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## FBI Turns to Florida in Hunt for King's Slayer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—(AP)—The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist and was turned toward Florida today.

The FBI issued a pickup order for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida. The order said Galt was wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Prison whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said fingerprints had proved was the same person as Galt.

"Ray and Galt are identical," Hoover said last week.

In Los Angeles, the FBI was reported trying to find a blond who was dating Ray before he disappeared from Southern California.

The FBI office declined to comment on the report. However, the woman was known to have been with Ray in a Hollywood bar one evening during the second week in March—one of the last times Ray was seen in the area before King's assassination.

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# Prison Mate Has Clue to Galt Alias

By ALAN HORTON

I talked to a 34-year-old West Sider who, for four years, was in Missouri State Pen Cell 187.

James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was in Cell 183, some 10 feet from 187.

The West Sider is in trouble with the law again. That's how I found out about his connection with Missouri State Prison.

"I guess I knew Jimmy Ray as well as any man," the West Sider said between drags on a smoke. "I rented him books in prison. One of the books he got from me was Ian Fleming's 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service.'"

"In that Ernest Starvo Galt was the head of SPEC-TRE, I also rented him Ayn Rand's 'Atlas Shrugged.' John Galt is in that."

**IS IT COINCIDENCE** that Ray used the alias Eric Starvo Galt to throw the FBI off his trail?

"We each worked in the food service to prison," the West Sider continued. "I was the second cook. He was responsible for slicing bread for each meal. He had a pass to the kitchen anytime. We were thrown together. I got to know him real well."

"I had 200 or 300 books in my cell. I sold and rented them. Mostly he read sex stories and I kept him supplied. And he read that Prussian philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche. He believed in Nietzsche's superman. Might makes right, he said, and nothing is wrong as long as there's satisfaction for the inner man."

**"THE WHOLE PRISON** was segregated. He was one of those who thought Negroes should be kept separated."

"He was the original ~~red~~ wolf. But no matter what you talked about or where you'd been, he knew it or he'd

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been there. He had a little funny smile always—like the Mona Lisa.

"He was very introverted and personally clean. He said he didn't have any people but he got mail once in a while. He worked three hours a day and the rest of the time he read or hung by himself in the prison yard.

"He was addicted mentally to stimulants, amphetamines — not the pills but the powder. He got it the way you get anything you're not supposed to get in prison and he injected it.

"BECAUSE OF THIS, he didn't eat — no appetite — and he was thin, about 130 pounds. I know he was a paranoid. Never mind what the prison psychiatrist said.

"His eyes were weaker than the ones in the FBI photo. Kind of foggy. He was always pulling on his big left ear with his left hand. Like he was nervous all the time. He had a high-pitched voice but he was very even-tempered. He was smart and cool and he didn't trust anybody."

F. V. THE ADMIRER OF SUPERMEN, may have been friendly to the West Sider because of his muscular appearance. He is nearly 6 feet tall and weighs 240 pounds.

One year ago today 40-year-old James Earl Ray escaped from the Missouri prison in a bread box. He had been serving a 20-year sentence on habitual criminal and armed robbery charges.

The West Sider is out on bond on a carrying concealed weapon charge. He told the FBI what he knows about Ray.

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# Ray Eyed \$1-Million King Bounty, Cellmate Says

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — A convicted murderer who was in prison with the mysterious James Earl Ray, now hunted in the slaying of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said yesterday he heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1 million for killing Dr. King.

Raymond Curtis, 40, is serving a life sentence at Whitfield County jail. Curtis said he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary when John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running his mouth pret-

ty good then. Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it.'" Curtis said.

CURTIS said he met Ray, also 40, in 1955 when both were prisoners in Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo. They shared a cell for seven months.

Curtis said Ray was transferred to the Leaven-

worth federal prison to serve a term for forging postal money orders and two weeks later he also was sent there.

Curtis said he and Ray were in adjoining cells there at one time.

He said after about six months he was transferred to the Atlanta prison and did not see Ray again until late 1961 or early 1962, when Curtis went to the Missouri State Penitentiary on a 10-year armed robbery sentence.

IT WAS in the prison yard, Curtis said, that he and Ray saw television news reports of Kennedy's assassination. A few days later, he said, a new prisoner said that a \$1 million bounty had been put on King by a "KKK business-

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men's association."

Curtis, who was born here, said Ray had a soft southern Illinois accent not a southern drawl.

Curtis was convicted in January of 1967 for a robbery murder. He is awaiting a decision on a new trial motion. FBI agents questioned Curtis Sunday and Monday.

Curtis said Ray talked a

great deal in prison about New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina and Curtis speculated that he would have left for one of those countries within hours after the slaying if he were responsible.

"If you talk to him 15 minutes you'd like him," Curtis said. "He was a likeable sort of person. But if this was a plot to assassinate King, Ray would go to his grave with the secret."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)

— A report that the FBI was looking for Eric Starvo Galt in Florida was based on the use of old information, law enforcement of-

ficers said yesterday.

Robert Gebhardt, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Jacksonville, said the report disregarded the announcement last week that Galt and James Earl Ray "were one and the same person."



Raymond Curtis  
AP Wirephoto

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# CONVICT TELLS OF KING THREAT

DALTON, Ga.—(AP)—A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said today that when Ray heard there was a "million-dollar bounty" on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he smiled and said, "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Prison, is accused by the FBI of assassinating Dr. King in Memphis on Apr. 4.

In the Dalton Jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he had known Ray in the Kansas City Jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likeable, addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

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On the day President Kennedy was assassinated—Nov. 23, 1963—Curtis said he, Ray and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

He said Ray remarked, "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million-dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Ray smiled, Curtis recalled, and said, "If there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he never figured out what the "new man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remember who the man was.

"I didn't think much about it at the time. In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas," said Curtis, a tall, rawboned man.

Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis Sunday and again last night. It declined comment.

Curtis said Ray told him he always carried a gun. "He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

"He never made no statements of any kind in a group," Curtis said. "He was a loner."

If others were in the plot with Ray, Curtis said, Ray would go to the grave with his secret.

He said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

"I wouldn't consider him dangerous," Curtis said. "He didn't look for trouble."

"Of course, I'm not saying he wouldn't shoot you if you ran up on him now."



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# Wanted Poster Here Calls Suspect 'Galt'

By JOSEPH ROPPO

Ashtabula police finally this morning received a wanted poster from the FBI on accused assassin James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt.

The poster identifies the suspect, about 36 years old, as Galt, not Ray.

It says "Galt is sought in connection with a murder wherein the victim was shot. He is con-

sidered armed and extremely dangerous."

On April 10, six days after civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis, Ashtabula police received a tip on a male subject fitting the description of the murder suspect.

But they had no official information from the FBI on the subject.

The poster is now being distributed to hotels, newspapers, post offices and commercial establishments. There are two photos of "Galt" one with his eyes closed.

In the other photo, the suspect's eyes were drawn in by an artist. Galt is described as a "lone wolf." He has a protruding left ear.

Anyone with information can call Ashtabula police or the FBI.

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# Australia Hunts Ray in King Killing

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

Police officials said the FBI cabled that it had information indicating Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, might have fled to Australia.

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**Aussie Check Is Sought on Ray**

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Australia has been asked by the FBI to make a "routine check" of whether James Earl Ray, sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has applied for a visa to go to that country, an embassy official said today. The official emphasized, however, that "Australian authorities have no evidence at all the person concerned (Ray) is in Australia."

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## Ray's Brother Urges Fugitive to Give Up

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

But at the same time, the brother voiced doubts that the country'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 located in the toy room he occupies on the grounds of a suburban Chicago country club where he works as a maintenance man.

JERRY RAY, described his brother as "the hottest man in the country . . . the most wanted man there ever was."

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

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."

BUT JERRY RAY conceded his brother could have been "used" by persons conspiring to kill Dr. King. His brother obviously had received a large payoff, 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 bulge 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."



**RAY'S BROTHER**—Jerry Ray, 32, brother of James Earl Ray, wanted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said his brother is "the hottest man in the country . . . the most wanted man there ever was."

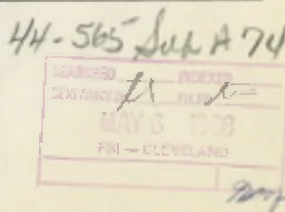
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## CIA Joins King Murder Probe

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

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

1. That James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin, was the hired killer in a Cuba-Red China plot.

2. That the "assassin squad" of the Soviet secret police was somehow involved in the plot.

3. 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 agents working at one time, in cooperation 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 with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States.



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~~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 no loner could get food and drink for so long a period in this country without being detected in the mile-a-day-and-night search that is under way.

This point, added to the now-known fact that Ray had plenty of money, has 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 in advance to murder Dr. King 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 trips to New Orleans — and certain of the suspect's 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 in the ocean.

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

One source called the King killing "one of the most baffling cases in modern history." He said 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 they tend 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 U.S. racists — or for a foreign power.

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**NEW PHOTO OF RAY**—The FBI today released this newly obtained photograph of James Earl Ray, the ex-convict sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The FBI declined to say how the picture was obtained. This candid was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California. (UPI Telephoto)

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## Shadow Follows March

NEW ORLEANS, still smarting over persistent implications that "rightists" played a role in the assassination of President Kennedy, has again become the center of unwanted focus as the search for the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., grows cold.

As poor people throng toward the nation's capital in memory of the man who was to have led them on the march, a massive probe which has mastered all the U.S. intelligence available has failed thus far to locate the person of James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin.

Ray's disappearance is viewed as ominous. Literally thousands of agents have been on a day-and-night hunt for the man linked to the murder and murder weapons by fingerprints and ballistics data. FBI agents hold that no fugitive could remain in this country for so long under such intensive search without being spotted while getting food and water.

Agents know much about Ray: that he had a sizable sum of money; that he made mysterious trips to New Orleans—and out of the country. His prior travels and even where he spent some of his nights out of the country reportedly are known. But links to any possible international plot escape investigators.

But the slaying and escape were so professionally executed that the theory of racist employers cannot be put aside. A growing fear among agents is that the killer was given a big sack in advance with promise of much more once the act was completed. If Ray was the killer, and if he made his rendezvous to collect the payoff from his employers, he could have been slain and his body dumped where agents never would find it.

The FBI, perhaps more than any agency or group, desperately hopes that such is not the case. The rumors that have refused to die in the wake of President Kennedy's assassination would be revived many-fold if even one prime suspect in the murder of Dr. King were not to be traced. Tragedy and gloom march side by side as a nation searches its soul.

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## Memo from Al Thompson

**FIRST STEPS** have been taken by the Federal Executive Board here to comply with last year's presidential executive order adding sex discrimination to the other forms of discrimination prohibited in the Federal Government.

On Apr. 18 (the same day as Paul Revere's ride, if you seek omens), the board accepted the report of a committee headed by Miss Rita Vincent on the status of women in government here.

The report points out that more than 25% of the federal employees here are women, but adds that only slightly more than 5% of the total supervisory personnel are of the fair sex—a fact some of the women find disturbing.

Basic goals of the group are: (1) effecting changes in attitudes toward women as candidates for positions traditionally held by men; (2) broadening the educational and training opportunities for women within government and community educational institutions, and (3) relating the federal women's program to the community.

"It's mostly a matter of changing attitudes both of the bosses and the women," said Miss Vincent. "Many women don't think they can get a good job, so they don't apply."

"I think it's a good idea to call people's attention to the fact that there are women available. I have not felt dis-

crimination, but still there just aren't women in good positions," she added.

And the men? "They think it's amusing," Miss Vincent smiled.

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**FBI AGENTS** here were among the first to contribute to Mayor Stokes' CLEVELAND NOW! campaign. Charles G. Cusick, agent-in-charge, last week hand delivered contributions from all the agents and clerical help to the Greater Cleveland Growth Assn. . . . It was also learned that agents uncovered at least one bit of information concerning James Earl Ray, sought in the slaying of Martin Luther King. A 1955 Post Office circular in the files of the Cleveland Credit Bureau warns that James Walton, one of Ray's many aliases, was cashing stolen money orders in the Midwest. None was passed here, however.

**JAMES J. P. McSHANE**, chief U. S. marshal and former personal bodyguard of President Kennedy, was given a quick tour of the Cleveland office Friday by Marshal R. Ben Hosler. . . . Two federal law clerks are leaving their offices in June.

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**Phillip J. Campanella** leaves the office of Judge William K. Thomas to join the law firm of Spieth, Bell, McCurdy & Newell, and **Thomas F. Bryant** leaves Judge Girard E. Kalbfleisch to join the faculty at Ohio Northern University.

**Frank S. Turbett Jr.**, head of the Internal Revenue Service here, has been elected chairman of the Federal Executive Board. Turbett replaces Dr. Abe Silverstein, NASA director.

**Dr. Samuel L. Aspis**, director of the Veterans Administration Hospital, 10701 East Blvd., was elected vice-chairman.

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**NEGOTIATIONS** between Local No. 72 of the United Federation of Postal Clerks and postal officials here are still at an impasse. The local broke off negotiations May 3, but they were resumed again Friday.

Issues concern working conditions, postal policies and practices. Sources say agreement with the 4200-member union and local authorities is not close, with final deadline tomorrow.

**Francis J. Lang**, officer in charge of the Post Office here, announced recently that a special six-cent stamp urging Americans to "Register and Vote" will be issued June 27.

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## Mysetry Body's Identity Sought

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—State police and local officials reported last night they were investigating the remote possibility the body of a man found in a shallow grave near here was that of the alleged assassin of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Richard Russell, Schuylkill County District Attorney, said state police have asked the FBI for dental records of

year-old James Earl Ray for positive identification.

Other methods of identifying the body have proved fruitless, he said, because of the advanced state of decomposition.

**THE BODY**, containing four bullet wounds — with three bullets recovered—was found May 7 by two state forestry workers near Brandenburg, approximately 20 miles north of this northeast Pennsylvania community.

A special report showed the decomposition was caused by lime which was placed on the body, Russell said.

The report, prepared by Dr. Wilton M. Krogman, a noted University of Pennsylvania anthropologist, indicated that if lime was used on the body "interment [was] not less than two weeks nor more than four."

Joe D. Jamieson, agent-in-charge of the Philadelphia FBI office, refused to reveal details of his office's activities in the case.

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## FBI Doubts Body Found Is James Ray

MAHANOTY CITY, Pa.—(UPI)—The FBI said today there appeared to be nothing to indicate a body found in a shallow grave near here May 8 was that of the alleged slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Agent Hugh C. Norton said the FBI and state police have been investigating to determine whether the skeletal remains may match some characteristics of James E. Ray, sought in the King slaying.

"As far as I can see, there is no indication they are the same persons," Norton said. Local law officials think the slain person was a gangland victim.

Norton said the FBI was awaiting arrival of dental charts of Ray from veterans' hospitals and prisons where he had served time as a routine administrative procedure.

Norton also said the discovery of a white Mustang auto in 45 feet of water in a nearby lake was of no significance, pointing out a car of similar description said to have been purchased by Ray was found abandoned in the South.

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# FBI Has Amazing Array of Evidence, but Can't Find Ray

Contrary to rumor, the FBI's search for the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has not flagged, according to this report that brings together some of the neanier sideBights in the life of James Earl Ray.

By Drew Pearson  
and Jack Anderson

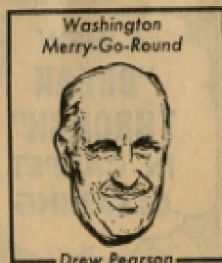
WASHINGTON — The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer.

The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and King were not on good terms. Hoover having publicly branded King 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 before undertaken in the United States.

Its G-men 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, all linking Ray with the murder.

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 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 cooperative, but police in the remote areas are not. In some villages few Mexicans can read or write, and radio news of the outside world does not penetrate.

WHAT THE FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both au-

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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. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.

**ALL THE EVIDENCE** points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill King. He 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 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by a "business men's group" for the death of 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. He paid \$408 for dancing instruction, then quit after only a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

**HE SHELLED OUT** money for a bartending course, but showed no interest in working behind any bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. His white Mustang cost \$1,995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns such as Jalisco and

Puerto Vallarta, where prices were cheap. Once he posed to sue glasses for a picture with his Mexican prostitute. In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman." He also paid \$1 to the Swinger's Club for the names and addresses of five girls.

**ALL TOLD**, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and so far as the FBI knows, committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary. Previously he has been involved in a long list of killing station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner. In some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of King for several months. He finally purchased the Remington rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They were King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was also a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

**EVIDENTLY**, Ray changed his mind about waylaying King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead. After all the elaborate planning and the careful creation of a new identity, Ray left behind in

Memphis the murder rifle, binoculars and a bag full of toilet articles.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the recognized groups for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited for several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of King in order to remove the prophet of nonviolence.

**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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# Atlanta Map Gives FBI a Positive Clue to Identity of Dr. King's Slayer

By THOMAS TALLBURT  
Scripps-Howard Writer

WASHINGTON — On a carefully marked city map found in a hippie-inhabited boarding house in Atlanta, FBI agents found a thumbprint that enabled them positively to identify the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They found the map Apr. 14 — 10 days after Dr. King was slain in Memphis. Since then the trail of the suspect, James E. Ray, has dead-ended.

Although thousands of tips have been tracked down by agents in the FBI's 6600-man force with no success since the map was found, federal

officials do not subscribe to the theory Ray may be read — the victim of someone who hired him to kill Dr. King.

"We have no indication he is dead," said an official. "We figure he is alive — somewhere."

ON THE CITY MAP of Atlanta which bore Ray's thumbprint, four key locations had been circled in pencil — Dr. King's Atlanta resi-

dence, the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which he headed, the boarding house where the map was found, and the parking lot where Ray abandoned a white Mustang the morning after Dr. King was killed.

The FBI believes Ray drove the Mustang to Atlanta during the night after the murder, abandoned the car about dawn the next day,

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took two taxi rides to locations near Peachtree St.— and then vanished.

**AGENTS FOUND** the abandoned car Apr. 11. It bore license tags issued to Eric Starvo Galt — a name the FBI said Ray used to mask his true identity.

Two days later, agents combing Atlanta for the mysterious "Galt" got a tip that he had previously rented a room at a boarding

house known to be a popular hangout for hippies.

They immediately staked out the rooming house and early the next day went to the room where they had been told "Galt" might be found.

**THERE THEY FOUND** a

TV set they later learned "Galt" had obtained in a trade with a girl friend in Los Angeles and the map bearing the thumbprint

Whether "Galt" had used the room after Dr. King's death is not known.

The map with the thumbprint was flown to FBI laboratories here. After a painstaking, round-the-clock search of the fingerprints of 13,000 wanted criminals on file here, lab technicians hit pay dirt on Apr. 13.

By matching the thumbprint on the map to one in their files they determined

that Eric Starvo Galt was really James E. Ray, an habitual criminal who had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on Apr. 23, 1967. Galt was only one of several aliases he had used.

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## Search for Ray at Dead End

WASHINGTON—The disappearance of the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King becomes more eerie and revolting with every passing day.

The FBI has not come up with a single meaningful trace of James Earl Ray, the number one suspect, since it revealed 21 days ago that the investigation had taken on international implications.

Even with \$100,000 or so of reward money lying around, the FBI hasn't so much as a hot tip or a rumor worth pursuing with hope.

In my earlier column, I deliberately did not reveal that a massive dragnet had been set up in Mexico. It was there that Ray had met with some characters who led FBI and other intelligence agents to suspect involvement of a foreign power. But investigators did not want the suspect tipped off as to the intensity of the search south of the border.

But it has revealed nothing.

"WE'VE COVERED Mexico, Canada, and the United States like a blanket," one high-level source told me. "If Ray were alive in any of these places, I can't conceive of our not locating him by now."

Thus the men who were clinging doggedly to the theory that King's killer was a bareback lover have now swung over to the belief that a hired killer planned the murder and the escape meticulously. But was it Ray—or were the seemingly clumsy clues left behind just decoys? And who did the hiring?

The truth is that the FBI has not located a single trace of Ray since he supposedly abandoned his white Mustang in Atlanta on April 6, the day after the Nobel prize-winning Negro clergyman was slain in a Memphis motel. In fact, the FBI does not really have solid evidence that it was Ray who abandoned the car in Atlanta.



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**BUT THE MASSIVE** investigation has turned up more information about Ray and his family. The most significant — and most galling in some Washington circles — is that Ray was peddling dope while in prison in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 to April, 1967.

As the magnitude of Ray's narcotics peddling has been revealed, top law enforcement officers here have stared aghast at the evidence that guards in most prisons are so easily bribed into sending almost anything into or out of a prison.

Some investigators have concluded that our penal system is rotten to the core, and they have sent screams to the top of our government that it is high time someone planned a complete overhaul.

**A SERIOUS QUESTION** arises now as to how long the FBI can, or will, continue a concentrated search for Dr. King's killer. Already, student turmoil on scores of campuses has dictated the shifting of considerable manpower to the watching of these activities.

There are some worrisome connections between rioters on the various campuses. For example, one of the leaders of the Columbia University demonstrations recently showed up at American University here, trying to agitate students into putting some "masses" into their protest.

So this confluence of demands on agents' time has led even some FBI personnel to echo earlier pessimistic predictions that "they'll never catch Dr. King's killer."

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# BRITISH ARREST KING SUSPECT

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WASHINGTON — James Earl Ray, sought in the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested yesterday morning at London airport, Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced here.

Ray, an ex-convict using the name of Eric Starvo Galt at the time of the assassination in Memphis on April 4, was arrested by officers of Scotland Yard, who were acting on information supplied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Ray's arrest was announced during the funeral rites in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral for U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, King's widow, informed at the cathedral that Ray had been seized, made no comment.

The 40-year-old fugitive was apprehended as he disembarked from an airliner en route from Lisbon to Brussels. He was traveling on a Canadian passport, which he had obtained under the name of Raymon George Sneyd.

OFFICIALS HERE said extradition proceedings would take at least a week, and would be carried out on the basis of the murder charge filed against Ray in Memphis May 7.

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Ray has also been charged with conspiracy to violate King's civil rights, a federal offense, but this is not an extraditable offense under United States treaties with England.

Ray was detained in Britain on charges of carrying concealed weapon and using a fraudulent document—the passport. He was being held at London's Cannon

Row police station under maximum security conditions.

British officials have said he will be arraigned Monday morning. They said a loaded pistol was found on Ray's person.

The arrest came after FBI agents and officials of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police picked up his trail in Canada after an exhaustive check of recent passport applications.

Officials now believe he went to Canada shortly after the assassination. They would not say how he had managed to get there at a time when a worldwide manhunt for the assassin of King was under way.

However, he is known to have resided in a rooming house in Toronto by April 18.

ACCORDING TO the statement released by the FBI, Ray obtained, under the name of Sneyd, a Canadian passport that was validated in Ottawa on April 23 and mailed to him at the Toronto rooming house.

He arrived in London 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 spotted his original passport.

Both passports were in his possession when he was arrested.

No explanation was given for the two passports. However, law enforcement officials say that fugitives sometimes attempt to establish a second identity by obtaining a second passport and altering it.

RAY WAS apparently in Lisbon from May 7 until yesterday morning.

The arrest in London took place at 11:15 a.m. London time (7:15 a.m. EDT).

It was discovered that in Canada Ray had established his identity as a Canadian and had obtained his passport by using a "Paul Bridgeman" of Toronto as a reference.

Sources here said no "Paul Bridgeman" had been located in Toronto. But one of Ray's fellow inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo., had been named Paul Bridgeman, and Ray himself used the name while in Canada, according to the report.

Officials here would not comment on reports that Ray had reverted to his free-spending ways with liquor and women while on the run abroad. He was said to have paid cash for a round-trip ticket from Toronto to London.

He cashed in the return half of the ticket and bought the further ticket to Lisbon.

**THERE WAS** no explanation of where he might have obtained the money but there was speculation that he might have been financing his travels through various robberies.

There was no indication that Ray had traveled with any other person.

So far, nothing is known of Ray's activities in Portugal.

On April 23, 1967, Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft.

On April 17, the FBI identified the suspect in the King slaying as Eric Starvo Galt.

**THE CONSPIRACY** charge filed on that date has been considered more a move to obtain federal jurisdiction to hunt for King's slayer than a deep-seated belief the King assassination was a conspiracy.

On April 19, the FBI announced that comparison of fingerprints uncovered in the King case had shown that Galt was the escaped convict, Ray.

Sneyd is a Toronto policeman, who said 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 made in a Toronto shop, he was able to receive a passport through a Toronto travel agency.

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## Ray Is Reported in London Earlier

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LONDON — James Earl Ray, chief suspect in the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was reported today to have been in London for three weeks before his arrest at London Airport on Saturday.

Scotland Yard declined to confirm the reports, published in the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Express.

The newspapers said Ray had been in London since mid-May before he was picked up on charges of carrying a fraudulent passport and a pistol for which he had no permit.

He is to answer these charges in Bow Street magistrate's court this morning. Yesterday he was interviewed in Cannon Row police station by Fred M. Vinson Jr., head of the U.S. Justice Department criminal division, who arrived from Washington yesterday morning.

POLICE sources said the purpose of the interview was to help British authorities identify Ray who carried two Canadian passports in the name of Ramon George Sneyd, one issued in Toronto and one in Lisbon.

The sources understood that Ray had made no statement thus far about the assassination of King and had asserted his right to remain silent.

The Daily Express reported that Ray had been traced to four addresses in West London and that he had at one time been with another man whose description had been "flushed around the world."

The Daily Telegraph's highly circumstantial account was based on a number of telephone calls from a man who called himself Raymond Sneyd and said he wanted information on how to become a mercenary.

THE CALL WAS transferred to reporter Ian Colvin because he had written several stories about mercenaries in Africa.

"When we first spoke," wrote Colvin, "A Canadian, or perhaps American, voice said to me: this is Raymond Sneyd. I want to join my brother who has been missing in Angola."

Colvin said the caller seemed "over-wrought and somewhat incoherent."

ON THURSDAY, June 6, the man called Colvin again. This time he said his brother was not missing but that he had not seen him in four months. He did not want particularly to search for his brother but wanted to become a mercenary in Africa himself, the caller said.

Colvin told him that "the day for rescuing mis-

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sionaries" was over and that both the British and African governments now frowned on mercenaries, but the caller persisted.

As a result, Colvin wrote, he offered to give him an address in Brussels at which he might pursue the search for his brother.

"MR. SNEYD seemed most persistent to have any address that offered him a further stage on his journey," Colvin wrote.

(In Washington, an FBI spokesman said that according to the bureau's information Ray arrived in England on May 7, left the same day for Lisbon and flew back to London Saturday).

Scotland Yard detectives picked Ray up as he waited for a flight to Brussels following his arrival from Lisbon. He had been sought since Dr. King's murder in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4.

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

In Washington, U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Ray has made no statement.

CLARK SAID Vinson's top priorities in his mission are to see that Ray is as secure as he can be—that nothing happens to him—and that he is returned to the United States for trial as soon as possible.

He said he is working with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington, Vinson and British officials on the question of extradition.

Asked about a possible conspiracy in the murder of King, particularly in view of the suspect's expensive travel without known financial means, Clark said:

"WE HAVE TO go on the evidence and facts. At this time we have no evidence of a conspiracy. If there was one, it will be discovered."

Clark said Ray "is a person who lived a life of crime" and it was plausible that he might have financed his travels that way.

Clark was interviewed on the ABC radio-television program "Issues and Answers."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said Ray was under constant surveillance. "This is a big fish," he told a caller.

LEGAL SOURCES said that to extradite Ray, American authorities would have to submit an application at Bow Street Court for the prisoner's provisional arrest—to keep him in jail—under the British-American extradition treaty.

To support this, the court would require material evidence showing there was a case against Ray. The British court would weigh the evidence and grant leave for extradition if a magistrate agreed the evidence was material and justifiable. This, normally, would take two or three weeks.

Ray could contest the extradition application and possibly the evidence as well, provided he hired or obtained a lawyer. If a magistrate overruled that defense, Ray could appeal and the case would go to a higher court.



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# Mounties Seek Ray's Fat Visitor

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

The landlady, Mrs. Loo Sun, remembers that the fat man was the only visitor Ray received during the 16 days he rented a small second-floor rear bedroom at \$9 a week. She also remembers that it was rent day and that this was the third time she received advance payment from the silent tenant who had impressed her chiefly as a man who vanished for days at a time and seldom used the room.

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

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

Ray had been living at the Chinese residence since April 19. Before that he had lived for 11 days at a boarding house run by a Polish immigrant, Mrs. Fela Szpakowsky, at 102 Ossington Street, about half a mile from the Chinese boarding house at 962 Dundas Street W.

Ray came to the Polish woman's house on April 8, four days after Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis.

HE PAID IN ADVANCE, she said, and was well dressed and seemed gentlemanly. He was wearing a burgundy-colored sports jacket, she recalled, and carried a raincoat and a small suitcase. She asked him his occupation and he told her he was in real estate, she said.

Ray made two telephone calls, she said, and one day someone telephoned him. Her small daughter had answered the phone. Ray was out. The daughter could not remember anything about the caller's voice.

A few days after Ray departed on April 19, a letter came for him. Since he had left no forwarding address, Mrs. Szpakowski returned it to the post office. The return address said 70 Lombard Street, which is the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The mounted police found that the letter contained a birth certificate made out o Paul Bridgeman at the Ossington Street address. The real Paul Bridgeman is a consultant teacher employed by the Toronto school system.

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**PAUL BRIDGEMAN** was the first alias used by Ray in Toronto, after he moved to the Chinese residence he called himself Sneyd. The real Ramon George Sneyd is a Toronto constable.

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**LISBON**—The man identified as James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., lived in a third-class hotel in downtown Lisbon for nine days in May and then disappeared, it was learned here yesterday.

That's the man who called himself Ramon George Sneya," said the day clerk of the Hotel Portugal, pointing to a photograph published in a Lisbon newspaper. Ray signed into the 45-room commercial hotel on the evening of May 8 and left the morning of May 17.

A spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon also reported seeing a man who carried a Canadian passport in the name of Sneya.

"HE CAME INTO the consulate and said that his name had been misspelled on the passport and that it should have been Sneyd," a Canadian consular official said. "He produced a birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd and asked to change Sneya to Sneyd."

The Canadian consul issued a new passport in the name of Sneyd on May 16.

International police sources at Lisbon airport denied yesterday that the man called Sneyd had flown on a British European Airways plane to London Saturday morning, where he was picked up by Scotland Yard detectives.



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# Say Ray's Flight Closely Planned

By United Press International

Most investigators believe that if James E. Ray killed Dr. Martin Luther King, he was hired to do it and his escape had been carefully arranged.

This appeared clear today from a survey of reports in Britain, Canada and the United States, but Ray — an escaped convict — is still a man shrouded in mystery.

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

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

Constable Sneyd, his superiors say,

never heard of Ray outside the investigation.

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

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

"There were so many similarities," said

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# Say Ray's Flight Well Planned

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Galt, "that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and would take a potshot at me."

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

American officials are try-

ing to find out where Ray got money. They estimate he spent at least \$12,000 between Aug. 30, 1967, and his arrest last Saturday. That includes \$1195 for a white Mustang auto in which he traveled 19,000 miles, \$150 for a rifle and \$700 for bartending and dancing lessons. Some officials think he may have participated in a bank robbery at Alton, Ill.

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

RAY TURNED UP in Toronto Apr. 8 and rented a room under the name of Paul Bridgeman. Not surprisingly, a man named Paul Bridgeman lives not far from Constable Sneyd and his neighbor, Eric S. Galt.

Ray purchased, for \$345, a plane ticket from Toronto to London through the Kennedy Travel Bureau. The agency handled all the details—including mailing his two fuzzy photographs and his faked birth certificate to Ottawa to get his passport in the name of Sneyd.

POLICE REFUSED to speculate in detail on how Ray, without considerable and expert assistance, could have faked a birth certificate—using the name of a real

man and his parents—so quickly.

"He must have had access to some confidential information not generally available to the public," said Toronto Deputy Police Chief Bernard Simmons.

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

He took a \$2.10-a-day room in the Hotel Portugal and, according to the clerk there, "behaved like a rich tourist, spending the nights in night clubs and coming back late, sometimes at six in the morning."

But Inspector Jose Paco said Ray behaved like any normal tourist and "did nothing worth attracting our attention."

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

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

A London reporter said a man who identified himself as George Sneyd called him several times wanting to know how he could become a soldier of fortune in Angola. The reporter said he gave him an address in Brussels.

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

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## Superb Police Work

Only the trial can confirm whether the suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the right man.

But the international police diligence, patience and skill which led to the capture of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has to go into the books as one of the most remarkable crime searches in many years.

The FBI had been looking for Ray since Apr. 20, after a spate of intensive detective work pinpointed the identity of the man they wanted. Police all across the United States had been involved in the hunt, and when it seemed possible Ray might have slipped out of the United States, police forces in other countries were informed.

There are no passport requirements for Americans visiting Canada and it was fairly easy for Ray to go north.

But the Royal Canadian Mounted Police lived up to their reputations for relentless pursuit. They combed 200,000 applications and turned up Ray's picture on request for a Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd. The FBI and the British were alerted, among others.

Britain's famed Scotland Yard made the capture as the result of typical perseverance. Ray was caught at an airport trying to leave the country.

This fellow obviously is no ordinary suspect. Whether or not he had confederates, his trail marks him as a cunning character.

In any case, the FBI, the Mounties and Scotland Yard deserve special commendation. When many people had begun to think that the elusive Ray would never be tracked down, Scotland Yard has got our man.

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# Ray Hearing Set, U.S. Maps Extradition Bid

LONDON — RPA — James Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, today was half-dragged into a magistrate's court where he was ordered held without bail on gun and passport violations in Britain. U. S. efforts to extradite him will come later, possibly this week.

Ray, a 40-year-old American escaped convict, then was taken under heavy guard to Brixton Prison to await another hearing June 18. His appearance in court lasted only 82 seconds during which he either snarled or screwed his face into a half grin.

U. S. extradition efforts will not have to wait until the second hearing. Embassy officials said both the states of Missouri and Tennessee were preparing extradition papers—jail break in Missouri and the King murder charge in Memphis, Tenn.

AMERICAN SOURCES indicated the decision had not yet been made as to which, if either, of these states' possible extradition claims would be used. They said Ray could simplify things by waiving extradition—though he has not spoken on this matter—or Britain could simply deport him as an undesirable.

Ray was brought into court by 12 police guards almost shuffling as they propelled him along into a court

room where for the first time in memory every person entering the magistrate's court was searched by detectives. The detectives themselves were armed, which is unusual for Britain.

Magistrate Frank Milton asked Ray if he objected to limiting press coverage of his hearing and if he had a lawyer. He answered "No" to both questions.

AMERICAN Government attorneys had hoped to arrange a speedy return to Tennessee for Ray.

But Magistrate Milton ordered Ray held on the charges for which he was arrested in London Airport—alleged use of a forged passport and possession without a permit of a .38-caliber revolver plus five bullets.

He was carrying the gun in his hip pocket when seized at the airport while en route from Lisbon to



James Earl Ray

Photo taken in Toronto to get Ray a Canadian passport.

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Brussels, police said. They represent him today. An al-  
said he carried two pass- torney will be named to rep-  
ports, both Canadian. One resent Ray in further pro-  
was in the name of Ramon ceedings.  
George Sneyd, 35, of Toron-  
to. The real Sneyd is a To-  
ronto policeman.

**SCOTLAND YARD** search-  
ed newsmen and spectators  
who jammed the court. Six  
uniformed police plus six  
Scotland Yard detectives led  
by Chief Supt. Thomas But-  
ler—the "flying squad" chief  
who arrested Ray—flanked  
the defendant in the prison-  
er's dock, an 8 by 3-foot pen  
of wrought iron.

Ray scowled as he stepped  
into the dock. He appeared  
pale and his walk was more  
a shuffle. He appeared un-  
shaven.

Milton granted Ray legal  
aid. No lawyer was there to

Sitting on a bench to the  
right of Ray was U. S. At-  
torney General Fred M. Vin-  
son Jr., son of the late U. S.  
chief justice. Vinson had  
flown to London yesterday to  
help speed up extradition.

He watched Ray through-  
out and later when police  
hunted Ray into a paddy  
wagon for the ride back to  
his Cannon Row police sta-  
tion cell.

Ray was taken to court to  
comply with British law that  
persons under arrest must  
go before a judge within 48  
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# Police Won't Abuse Frisk Power Upheld by High Court, Says Blackwell

Police Chief Michael J. Blackwell said today that police will not abuse their authority, sanctioned yesterday by the U. S. Supreme Court, to stop and search persons for dangerous weapons if they are acting suspiciously.

Blackwell—and other law-enforcement agents—praised the court for its 8 to 1 decision. It upheld the convictions for carrying concealed

weapons of John W. Terry and Richard D. Chilton, who were arrested in 1963 at E. 1416 St. and Euclid Ave. by Detective Martin J. McFadden.

"The court rendered a great service to the country by this decision," Blackwell said.

"IF THE COURT had ruled

otherwise, it would have been a signal for criminal elements that they could arm themselves with immunity from search and seizure.

"We are not going to use this privilege indiscriminately or abuse it. It will depend on the individual officer to make the decision whether the circumstances warrant a stop and search."

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The ruling also was praised by Chief Police Prosecutor James Carnes and County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan.

Carnes said: "I am sure experienced officers know their job and will recognize suspicious circumstances that will justify a stop and search."

**COMMON PLEAS** Court Judge Bernard Friedmar,

who presided at Terry's trial, said: "I'm very pleased. The court's decision gives police a vehicle through which to properly stop and search a suspicious person.

"In the trial, I limited this right to stopping and searching for weapons. This is necessary for the protection of the officer when he is acting on the basis of his experience and there is strong suspicion of wrong-doing.

"I don't believe there should be indiscriminate frisking for other contraband and I so indicated in this case."

McFadden, a policeman for 40 years, said: "The court couldn't have made any other ruling. I watched Terry and Chilton about 15 minutes. They made 14 or 15 trips back and forth in front of a jewelry store window. I

stopped and searched them because I suspected they were looking it over in preparation for a robbery."

**CHILTON WAS** killed last year in a Columbus holdup.

Louis Stokes, Terry's attorney, said: "My primary concern in this case was that individual privacy on the street not be jeopardized. I can certainly understand the concern of the court with refer-

ence to the need for policemen to protect themselves and others."

Bernard A. Berkman, Cleveland representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, disagreed with the decision.

"I think to rummage a person for evidence and to convict him without probable cause is offensive to the Constitution."



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# James Ray Used Toronto's Hospitality to Arrange His Escape to Europe

By DON SILVER, Press Staff Writer

TORONTO — James E. Ray, world traveler, escaped convict and prime suspect in the Apr. 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, leaned heavily on Toronto's hospitality.

He used the names of three of the city's citizens as his own, including a Metro policeman, and brought them world-wide notoriety.

And he embarrassed a travel agency on the city's main street by using its best offices to obtain a phony Canadian passport which got him to London and Lisbon and back to London.

"The man was nothing — just another face at the desk," Miss Lillian Spencer, manager of Kennedy Travel Bureau, told this reporter today. She said there seemed to be nothing unusual about Ray's application which he made Apr. 16. He picked up the passport May 2.

"But this experience has deprived me of sleep and caused people to follow me when I go out," she complained.

Eric S. Galt, whose name Ray used in Memphis at the time of the assassination, has been on the spot for more than two months.

"Oddly enough, I didn't let it embarrass or frighten me—I'm philosophical about such things," said Galt, a warehouse supervisor for Union Carbide.

Galt said Union Carbide supplied his alibi when the FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police asked about him. He had worked an 80-hour week on a special project at the time of the shooting.

"The company got concerned about my taking it so lightly," Galt said. "They alerted me to the danger of harm from cranks."

Galt is an officer of a gun club here and has scars on his forehead and right hand, as does Ray. Those facts added to his problem, of course.

Paul Bridgman, a 35-year-old consultant teacher for

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the Toronto School Board (he teaches teachers to teach English), didn't know he was involved until Friday when two policemen went to his house and asked his wife, Marilyn, if their house had been broken into recently or if they had had any mail stolen.

"Then the police came to the office and showed me a man's photograph," Bridgman said. "I didn't know the man and they didn't tell me any more. They asked me not to mention their visit."

After Ray's capture in London, Bridgman's name made the front pages. Ray had used it to obtain a birth certificate and a passport photo and as a reference. He also used it to register at a Toronto rooming house.

"The newspapers have a theory — that Ray got my name and the names of my parents from my birth announcement in a 35-year-old newspaper," Bridgman said.

"It's a strange feeling to discover someone like Ray knows so much about you," Bridgman said.

Ramon George Sneyd, the Toronto policeman, could not be reached for comment. However, he has been reported as being as much in the dark about Ray and his name game as the others.

Galt, Bridgman and Sneyd live within a few blocks of each other in Toronto suburbs.

And Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at St. Louis in April, 1967, had used the names of Galt and Bridgman in Los Angeles as early as last year.

One police theory is that he got the names somehow, or from someone, while he was in Montreal last year during the Expo. He may have visited Toronto then.



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# Many Toronto Residents Recall Seeing Ray During His Stay in City

By DON SILVER, Press Staff Writer

TORONTO—James Earl Ray has come and gone. But the legend of his visit to Toronto grows hourly.

The suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King arrived here April 8, four days after the tragedy in Memphis. He departed for London on May 6.

One would assume that his stay in this lovely city went unnoticed. Not so.

Now that he has been arrested in London and his picture has appeared on front pages, many citizens have come forward with reports that they saw him.

Samual Marshal, assistant manager of a Loblaw's supermarket, says he saw a man he thinks was Ray come out of the store's stockroom. Marshal thinks Ray was casing the store for a holdup.

Marshal recognized Ray from a picture he saw in Newsweek the next day. Marshal says he reported the matter to the police, but so far, police can't find any record of the report.

MARSHAL'S BOSS, Emerson Benns, who got a glimpse of the man, thought it was Ray, too, after he looked at the magazine.

PAT SANFORD, a topless dancer at the Silver Dollar Bar, says Ray sat at a table

near the stage where she performs. That was one evening several weeks ago.

A bartender at the Silver Dollar also remembers Ray's visit to the bar.

Isaac Cohen, a real estate salesman who looks a lot like comedian Joey Bishop, says a man who looked like Ray asked about renting a house for \$300 a month and aroused Cohen's suspicion.

Meanwhile, detectives are reported to be looking for the "fat man" who delivered a package to Ray at a rooming house and the "fair man" who drank beer with him at a pub.

FOR \$3 IN CANADIAN money (\$2.79 in American) one can take the Toronto-Ray taxi tour — a ride past the Adam Szpakowski rooming house at 102 Ossington Ave., where Ray stayed for a time, the rooming house operated by Mrs. Yee Sun Loo at 962 Dundas St., another temporary residence of Ray, the Silver Dollar tavern on Spadina Ave., and the Kennedy Travel Bureau on Bloor St. where Ray obtained a phony passport and travel ticket to London.

Either Ray, or accomplices who helped him escape, had fine taste in selecting cities — Montreal, Toronto, London, Lisbon — but selected run down housing accommodations.

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# U. S. Begins Steps to Bring Fugitive James Ray From England

LONDON—AP—The United States today formally requested extradition of James Earl Ray to the United States as the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Extradition papers were flown to London from Washington and Chief U. S. Consular Officer Jack A. Harcourt presented them to the British Foreign Office.

At the same time, police intensified their search for any associate of Ray. Informed sources said the police were looking for a man or men reported to have

been seen with Ray shortly before he checked into two London hotels.

The extradition papers listed to the State of Tennessee's case against Ray for the shooting of the Negro civil rights leader in Memphis. They also listed the State of Missouri's claim to Ray as a ~~escaped convict~~.

The Foreign Office must first be satisfied that the case complies with the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and Britain.

A 24-hour police guard was being maintained on Ray in a cell at Wandsworth Prison.

In Pimlico, a district which is next to the London West End but has not seen major development since Charles Dickens wrote of its pest houses, Mrs. Anna Thomas talked of the boarder who may have been Ray on the loose.

"He kept the door of his room locked at all times and when I brought his breakfast up he told me to leave it outside," the hotel keeper said.

In Lisbon, where police said an FBI agent was at work along with other investigators, a plump, red-haired bar girl—"Just call me Gloria"—remembered the face in the newspaper but not the name.

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## Institutions On Trial

SIX WEEKS of painstaking police work were rewarded Saturday with the arrest in London of James Earl Ray, the chief suspect in the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and London's Scotland Yard all deserve credit for the diligent and cooperative efforts which brought about the capture of Ray at the end of an international trail that led from Toronto, to London, to Lishon, and back to London.

Now that Ray is in custody, the issue of his guilt or innocence in connection with several alleged offenses should be left to the courts. Besides the Tennessee charge of murdering Dr. King, Ray also faces a federal charge of conspiring to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights, a Missouri charge of prison breach, a Canadian charge of acquiring a passport under a false name, and English charges of traveling under a false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. While it is desirable that justice be as swift as possible, it is at the same time essential to justice that the law take its prescribed course without any short-circuiting of the procedural guarantees for the accused that have been established in Britain, Canada, and the U.S.

As long as steps for the extradition of Ray are being taken without unreasonable delay, Americans should not become impatient with the processes of law. British officials have pointed out that extradition, allowing time for appeals, could take as long as three to six weeks. Meanwhile, on this side of the Atlantic officials and the news media should observe restraint to avoid "trying" Ray in the court of public opinion before he is tried in a court of law. Already, Attorney General Clark has spoken too glibly about the likelihood of a quick conviction in this case. And the news media have been indiscreet in publicizing dubious evidence, including hearsay comments by Ray's former Missouri prison mates about the suspect's connection with the King murder.

After the excesses following the assassination of President Kennedy, both law enforcement and media people should have learned the necessity for prudence to avoid tendentious pre-trial comment and reporting that implies guilt. In the cases of the accused assassins of Dr. King and of Senator Kennedy, the institutions of justice and communication will be put to a severe test. Those in positions of responsibility should strive to have them measure up to high standards as the world watches.

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# Scotland Yard Hunts Any Ray Accomplices

LONDON—(UPI)—The Scotland Yard detective who caught accused assassin James Earl Ray went back into action today.

Philip Birch took up his post at London Airport as

the Yard pressed the hunt for any accomplices of the man accused of killing Martin Luther King Jr. Apr. 4.

Birch arrested Ray, 40, in an airport crowd Saturday.

Also getting into action

now were the court-appointed defense lawyers for Ray. They were beginning work to thwart U. S. plans for extraditing him to stand trial in Memphis, Tenn.

## THE DEFENSE lawyers

were expected to meet soon—possibly today—with London Chief Magistrate Frank Milton and U. S. attorneys to set a date for a hearing on the American case for extradition. The British Government yesterday gave the go ahead to the courts to hear the case.

A full effort by the defense could stall Ray's extradition through the summer even if they are unable to stop the action altogether.

Meanwhile, the Yard sought men reported seen with Ray in London hotels and a woman with an American accent who telephoned the fugitive before his arrest.

U. S. Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson Jr., before flying back to Washington after laying the ground for extradition proceedings, paused to praise Birch.

Ray, held on charges of carrying a pistol and illegal passports, is being held in a maximum security cell.

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**HE STOLE THEIR NAMES** — James Earl Ray (right) appropriated the names of three Toronto residents shown here before and after the assassination of Martin Luther King of which he is suspected. They are Paul Bridgeman (left), Eric S. Galt and Policeman Ramon George Sneyd. (UPI Telephoto)

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## Ray Faces U.S. Return Bid Today

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray will return to court today for his first public response on a U.S. demand for his return to stand trial in the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray, 40, an escaped convict, has been under around-the-clock guard in Wandsworth Prison since appearing in court a week ago on false passport and pistol charges.

He made a brief appearance in court then under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, the name on his Canadian passport. In the interim, the U.S. Embassy requested his extradition to face charges of murdering Dr. King in Memphis April 4. He is also sought by Missouri to finish a term for armed robbery.

RAY is likely to ask the court for time to consult with lawyers. The magistrate would then set a tentative date for a full extradition hearing probably later this week.

Arthur J. Hanes, a lawyer in Birmingham, Ala., said yesterday he had tentatively accepted the defense of Sneyd, or Ray. Hanes, 31, gained international attention when he defended three men accused of murdering a De-

troit civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, at Hayneville, Ala., in 1965.

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## Ex-Birmingham Mayor to Defend King Suspect

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — Soft-spoken, former FBI agent Arthur J. Hanes, who professes deep commitment to the American jury system, has been chosen by the man accused as the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as his defense attorney.



HANES

Hanes, 51-year-old former mayor of Birmingham, said he tentatively has accepted the case after receiving a letter from James E. Ray in London.

Hanes said he and his son, a 1967 university of Alabama Law School graduate who joined his father's firm, would fly to Washington today and continue to London tomorrow to confer with Ray and begin preparation of the case in the event he is extradited.

HANES SAID HE HAD no knowledge of the case other than "what I've read." He had a neat pile of newspaper clippings about the King assassination on his desk.

"I will say this, though," he said.

"Whoever they have in that jail in London—Sneyd, Ray or (Eric Starvo) Galt—is as innocent at this moment as you or I.

"I think the American jury system is the greatest. If you give it to a jury to decide, they'll mull it over and come up with the right verdict."

A husky, six-footer with receding brown hair, Hanes said he had "no idea" why Ray contacted him.

"He said he had read about me," Hanes said.

HANES RECEIVED wide publicity in the early 1960's when he was mayor during civil rights demonstrations led by Dr. King, and in 1964 when he defended two Ku Klux Klansmen charged in the highway slaying near Selma of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo of Detroit, a civil rights worker.

Hanes said he decided to take the Ray case tentatively "because I'm a lawyer."

Later, he added, "I gather he has some money."

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# King Suspect Won't Talk, Brother Says

By JERRY LIPSON  
Press-Chicago Daily News  
Writer

CHICAGO — James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take to the grave any information he has on the slaying, his brother, Jerry, 32, says.

Jerry Ray said the police "will never find out what it's all about from Jimmy. He's not going to name names.

"Even if he goes to the electric chair, he's gonna die with that secret," Jerry said with a fierce but quiet pride as he sipped from a can of beer in a \$12.40 a day motel room near Chicago.

It seemed a point of honor that his brother would not talk, just as Jerry had chosen

to do five years in Missouri State Prison rather than make things easy for himself by fingering two men who had joined him in a tavern burglary in 1956.

"It's hard not to talk," he said with a small smile, "but a person has to live with himself."

Ray also predicted his brother would plead not guilty should he eventually

come to trial in Memphis. He shrugged off reports of a possible insanity plea based on mental tests James underwent while in prison.

**JAMES WAS SERVING** a 20-year term for armed robbery when he escaped Apr. 23, 1967, from Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City by hiding in a bread box on a bakery truck.

"There was nothing insane about my brother," Jerry said in a rare display of emotion.

Clad in a clean white short sleeved shirt, Ray sat and tried to explain why he refuses to believe his brother could have pulled the trigger on Dr. King.

"He just wasn't that kind. In all the jobs he pulled, he never hurt anybody," Ray said.

If anything, the younger Ray added, "Jimmy was set up as a decoy" to throw police off the trail of the real assassin.

**"THAT'S THE ONLY** way I can figure the money. He never had that kind of money before. Somebody must have paid him to take the name of Galt and spread it around."

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# Ray Learned Life in Slums, Jails

By DORIS O'DONNELL

The mystery of James Earl Ray is as cryptic as a jigsaw puzzle whose pieces lie scattered over half of the United States, Canada and parts of Europe.

No matter that Ray — using the name of Ramon George Sneyd — sits today in a London jail charged with killing Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., last April 4.

The fact does not solve the enigma of the man who joblessly lived it up as a fugitive from the Missouri State Prison for nearly a year before the slaying of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

THAT FACT of the accusation, with fingerprint evidence on the murder rifle produced by the U.S. government in the Bow Street magistrates' court last

Thursday, does not shed light on why Ray allegedly killed Rev. Dr. King. Whether it was a lone assassin or a domestic, political or international conspiracy.

Who is this slum boy who grew to manhood in prison cells?

Where did Ray get money for alligator shoes? For a white 1966 Mustang? For

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To find what kind of man is James Earl Ray, accused of the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Plain Dealer assigned Reporter Doris O'Donnell to take his trail. She visited Jefferson City, Mo., where he escaped prison; St. Louis, where he spent part of his life, and Toronto, where he lived before fleeing to Europe.

cross-country trips? For airplane tickets? Who kept Ray on ice, safe from the long arm of the Missouri state officials for 13 months after he escaped from the old

walled penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo.?

There is one man who knows all the answers. That is Ray himself.

**THE REST IS** a patch-

work of random facts, guesses, conjectures and projections.

The Plain Dealer tried to pull the strings of the mystery bag of James Earl Ray together.

Newspaper reporters all over the country, in Canada, England and Portugal have backtracked on Ray's activities which already were closely examined by the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard, not to mention supporting roles of local police the world over.

The Plain Dealer backtracked, too, and came up with more details to put flesh and blood on the formerly flat image of James Earl Ray, alias James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron, James O'Connor, Eric Starvo Galt, Paul

Brigman, John Willard, Harvey Lowmyer and, of course, Sneyd.

**TO FILL IN** the blanks about Ray, The PD tried to find persons who knew Ray—in prison, in his old neighborhood in South St. Louis, in Toronto.

Fred T. Wilkinson, director of the Missouri Department of Correction at Jef-

erson City, knew Ray as one of about 1,500 men behind the walls, a few short blocks from the state capitol and the governor's mansion on the Missouri River.

"He was as near a non-entity as any person I ever met," Wilkinson said. "He was innocuous."

Wilkinson is an expert in his field. He has spent 30 years in the federal prison system, including a five-year term with the Bureau of Prisons in Washington.

**"HE WAS LIKE** anyone else," Wilkinson said. "His pattern of existence in the penitentiary. Owens got ships, no enemies." He was a passive personality. He gave the appearance of indolence. His attitude was "Here I am, so what?"

Ray, incidentally, had been arrested with an accomplice, James Owens, for the robbery of a Kroger Co. store on Ohio Avenue in South St. Louis. he was sentenced on two counts—armed robbery and auto theft—to 20 years in the penitentiary. Owens got only seven years. During the fifth day of his trial before Circuit Court Judge John C. Casey in St. Louis, Ray tried to escape. He was caught by sheriff's deputies in an elevator in the Municipal Court Building.

Attempted jail escapes, said Wilkinson, took Ray out of the innocuous class several times.

"He tried to attract attention that way," Wilkinson said.

**BEFORE HIS** successful escape in April, 1967, Ray was missing in the penitentiary for "a couple of days in 1966." He tried to scale the walls of the prison, built in 1836, and fell into a ventilator.

Ray is officially listed as having escaped the Missouri jail April 23, but a guard told me prison officials searched the old institution "for a month" before they were convinced Ray had fled.

Wilkinson confirmed this. He said there were hiding places in the old structure.

But officials finally discovered that a 3x5-foot bread box, in which bread was trucked twice a week from the prison to the prison farms, was Ray's hiding place to the outside.

Wilkinson said he is convinced Ray had the aid of another inmate, who also worked in the kitchen with Ray.

**RAY, WORKING** in the kitchen slicing bread, wore white clothes, not the green dungarees with black stripes worn by regular prisoners.

No one knows, Wilkinson said, how Ray left Jefferson City. No leads have developed on whether he left by foot, car or airplane.

A brother, John Larry Ray, had visited Ray for 4½ hours the day before Ray disappeared. He made his escape about 8:30 a.m. and a check was not made until 1 p.m.

John Ray told a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter that: "He and I both are strong supporters of George Wallace," former Alabama governor and a states rights candidate for president.

Wilkinson saw nothing significant in the Ray brothers talking politics or talking George C. Wallace.

**"FOUR AND** a half hours is a long time," Wilkinson said. "Even the closest of relatives run out of things to talk about."

Wilkinson said sometimes a probing bar is used in the bread boxes when the truck is in the sally port, a tunnel through which the truck passes between electrically-controlled gates. At one point, the truck is locked between two gates.

Officials said no guards were fired as a result of the escape. But Wilkinson said "procedures break down" or when personnel "are compromised," escapes happen. He said you can break up most escapes by tight working procedures.

Did Ray walk out of Jefferson City with money in his pocket?

**WILKINSON SAID** he left \$10.36 behind in his account of prison earnings.

But prisoners and ex-convicts from Missouri State



Pen claim, Ray could have left with a bankroll as high as \$2,000.

One prisoner told me: "I saw a man with \$7,500 on him the other night."

But Wilkinson's records show the most Ray ever "had on the books" was two entries of \$5 each which he sent to a brother in 1963.

"THAT'S THE biggest money he ever dealt with," Wilkinson said.

Ray ordered items from Sears, Roebuck — tennis shoes or sweat shirts—\$1.25 books from the West Publishing Co., and Hitchcock Publications.

A guard told me it was possible for inmates to make money on amphetamine powder.

In a slow drawing voice, the guard explained that there are a lot of chicken farmers in Missouri.

"IN THE OLD days, farmers kept electric lights on so chickens would wake up earlier and lay more eggs," he said. "Now they use feed that has this stuff (amphetamines-arep pill ingredient) in it. The hens sleep less and lay more."

Wilkinson reluctantly confirmed that a national feed company has a feed and grain plant 19 miles from Jefferson City. He said wives of guards work there, and sometimes guards "moonlight" there. Both have access to the amphetamine powder. The powder then finds its way into prisoners' hands.

"I thought the stuff came in from K.C. (Kansas City)," an ex-convict from Missouri said. "A \$60 pack brought in about \$2,000. Some guys wouldn't sleep for a week. I saw Ray use it."

Wilkinson doubted Ray was a user, but he did not dispute the ex-convict's statement. He said the suspected users were given urine tests.

"Ray was never involved," the corrections chief said.

**RAY WAS NEVER** involved in any officially recorded racial problems in jail, either.

Ray's I.Q. was listed at 103. Incidentally, Ray had served in the Army, stationed in Nuremberg during the trial of the German leaders after the war, but was later discharged for an inability to adjust to military life. The ex-convict said Ray read German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, and believed in the superman theory.

Ray's multiphase personality chart showed he tested around the 10th grade level, and that in a graph area for "despondency, hostility and prejudice" no record of his emotions was charted.

"He had no animosity toward the Negro inmates. I'm positive of this," Wilkinson said.

His prison records listed his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan, and his grandmother as Mrs. Mary Mahler, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis.

Both women are dead, but they are not forgotten on the hot, dusty street in South St. Louis.

NO. 1913 Hickory Street is a doorless rundown two-story brick house with the French architectural influence of 75-100 years old. This section off Missouri Avenue was once the proud tree-lined properties of well-to-do merchants.

Today only a pocket of white families remain.

"Mrs. Maher supposedly had a little money," said a gray-haired widow, Mrs. Gracie Weiss, who lived across from the Maher-Ray home.

Records report James Earl Ray was one of 10 children. An uncle, William E. Maher of Alton, Ill., listed them — in the order of their birth — as James Earl; Marjorie who burned to death at an early age; John L., Melba, Carol, Ann, Jerald, Franklin D., killed in an auto accident, Susan and Max.

**MRS. WEISS** tended bar at the Neighborhood bar, five houses from the Ray house for nearly 20 years.

"When Ray was old enough to drink, he came in for a beer. He was polite. He quietly and drank his beer slowly. He was usually alone."

Mrs. Alice Martin, a next door neighbor, recalled that Mrs. Ray (or Ryan) had been separated a long time from her husband, and she did not know where the other children lived.

"Mrs. Ray lived with a man named 'Jack' who also served time in the penitentiary," Mrs. Weiss said.

**NEIGHBORS SAID** Mrs Ray was a wino, but she always "had her clothes dry-cleaned."

Mrs. Martin recalled matches in the Ray home hearing domestic shouting between Ray's mother and her boyfriends and James would usually leave by the back door. At other times, he would sit alone on the front stoop.

Mrs. Weiss and her neighbors were visited by the FBI.

"But I told them they had the wrong man," Mrs. Weiss said. "They showed me lots of pictures. They didn't look like the Ray I knew. The Ray I knew stuttered. He was a tall slim boy with a long face. I told them they are on the wrong track."

(The FBI confirmed that in one of the first sets of pictures released publicly of Ray an artist painted in the eyes. This picture bears no resemblance to photographs taken of Ray in Toronto for his Canadian passport.)

**AN EX-CONVICT** and a prisoner at the Missouri Pen said the prisoners on amphetamines lost weight.

"That's why Ray looks so skinny in the prison pictures," the ex-convict said. "But in the London pictures, he looks as though

he's gained lots of weight." (One of the London boarding house landlords claimed a hypodermic needle was left in Ray's room.)

But the neighbors on Hickory Street had to admit they saw little of James Earl Ray during the past 12 years.

Ray enlisted in the Army in 1946 and was out in 1948. He served three months at hard labor for being drunk and resisting arrest.

IN 1949, HE was given a 90-day sentence in Los Angeles prison for burglary. He served terms at two Illinois prisons — Joliet and Pontiac — for armed robbery in Chicago, between 1952-54. He was in Leavenworth, a federal prison, for forged postal money orders from 1955-58.

The St. Louis crime—robbing the supermarket—netted Ray and Owens \$120 in 1959.

Ray was rooming on S. Park Street, not far from Hickory, when he committed the last crime.

Prison officials consider Ray a "loser, a punk," but his prison colleagues describe him as a "real pro."

"HE HAD money on him in prison," an ex-convict said. "Guys like that are always targets. But no one ever stole or tried to steal from Ray. There was something about him. Like he'd kill, if you'd try anything."

Ray's brother, John Larry Ray, operates a bar at the corner of Arsenal and Illinois avenues, in South St. Louis. The liquor license is in the name of Mrs. Carol Pepper, Ray's sister, who reportedly "is married very well."

The bar, the Grapevine, catering to neighborhood walk-in trade, is a down-at-the-heel place. A padlock was on the front door the day I waited about 10 hours to see John Ray. He never even opened the bar that day.

John L. Ray is described as a "weirdo" by persons who know him and the Grapevine saloon.