from whom?

The question, like all the others, has not yet been answered—and maybe it never will be. Up to now, James Earl Ray has been as silent as a clam.

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But, one day, when the tortuous process of extradition has been completed and he goes on trial in Tennessee, all that may change.

For hanging over Ray's head, on conviction, will be the death penalty, and he may decide he does not want to pay that grim price alone. In that event, the last and potentially most important question will arise:

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If he does, the many odd pieces of a tough, tough puzzle will fall into place, and all the questions which have sprung from the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be answered.

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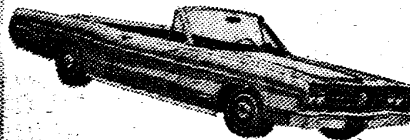
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LONDON (UPI)--A FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND HIS SON ARRIVED TODAY TO SCOUT THE DEFENSE OF JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

ARTHUR J. HANES, THE EX-MAYOR AND A FORMER FBI AGENT, CAME WITH HIS SON ARTHUR JR. ON A MORNING FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON.

AN OFFICIAL FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY MET THEM AT HEATHROW AIRPORT WHERE RAY WAS ARRESTED JUNE 8 BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES. RAY IS FIGHTING EXTRADITION TO AMERICA WHERE HE IS CHARGED WITH THE APRIL 4 KILLING IN MEMPHIS.

HANES SAID IN BIRMINGHAM HE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO TAKE RAY'S CASE AFTER HE RECEIVED A TWO-PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM HIM, WRITTEN IN LONDON'S TOP-SECURITY WANDSWORTH PRISON.

THE UNITED STATES FILED A FORMAL DEMAND FOR RAY'S EXTRADITION TUESDAY. A MAGISTRATE SET JUNE 27 AS THE DATE FOR THE NEXT HEARING SO RAY WOULD HAVE TIME TO PREPARE A DEFENSE.

RAY WAS HELD BY THE BRITISH ON A CHARGE OF CARRYING A LOADED REVOLVER AND CARRYING FALSE PASSPORTS IN THE NAME OF CANADIAN POLICEMAN RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

HANES, 51, SAID IN BIRMINGHAM MONDAY THAT HE PLANNED TO TALK WITH HIS PROSPECTIVE CLIENT DURING HIS VISIT IN LONDON AND THAT MEANWHILE HE KNEW NOTHING MORE OF THE CASE THAN WHAT HE HAS READ.

KING WAS KILLED BY A BULLET FIRED FROM A ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER'S MEMPHIS MOTEL. U.S. AND TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES CHARGED THAT RAY FIRED THE SHOT AND THEN FLED TO BRITAIN VIA CANADA.

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HANES SAID EVERY DEFENDANT IS CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY AND "WHOEVER THEY HAVE IN THAT JAIL--SNEYD, RAY OR GALT-- IS AS INNOCENT AT THIS MOMENT AS YOU OR I."

GALT IS THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY IN SOME OF THE CITIES HE VISITED BEFORE AND AFTER KING'S DEATH.

U.S. AUTHORITIES SAID RAY OBTAINED THE PASSPORT UNDER SNEYD'S NAME IN CANADA AND THEN FLEW TO BRITAIN WHERE HE TRIED TO CONTACT A LEADER OF A MERCENARY UNIT THAT HAS FOUGHT IN AFRICA.

THEY SAID HE LATER FLEW TO LISBON AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS THERE BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON WITH THE INTENTION OF PASSING THROUGH ON HIS WAY TO BRUSSELS.

HE WAS ARRESTED WHILE WALKING TOWARD AN AREA SET ASIDE FOR TRANSIENT PASSENGERS CHANGING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH BRITISH CUSTOMS.

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