

Todo Indica que sí Hubo Complot Para Matar a King

NUEVA YORK, junio 12 (AFP).— Jerry Ray, hermano de James E. Ray, presunto asesino del pastor Martin Luther King, declaró en la noche del martes durante una entrevista de TV que "mi hermano sirvió de cabeza de turco".

Según Jerry Ray, no fue su hermano quien mató al pastor King, sino que cuando se fugó de la penitenciaría del Estado de Missouri, en abril de 1967, alguien debió ayudarlo para luego utilizarle para borrar las pistas. Ese alguien, "un rico personaje del sur", sabía que Ray tenía un pasado dudoso.

Cuando se le preguntó si su hermano confesaría, Jerry Ray afirmó: "Morirá antes de decir una palabra".

Este testimonio, más las revelaciones de la policía montada del Canadá, acerca de las múltiples identidades adoptadas por James Earl Ray después de su fuga de la prisión de Jefferson el 23 de abril de 1967, intensifica las sospechas de la opinión pública norteamericana acerca de la existen-

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cia de un complot sabiamente organizado, para asesinar al pastor King.

Después de fugarse de la cárcel, Ray, usurpó las identidades de tres personas de nacionalidad canadiense o que habían vivido en el Canadá, y que presentaban ciertas características comunes con él.

Continuando su investigación acerca de las tretas a las que recurrió Ray para obtener un pasaporte canadiense, la policía montada estableció que los nombres de los cuales se sirvió el asesino presunto, eran todas personas que se le asemejaban en más de algún aspecto.

Las 3 personas cuyas identidades fueron usurpadas por Ray, viven en Toronto o en sus alrededores.

Ray, al llegar a Toronto adoptó el nombre de Paul Bridgman. El verdadero Paul Bridgman es un empleado de la Comisión Escolar de esta ciudad. Bridgman mide lo mismo y tiene el mismo peso que Ray. Para obtener un pasaporte, Ray tomó el nombre de Ramón George Sneyd, agente de la policía de Toronto. Birdgman y Sneyd tienen 35 años, o sea 5 menos que Ray.

Pero mucho antes de refugiarse en el Canadá, Ray utilizó en los EE. UU., el nombre de Eric St. Vincent Galt, transformado por él en Eric Starvo Galt. El verdadero Galt tiene 54 años, pero aparenta mucho menos. Trabaja como capataz de una industria de Toronto y, como Ray, tiene dos cicatrices: una en la frente y la otra en la mano derecha.

Aparentemente, Ray vivió en Montreal durante algunas semanas el verano pasado. Fue reconocido por el conserje del hotel de Montreal, cuando a éste se le enseñó una fotografía del presunto asesino.

Finalmente, un cuarto habitante de Toronto, John Willard, 42 años, al parecer proporcionó a Ray otro pseudónimo. Según el FBI (Oficina Federal de Investigación) un John Willard alquiló la habitación en Memphis, desde la cual se ve perfectamente el hotel "Lorraine", donde el pastor King fue asesinado el cuatro de abril último.

Mientras que en Washington, el ministro de Justicia, Ramsey Clark, insiste en que el asesinato del pastor King es obra de un solo hombre y que hasta este momento ninguna prueba que permita creer en una conspiración ha llegado hasta sus manos, los millones de telespectadores norteamericanos vieron a las viudas del Presidente Kennedy y

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del Premio Nóbel de la Paz en las exequias de otra víctima de un "asesino solitario", el senador Kennedy.

Estos telespectadores no pueden dejar de recordar las lagunas de la investigación efectuada hace cuatro años y medio, después del crimen de Dallas.

Si James Earl Ray es un "asesino solitario", ¿quién organizó su fuga? ¿Quién borró tan bien sus pistas? ¿Si es un "cabeza de turco", como afirma su hermano, por quién y en nombre de quién el pastor Martin Luther King fue asesinado?

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The Ku Klux Klan is as capable of organizing the killing of a president of the United States, the most prominent Negro in the world, and the most prominent liberal politician in the world, as Monaco is of deposing De Gaulle. It is hard for a people whose history is watered with organized and even incestuous connivings for power to imagine individualistic assassination.

Having said all of which, there is something about the James Earl Ray case which does suggest that indeed it was he who fired the shot, that he did not work alone in the tradition of Leon Czolgosz, and Lee Harvey Oswald. Too much is known about Ray, and he is more readily imaginable as a hired killer than a lusting fanatic. He has been small-time always, a non-ideologue, uninterested in politics, untroubled by racial differences. Moreover, the escape from Memphis suggested the cooperation of at least one ally. His ensuing movements required a kind of cosmopolitan sophistication one does not learn at Midwest penitentiaries. The ample supply of cash isn't particularly surprising, inasmuch as the professional training of James Earl Ray is in acquiring fairly large amounts of cash on short, stick-'em-up notice. But the exhaustive research necessary, for instance, to appear half-way plausible when applying for foreign passports was more likely supplied by someone other than himself.

Truman Capote ventured early during the mystery that the killer was a paid assassin, and was in all likelihood dead. If the FBI's contentions are validated, then Ray is the killer, and is most certainly not dead, nor will he die, except many years from now—from arteriosclerosis or whatever—Tennessee having abolished the death penalty. But as long as he is alive, he of course jeopardizes his silent partners, and it is supremely in the interest of the state to establish who they are, and to discover what was the motivation for the killing of Dr. King.

Mr. Capote reasoned inferentially when he guessed that the man or men who planned the killing were leftists: that the intention was to bring on the kind of disunity and convulsion which typically help not conservative Americans, but hard-leftists who know how to profiteer from any general distress. If the idea of killing Martin Luther King was that of the KKK, or some local white supremacist group, then in the light of the experience with the Birmingham church, the three civil rights workers in Mississippi, Mrs. Liuzzo and the others—the killing of which consolidated national sentiment in favor of more and more-civil rights legislation—then the KKK is even more stupid that it is supposed to be, which is an extraordinary achievement. Such stupidity does not go hand in hand with the super-sophisticated provisions made for James Earl Ray's escape: does not explain the easy success that Ray had in eluding the greatest man-hunt in the history of the world until, by committing a foolish mistake of the kind that catches up the murderer in second-rate detective stories, he as good as turned himself in.

Up until now, Ray has kept his mouth shut. And no doubt the Birmingham lawyer will counsel him to continue to do so. Ray is not the type to suffer in order to sustain the underworld's code. He is likelier to crack up when he realizes fully that he is indeed trapped.

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Pidióse cooperación a Méjico para hallar al asesino de King

Méjico, 28 (UP) — Un vocero de la embajada de los Estados Unidos dijo que se ordenó a todos los consulados de Estados Unidos en Méjico que soliciten la cooperación de las oficinas locales encargadas de hacer cumplir la ley, en la búsqueda de James Earl Ray, en relación con el asesinato del reverendo Martin Luther King.

Conrad Manley, funcionario de servicio informativo de los Estados Unidos, manifestó ayer que no sabía si se habían impartido órdenes similares a los consulados en otros países, pero negó que hubiera información concreta de que Ray, un fugitivo de la justicia, se encuentre en Méjico.

"El hecho de que estuviera en Méjico el año pasado, presumo, aumenta el interés en la teoría de que se halla en Méjico", manifestó Manley a United Press. Sin embargo, se apresuró a agregar que no existe ningún otro motivo para creer que, en realidad, Ray está actualmente en Méjico.

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NEW YORK.—James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has admitted that he believes he became "involved in some sort of plot to kill King" as early as eight months prior to the murder, it was reported Monday.

But Ray is quoted in the second of a series of articles in "Look" magazine as claiming he was duped into the conspiracy and "nobody told me anything about any planned murder of King or anyone else."

The series is by author William Bradford Huie who corresponded with Ray at the Memphis, Tenn., Jail where Ray awaits trial. Huie states that he cannot reveal all he has learned until Ray has been tried but he believes Dr. King was the secondary, not the primary, target of the plotters.

"The primary target was the United States," Huie wrote.

"Dr. King was to be murdered for effect. His murder was planned, not by impulsive men who hated him personally, though they probably did hate him, but by calculating men who wanted to use his murder to trigger violent conflict between white and negro citizens."

According to information given Huie by Ray, the escaped convict was recruited in Canada by a man identified only as Raoul for some "activity" on Aug. 18, 1967, eight months prior to the April 4, 1968, assassination. His first assignment was to smuggle three packages by car from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit, Mich.

From then on, Huie wrote, Ray "moved as directed by the plotters," although he did not know as late as two weeks before King's assassination "that the plot included murder that it was aimed in

any way at Dr. King." One of his assignments was to smuggle a tire—which apparently contained some sort of contraband—across the Texas-Mexican border at Nuevo Laredo.

In payment, Ray received \$200 to buy an old car for the Canada-United States haul, for which he was paid \$750; \$2,000 to buy a 1966 Mustang, which he used for the Mexican smuggling expedition; \$500 for living expenses, \$500 for camera equipment and \$2,000 after returning from Mexico. Ray said Raoul told him he would get him travel papers and \$12,000, "enough for me to go in business in a new country."

Ray said that in October, 1967, while waiting for the next assignment from Raoul expected in two or three months, he visited Puerto Vallarta on Mexico's Pacific coast and decided it was the "best town in Mexico" and a place he would like to live in eventually. He even considered trading his car for a piece of property there.

"When I get out of jail again, I'm going back there permanently," Huie quoted Ray as writing him.

During another sojourn in Los Angeles, Ray consulted with a hypnosis expert, the Rev. Xavier Von Koss, on means of self-improvement through hypnosis and he also had an identifying nasal tip removed from his nose by Dr. Russel C. Hadley, a prominent surgeon.

According to Huie, Von Koss said he sized Ray up as belonging to "the recognition type."

He desires recognition from his group, from himself. He yearns to feel that he is somebody. This desire for recognition in him is superior to sex, superior to money, superior to self-preservation," Von Koss said.

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