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phis Thursday night tore at the entire nation ? horic of the United states. This was an evil iron which no good can possibly came.

As in the death of President Acadedy, it seemed to be the set of a small, embittered men who like Oswald-confused infamy with athie, who sought to become big by killing a

Martin Luther King was a brave man and a deaply devout one. His last public speech revealed in him new serenity and new confideace. He said, "I would like to live a long life; longovicy has its grace. But we're not concerned about that now. I just want to do you. Em I want you to know to ight that we

THE KING II WHARS ago had founded the secur of Negroes determined to find their way King had in 11 years seen great strides me by his people within the american society. In educational and professional opportunity, in elvil rights and civil responsibilities,

To King not his enemies, as all strong men tremists conged he had not gone far enough in his re usal to adopt their tectics of vio

way-holding to his convictions, gradually lift-ing his signts and expanding his demands. pefusing to be stampeded into the violence he

THE PRIEND AND contrade of the IL years. the Rev Rainh Aboutathy, that ever the lest-ership of the SCLC in moving works; "While he lived, he taught us we should not let violence and we determined to continue down that road in support of the dream he left with us."

country. The majority of Americans were

deeply interested in the outcome of his contest. The majority of Azorricans were con-cerned that justice he achieved in a may which would streat then the law and furness

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nedy, so there will be a hardlying few was ery that Dr King was asking for it. This is he mentarity of the tricoust s who knitted be mentality of the Roman mobs in the Celiseum who cheered the slaughter of Christians. But no same American, Negro or white, cares in the Judeo Christien ethic of the Tea Com's municules can rail to make our shares d one is a "Thou shelt not like"

No sane America a Nagro en white, schooled on the concept of the Demaration of mice-terionice can fait to sense our shame and our we not these truths to be self-evident, not all men are created equal, that they are endowed by inch Chenter whin certain matterable rights, that among these are Litte, Liberty and the Purson of Happiness."

That Martin Lather King should have lost all those to a snirier's Lated is an American loss. As a nation we are aiminfsued.

AN AWARENESS OF the bas was implicit in all the expressions of shock and distress from a wide writety of leaders in all parts of the country, in the hushed dismay of unknown than and women who had never met Dr King or responded to his call, in the hearfbreak of those who loved him.

Flouston offers its sympathy to Mrs King and her family and pays tribute to Dr Martin Luther King for his courage and stead ast resolution in a cause in which he believed.

Houston hopes that Americans everywhere can remember the lesson he taught-that we must not "let violence turn us around."

This violent, senseless and unjust assassingtion must sthy Americans everywhere to strive harder for me hadonal good and tog the good of all those waters the nation.

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Lesson Of Memphis

Now that bloody rioting, looting and purning in Memphis have proven that Dr. Martin Luther King's "non violent" marches can no leagur to called that, will Washington permit this man ic "disrugi" the nation's capital this month as he intends to do?

"Non-violent" he or was a proper name for King's racial demonstrations. Even though the participants used not to engage in violent acts, shelr conduct was calculated to provoke violence. Who can creat that King planned it that way New, however, because of the rangings of men who do weach violence, it is no larger possible or King to stage

That was evident in Memonia, bure, Bing and the 7000 bat hand him just the ched along. Perhaps every one of the 7000 retrained from acts of violence. But the name to provided the strees behind widen other Negroes staged one of those reigns of chaos with which the country has become entirely too family Har in recent years - breaking into store ., leating, setting scores di fires.

other ciffes until he gets what he wants. He, the "monviolent' leader who was awarded a Nobel peace prize, has made alliances with the black militants, the man who preach "Hell Walteys" Will the administration let him got by with (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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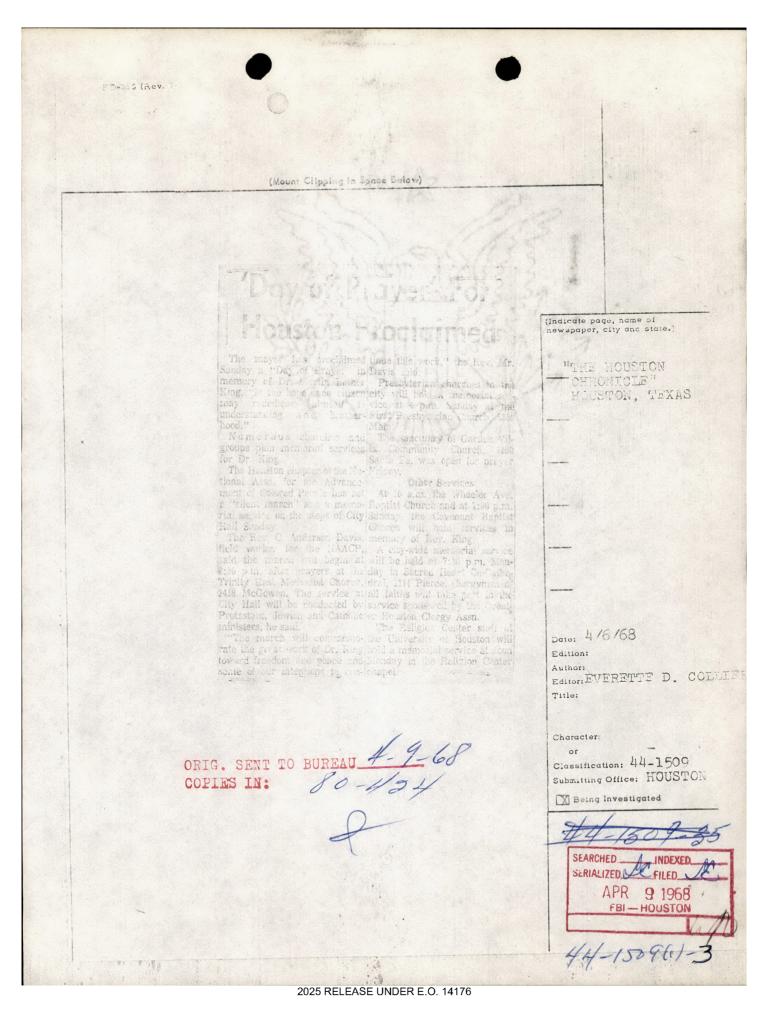
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Marchers Praised By Welch

By EALEN MODLEBROOK

Mayor Louis Welch sain Monday the community owes a debt of gratified to the sponsors and participants of Sunday's silent procession and service memorializing Dr Martin Luther King

"It was a quiet merch, just as they said it would be, in support of a cause," the may-

"IT PROCEEDED wonderfully well in view of the cir-

Rouston's merch in honor of Dr King was a moving and proper tribute, An editorial, Sec. 2. Page 2.

curestances that are the same here as those in Chicago. Pitisburgh, Baltimore and other offes where there were difficulties."

The mayor said he did not attend the memorial because he was speaking at a dedication service for a Jacinto City church in accordance with argange mention ago. He was represented by Dr Blair Justice and other staff members.

William SAD city police are working with those planning a march from Jeopeser Stadium to Emancipation Pack for a memorial Easter service. A group of Housian organizations is maing lagre citizens to refrain at some and off the streets Thesday to meditate on the causes of in King's death. They are also luging participation in the Emancipation Park Easter

As to their suggestion that Negro extrems decline to do business at downtown stores auring the Laster holidays, Welch said:

"II SABMS 90 me the objects of such a boycut have already been accomplished.

"This would strike against those who have done most. The vast majority of merchants in Houston have already met the requirements to achieve

Many downtown stores have management programs to train (Negro) employees to move up to higher, more skilled chargories."

The mayor said better housing and better jobs are the hajor work of riegroes and here profilems are being attacked by the entire commutation.

month's Job Fair to get summer jobs for underprivileged high school and college sudents is of to a good start.

The need for better housing is getting top attention, he

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Negro Store Boycott Proposed

A group of ciergymen and civil rights leaders Saturday urged Negroes to stay home on Tuesday from school and work to home. Dr. Martin Lutter King.

The clargymen and civil rights leaders also called upon Negroes to boycot, downtown Houston stores during the Easter season to call attention to the "deplorable memployment and underemployment situation among the black masses."

Trese steps were urged to provide a positive and meaningful alternative to fac violence that has resulted as a conceptence of his (King's) assassination," said the Rev. Earl Allen, president & HOPE Development, inc., a private, nemprofit antipoverty organization.

Aller announced the anti-violence programs at HOPE headquarters, 2753 Lyons.

Others who spoke were John Murray, executive director of the Houston Council of Linna's Relations; the Ray Robert B. Feider, Methodist chaplain at Texas Southern Universal and local official in King's Southern Cristian Leadersing Council concerning the Ray E. J. Parge, a member of the Catholic Council on Community Relations; the few William A. Lawson, postor

o Wheeler Ave. Bantist Church; the Rev. J. E. Christensen, pastor of St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Lee Otis Johnson, president of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and Russell Jones, president of the African Euderts Associat Texas Southern University.

Allen urges all Negroes to reratio in the la homes Tuesday and not go out unless absolutely necessary.

"This particular day should be used to confemniate the profound seriousness of the sacrifice of the life of one man for his mother and the duty that each of us has to assure that this life was not sacrificed his

"On this day, are white man should see only other white men who have created the racist country that is responsible for the death of our black prince of peace."

Allen urged Negrous to participate in a memorial service for Dr. King on Easter Sunday. The service will begin as 2 p.m. with a march from the Jeppesen Stadium parking lot to Emancipation Park, 3018 Dowling.

He also called for Negroes to participate in a "green power" movement designed to use Negro beying power to gain jobs and civil rights

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The rest of a great nation

The ration's flag fles at half most today. Properly, the is a day of national mourning for a great leader, a leader who taught a simple message -that human beings should not hate each other, that they should not abuse or dishonor sch other, hat all people regardless of their color must live and work in peace and harmony. Yet the Rev. Dr. Martin Lather King, an apostle of nominance, was savagely struck down in the prime of life by the very violence he sought so unceas. ingly to overcome.

Dr. King, of counte, aid not originate his ideas. They are embedded deeply in the Christian beliefs he so eloquently espoused. He was America's conscience. And now that he is dead, every American must ask himself: Where do we stand? It matters not whether we be white or black.

Every citizen must look into his heart to see what resides there, is it the hate which causes some men to murder and other men to burn or loot? Or is it a love of humanity, a respect for all human beings, and a spirit of brotherbood which can restore this nation to health? Do we behave in our nation's ideals of justice,

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A bitter irony or the domestic crisis which is erveloping the United following the murder of the Re-Martin Luther King is that it has t the eyes of the nation and the way off the first significant breakthrough to peace in the long years of the View nam war. The crisis at home, we would an no way impede progress an ward attainment of an honorable

coursely and human dignity? Os do we except instead violence as an its reman lange or vengeance

pulled the trigger and struck down Dr. King, we have nothing but revelstone we trust that he will be brought money to the bar of justice.

that what of the disenchanced Neroos who see in Dr. King's death the icals of a philosophy? The execusive director of OCCE. Ployd a exission, or example, out is blundy. "Black sme cons will no longer colorate this killing of the manes. No other man in the country is capable of carrying on the philosophy of nonviolence."

Such a thought with its overtone of retaliation is a repudiation of the ideals for which Dr. King lived. Viclence is a negative, self-ocfestion force which loads out to fullity and frustration. It can destroy but it can-

mus let his lost be the means of restori . 34 dations units We must usice and discrimination, and we and the ect as never before the madness of such accous to occurred Thursday in Memphis

America is being tested. The trait of the violence witten has proken out in cities across the nation has beenconsider aron, bottom, in ary death; and despair of the human spirit. This the not America's destiny this great As for the man in Mempis who makes carnot be above to sout apart in an orgy of race harred and blood-

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Fitting tributes to Dr. King

The dignified memorial services held Sunday in Houston and around the world in observance of Martin Luther King did honor to the man and to the ideals he preached. Here in Houston 1800 persons, black and white, of all faiths, walked silently in tribute, then assembled outside City Hall for a moving ceremony. In churches throughout the city, worshippers said silent prayers for Dr. King and clergymen extolled his courage and his commitment to a dream of love, racial justice and brotherhood among men.

Some 20,000 marched in Los Angeles. In Newark, 25,000 marched through an area of the city burned out in last summer's rioting. In Rome, Pope Paul voiced his prayerful hope that Dr. King's sacrifice will not be in

All this does honor to this nonviclent man-a symbol for the world, a sage, America is in deep trouble.

saint to black Americans. It appropriately expressed the affection and the respect in which men of good will hold his memory.

The memorial services across the land were conducted peacefully in the spirit of Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence. They contrasted dramatically with the violence, burning and looting which swept some of the great cities of this country over the weekend. Twenty-four persons died in the turmoil. More than 1200 have been injured and almost 6000 arrested. Such violence, whether motivated by vengeance, greed or indifference to the rights of others, is a repudiation of what Martin Luther King stood for.

He is being buried today. The nation grieves for him. We will miss his eloquent voice far more than we realized. If we do not now heed his mes(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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FROM POST NEWS SERVICES

United States Atty Gen Ramsey Clark said in Washington Friday that "physical evidence is very" substantial" in the FBI investigation of the murder of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

"While it remains impossible to predict when the killer will be arrested, I remain hopeful that it will be soon,' Clark said in a statement checked by the FBI, which has control of the investigation.

"THE FBI IS devoting every possible resource to this investigation," Clark said. "Agents are working around the clock pursuing every lead."

. A Justice Department spokesman said the statement was issued in response to persistent requests for some comment from Clark. Normally, he said, the policy is to refrain from making any comment on FBI investigations.

Clark's statement came as it was learned FBI agents investigating the sniper-slaying of King have been hunting Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week.

GALT'S NAME first came to light when a white Mustang luto, registered to him and esembling one that reportedly sped from the King killing scene a week ago Thursday, was found parked in an At-Ianta, Ga, apartment complex.

No warrant has been issued? for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued - and then for unexplained reasons with-drew — a "locate and notify" bulletin on Galt Thursday.

number 1-38993. A check with ded under that name on Oct 2, drawing. Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a roominghouse in Birminghani but residents of the house said. they had not seen Galt since November.

In obtaining his driver's license in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed merchant mariner.

PERSONS AT the Birmingham roominghouse said agents were asking "plenty" of questions about Galt last week.

This was four or five days before the Mustang was found in Atlanta.

A spokesman at the Seafarers International Union in Mobile said agents had visited the union offices there two days earlier and had gone through automated files, with out success, in trying to get & lead or Galt.

Union of America in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fishing Company said it also had been visited by FBI agents.

AGENTS ALSO checked out Coast Guard files in Washing-A roughly with one given by ocfon without finding any trace cupants of the roominghouse in of tGalt.

which again officials refused fired the shot that killed King. to confirm or deny, whether Persons at the murder someone, as early as last Sep-scene reported a man jumped tember, set about to establish into a white Mustang and credentials for a fictitious sped away shortly after the Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that OTHER developments: at the time he applied for his. Residents of the Mer Alabama license, at the age phis rooming house from of 36, he claimed to have had which King was shot said fed-a Louisiana license since 1962, eral agents had shown them but there is no record that he composite drawings of the ever turned it in. ξ,

The Mustang registered to validated when license tags noncommittal, although one Galt carried Alabama license. for the Mustang were obtain-Isaid he recognized a profile 1967, in Jefferson County Ala.

lanta apartment complex where the car was found remember the driver as a nead ly dressed man who calmit got out of the car, locked it and walked away.

This description tallied Memphis, where the assassin! This raised speculation, stood in a communal bath and

fatal shot was fired:

white man sought in the as-The name Galt was further sassination. They were mostly

> ■ In Birmingham, sources reported the FBI had taken all the sales records of a sproting goods store on the outskirts of the city where they said the death weapon, a rifle was purchased.

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The Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said! he didn't consider eight days as a long time for such an investigation. He said 12 days passed before arrests were made in the 1963 slaying of civil rights leader Medger Evers, and more than five months in the 1964 slayings of three civil rights workers in Mississippi.

 In Atlanta, the Rev Ille
Powell said he notified police about an abandoned white Mustang at a parking lot near the Georgia state capitol Thursday after receiving a call from a member of his Inner City Methodist Church. He said he hesitated before

calling police.

"THEY SENT two detect tives over there and two more came while we were there," Powell said. "They went over t, checked around, and didn't appear too excited."

But he said FBI agents arrived later and were "all over the place." The car bore 1968 Alabama license tags and two stickers which said "Turista," he said. Earlier reports indicated the investigation had spread to Mexico. The can swas towed away.

Suspect

By GAYLORD SHAW AP Writer

reexamining the possibility that more three civil rights workers in Mississippi. than one person was involved in the slaying of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

They seemed puzzled about conflicting. Noting what he called discrepancies reports on the number of getaway cars throughout the investigation, Repinvolved and about police radio trans-Charles W. Whelan Jr, R-Ohio, said the missions detailing a chase—which appar. FBI should "set the record straight." ently never took place—through North—"The handling of the investigation and

THE FBI, CONDUCTING the most Whelan said in Washington. njassive manhunt in its history, main- In the 10 days since King's slaying, the tained silence on all aspects of the in- lights have burned all night, night after vestigation. But Atty Gen Ramsey Clark night, in the corner suite on the eighth issued a new statement that dropped his floor of Memphis' new concrete-and-glass earlier reference to "one man on the federal building.

is no evidence of a widespread plot," he evidence.

aturday it had learned that the FBI had some of the major items are palm and Atturday it had learned that the FBI had some of the major items are paint and definitely established that the white Mustang sports car abandoned in Atlanta to contain clothing and a high-powered was the same car seen driving away rifle with a telescopic sight.

Robert Jensen, 52, special agent in charge of the Memphis office, wore a charge of the Memphis office, wore a

Memphis gave investigators the license "All I can say is no comment" he renumber of the car. It quoted unnamed peated to all questions. sources as saying the plate numbers matched those of the car found in Atlanta. The FBI in Memphis had no comment.

In a seven-line statement issued in Washington Friday night, Clark said the FBI was devoting all its resources to the investigation, "working around the clock pursuing every lead." He said it was im-possible to predict when an arrest would be made.

Another Justice Department spokes-

man noted it took 12 days to make arrests in the May, 1963, slaying of civil many agents have been sent into Memrights leader Medger Evers, and more phis. But in five minutes late one night, Investigators appeared Saturday to be than five months in the 1964 slayings of

ONE MEMBER OF Congress has criticized the FBI's probe.

east Memphis 30 minutes after a sniper the efforts to apprehend the guilty per-killed King with a single rifle shot. son or persons hardly had been reassuring to a tense and troubled nation,"

THERE, IN OFFICES overlooking the Sixteen hours after King was slain Mississippi River, dozens of FBI agents April 4, Clark said evidence "indicates a have methodically sifted through what is single individual" was involved. "There described as "very substantial" physical

Exactly what constitutes this evidence refuses to the New York, the Daily News reported is officially unknown, but sources report officers.

THE DAILY NEWS said witnesses in strained smile as he faced reporters.

JENSEN WOULDN'T even say how reporters watched 15 agents hurry in Gr out of the suite through an unmarked side door.

FBI agents have interviewed hundreds of persons in Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and elsewhere. In many cases, witnesses say the FBI has instructed them to say nothing.

Across the street from the FBI office, spokesmen for the Memphis police insist their department still is working closely with federal agents. But from all indications the FBI has taken over the investigation completely.

At/ police headquarters, Fire and Pol lice Director Frank C. Holloman, for 25 years an FBI agent, hands inquiring reporters a mimeographed statement: 'The successful investigation of this case is the overriding consideration and for that reason I have no comment to make concerning the case at this time."

THEN, POLITELY but firmly, the head of the city's 800-man police force refuses to answer questions. So do other

Holloman held five news conferences

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within 24 hours after King was shot, and freely answered most inquiries from reporters. Since then, he has joined the FBI's stony silence.

King had not asked for protection, but Police Director Holloman had stationed about 40 officers near his motel on April 4. Some apparently were posted in the vacant lot across Mulberry Street — the lot behind the flophouse from which the fatal shot was fired.

White Mustangs are almost as common as cotton in Memphis. Two of them, both 1966 models were parked within 100 feet of the rooming house entrance when the thot was fired. Fifteen minutes later, both were gone.

SOME WITNESS said the killer walked calmly down the steps to the street, turned left and dropped a rifle in the next doorway, and continued several feet to the Mustang bearing a red and white license plate. Red and white plates are used in both Arkansas and Alabaman

Twenty five minutes later, a police dispatcher began relaying calls about a chase in northeast Memphis — 8 miles away — including a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac.

A white male driving the Mustang, the police radio crackled, was "responsible for this shooting." By week's end, police appeared to have concluded that the chase report was a hoax.

Early Friday morning, 12 hours after the shooting, an Atlanta housewife looked out of the window of her apartment in the Capitol Homes project — 383 miles to the southeast — and saw a "nice looking man" step out of a 1966 white Mustang.

Six days later — on Thursday afternoon — federal agents swooped down on the abandoned Mustang.

THE CORE BORE A license tag from Jefferson County — Birmingham — Alabama, Number 1-38993. Two Mexican inspection stickers were pasted to the front windshield. The floor was littered with cigarette butts and covered with mud.

Between 5:15 and 5:30 PM, the car was towed to the federal building.

At 5:22 PM, the Florida police teletype cicked out a "locate and notify" message. It was an FBI alert for Eric Starvo Galt, 36. The bulletin said Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang hardtop with Alabama tag Number 1-38993.

Four hours later, the message was withdarwn with the explanation it was "erroneous."

RECORDS IN ALABAMA show Galt applied for a driver's license Sept 5. The application describes him as 5-11, 175 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair — roughly the same description given by witnesses for the man seen fleeing the Memphis rooming house.

The FBI refuses to say why it is seeking Galt.

Vagrant Held For King Quiz

JACKSONVILLE, Fla — (P) — Jacksonville police said a man arrested here Saturday for vagrancy was being questioned about the şlaying of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Police Lt M. P. Richardson said a 33-year-old white man who gave a Louis-ville, Ky, address was seized as he walked through a Negro neighborhood. The man said he worked at the University of Kentucky until late March.

f"It's a long shot," said Richardson, "out he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King saying."

Richardson said the man arrested told him he came to Jacksonville Wednesday after spending five days in Decatur, Ga, a suburb of Atlanta. A car sought by the FBI in connection with the slaying was abandoned in Atlanta April 5, the night after the killing in Memphis, Tann

The man told newsmen at the fail: "No, no, I'm not the guy. This is fantastic. I'm going to write a book on this."

th's."
Richardson said the man had 25 cents in his pocket and carried a paper bag containing clothing and seven bananas.

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FBI Reported Holding King Slayer Drawing

MEMPHIS. Tenn — (P) — The FBI is withholding nation-wide distribution of a composite drawing of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's slayer, police sources said Sunday.

"They haven't given us anyhing but a physical descripion," said one police official. They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either they're going it alone."

THE OFFICIAL asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

When Jacksonville, Fla, police questioned a Louisville, Ky, man Saturday night about the King slaying - the man since has been cleared of any consection Police Lt M. P.

don't have a good one, or Richardson said, "It's a long shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

> Jacksonville police Sunday the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture which appeared in Florida newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slaying. It was not released — nor endorsed — by the FBI.

RESIDENTS OF the Memphis rooming house from which King was shot April 4 reported last week that invest tigators had shown them composite drawings. But they slid the sketches were the sime — or at least very simillr - as those prepared by newspaper artists.

FBI officials rejected reporters' requests for a composite drawing of the man they are seeking in what perhaps is the most massive manhunt of modern times. They refuse to say whether they have prepared such a sketch.

AGENTS HAVE a good physical description of the King assassin: 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

They also have a good description of the white 1966 Mustang which witnesses said sped away from the Memphis rooming house minutes after King was shot as he stood on a motel balcony 205 feet from the rear of the rooming house. A white Mustang was im-pounded Thursday night from an Atlanta parking lot where it had been parked since the morning after King's slaying.

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2,500 Marchers Honor King

By RALPH WILLIAMS Post Reporter

Houston Negroes were called on to unite in a "vigorous fight for freedom" during memorial services for Dr Martin Luther King Jr in Emancipation Park Sunday.

The Rev Earl Allen, head of the private anti-poverty agency. HOPE Development Inc, said, "Black unity under black leadership is a must and any black man who reluses to unite is dangerous."

THE CROWD of an estimated 2,500, who had marched from Jeppesen Stadium to the park, cheered Allen as he turned the memorial services into a platform to outline his demands for Negroes.

The Methodist minister said the answer to the Negroes' problem "is unity, not violence, violence will only cause r ore violence."

He also called for more jobs for Negroes in government and labor unions and told the crowd that they had to get involved in politics.

Allen also demanded that

Negro officers be promoted within the police department.

BUT HE SAID "the police are for oppression and not for protection. We live in a police state."

"We are in the midst of a hostile society and we have an urgent need to go somewhere," Allen said. "If we are to be worthy of Dr King then we must continue the struggle.

"'We demand," Allen shouted, "that the charges

against the five Texas Southern University students be dropped immediately or there will be no peace in Houston."

THE STUDENTS were charged in the shooting death of a policeman during a riot at TSU last May.

Referring to the public officials on the speaking platform, including Mayor Louie Welch, Allen said, "They were not invited as our guests, but to hear what we have to say."

say."
"White liberals have outlived their usefulness," Allen
said. "What we need arewhite militants."

Mayor Welch did not speak at the meeting but was loudly booed by the crowd when he was introduced by State Sen Barbara Jordan.

SEN JORDAN said, "We will carry on the non-violent spirit of Dr King and let this be the occasion for Negroes to start again and fulfil the life of our fallen leader."

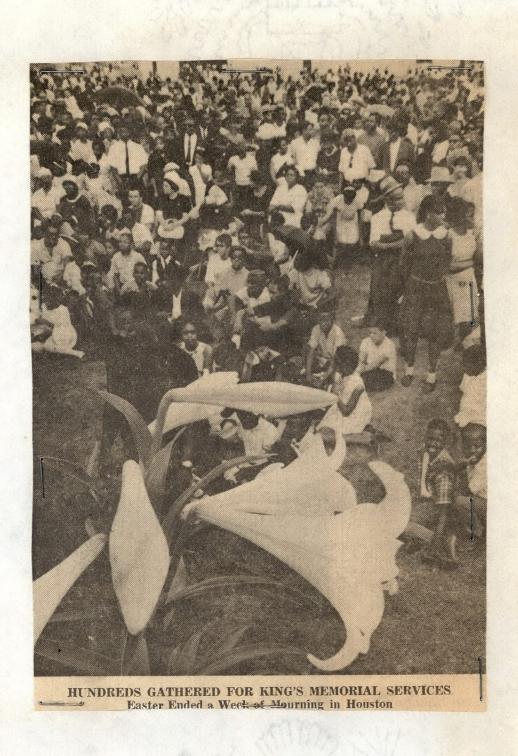
Another speaker at the services was Lee Otis Johnson, Houston area representative for the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee.



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Eric Galt--Is He

MEMPHIS, Tenn - (UPI) - In the dingy flophouse the bathroom window is still jammed open, and across the mistically. street the wreaths are wilting Motel.

In the gutter spoiled Polaroid pictures flutter and tourists trample over a placard which says "I Am a Man." They can see it all, the place Jr died.

century for a shadowy sailor House. named Eric Starvo Galt. It searched in utter secrecy, and Eric Galt touched, bothered those few police departments asked to look out for him were asked only to locate him - not to arrest him. No warrant was issued.

Eric Galt is an enigma, In fact there is some official suspicion that Eric Galt may not exist, for it is very hard for a man to leave so few traces of himself. As far as can be determined, his trail grows cold in Atlanta, where agents found his white Mustang Thursday. It had been abandoned there the morning of April 5, one day after the killing.

He was traced to a rooming house in Birmingham where no one has seen him since November - although a duplicate driver's license mailed to him there last month.

Where he came from, where he has gone - they are mysteries.

The death of King is a hodge-podge of mysteries of hysterious men in white hoods, of mysterious radio messages, of mysterious cars and total secrecy.

ON FRIDAY, the day after the killing, and on Sunday and Monday on television programs, Atty Gen Ramsey Clark talked freely and opti-

The attorney general now on the balcony of the Lorraine avoids reporters. Sources which normally provide guidance in criminal investigations say they have never seen such secrecy. Normally in a search for a suspect, the FBI freely publicizes where Dr Martin Luther King descriptions and likenesses. But this secrecy, sources in-WITHIN HOURS after King dicate, comes from beyond fell dying, the FBI launched the FBI, beyond the Justice the greatest manhunt of the Department - from the White

But the FBI did not want or chased. Even though it had not found him, it apparently did not want him to know he was hot. Did it, perhaps, hope that Galt might lead agents to someone else?

 The organ groaned sadly and a lady's voice overflowing with pathos sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" through a loudspeaker." In the office of R. S. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home in Memphis, Solomon Jones paused in his narrative occasionally to smile at mourners entering the front door. There was a body on view in the chapel.

· Jones told in a soft, funereal voice the story of King's last day. He was driving for King on Thursday, April 4, and Jones told his story exactly the way he told it that night.

HE SAID he was standing on the pavement beside King's car, the engine running, and King was turning to leave the balcony and come down to be driven to friend's house for dinner.

"I heard the shot, and I felt it go past me. Believe me, gentlemen, if it had been a little lower it would have killed me and not Doctor King. I ran to the street and I looked across, and I saw a man jump up from behind the bushes and run back toward Main Street. He had something white on his head, like a hood."

According to Memphis Police Director Frank Holloman, a smooth, gray-haired man from Mississippi with a 25year FBI ring on his finger, the assassin stood in the bath room of a nameless flop house to make his shot.

HE RENTED a room, locked himself in the bathroom and fired out the window, at the back of the building. Then he fled down the stairs and onto Main Street, one block over from the hotel, which is on Mulberry Street.

He dodged into the doorway of Canipe Amusements Co, one door up the street, and dumped his rifle and a small case containing binoculars in the doorway. Then he leaped into a white Mustang and roared away.

But Sidney Walker also claims to have seen something strange. Walker, a tall, wizened Negro, said he was in Jim's Grill, below the flophouse, having coffee when he heard the shot. Walker said he sprinted out the door, around the corner, down Huling Street and into Mulberry Street by the hotel. He saw King's aides gathering around him on the balcony, and, he said, he saw a man running down the street, away from him, with a white hood on his head. The police had not yet arrived, he said.

ACCORDING TO Holloman, 150 officers converged on the scene in a matter of seconds.

Chauncey Eskridge, King's lawyer, was standing on the parking lot with Jones when the shot rang out. He, too, ran to the street. He said he saw no one with hoods, but claimed that a group of po licemen leaped out of the bushes-the same bushes from which Jones said he saw a hooded man run. Eskridge also said, shortly after the killing, that he saw a beige Cadillac driving down Mulber ry Street. Asked about this later, he said the FBI had asked him not to talk about it

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The white stucco house with a red tile roof at 2608 Highland Ave in Birmingham has a red and white neon sign . insistently announcing:

ECONOMY sleeping Rooms By the day or week

Air conditioned dining room Room and board at 2608 Highland costs \$27 a week, and most of its guests stay only two or three weeks before they move on. Eric Starvo Galt used to live there.

Peter Cherpes runs place and he says he talked to the FBI and won't talk to anvone else. Only one of the roomers has been there long enough to remember Galt and and that roomer, Percy Strickland, doesn't recall much.

Authorities - questioned but not warned to secrecy by the FBI - say that Galt applied for a driver's license at Birmingham Sept 6, 1967. He got Number 2898947 mailed to him on Sept 29. He asked for duplicate and that was mailed to him March 1, 1968, to the rooming house. He gave no reason for wanting the duplicate.

When he requested the license, he said he was an unemployed merchant mariner. There is no record of him at the port of Mobile.

HE BOUGHT the white Mustang, which was so passionately sought for a week, from William D. Paisley of Birmingham Aug 30, 1967. Paisley said the FBI told him not to talk to reporters.

The Alabama State Employment Office never heard of Eric Galt. The Birmingham police never heard of him, and the Birmingham Credit Bireau has no file on him. No ore knows, now, where Eric! Galt has been sinceNovember.

But it was in Birmingham, four days before King died, that a sporting goods store sold the gun that killed him.

• The 400 block of South Main Street in Memphis is not an appealing avenue. On the east side there is a big cafe fixtures store, with coffee machihes and hot dog cookers in its windows; Jim's Grill, a rundown but clean cafe with a jukebox belting out blues, and white and Negro help and Willie was hammering imwhite and Negro patrons.

to this are two flights of stairs leading ap to Mrs Brewer's flophouse. One is an entrance and the other is an exit. Both are forbidding but, relatively, the entrance is a good deal more appetizing than the exit.

• At 3:15 PM on April 4, a dark-haired man with a sharp nose and a neat, dark suit walked up the yellow-walled entrance stairs to Bessie Brewer's place. He asked for a room. Bessie showed him Number 8, on her side of the building, which had a kitchennette. It cost \$10 a week. But he said:

"I only want a sleeping room."

He paid his \$8.50 rent with a \$20 bill and two quarters and signed "John Willard" on the register. Mrs Brewer remembered his smile.

"He had a silly smile," she

She didn't remark upon his dress - not the sort of elegance usually found in her establishment — nor upon the fact that he carried nothing with him.

SOMETIME during the next couple of hours he went out again. He went about six blocks away, to York's Arms, and bought a pair of binoculars. The FBI later told York's Arms to say nothing.

Then, perhaps, he picked up the rest of his gear from his white Mustang, parked on Main Street a little way from the flophouse stairs. The rest of his gear consisted of a Remington 30.06 pump action rifle with a telescopic sight, wrapped in brown paper. A hunter's gun, not a killer's.

There were reports he had a bite to eat in Jim's Grill.

HE SAT in his room for a while. He left a depression on the mattress. Then he went into the bathroom and locked it. He was in there for half an hour. Willie Anchutz, who lived in Number 6, wanted in. He knocked on the door. He got no answer.

The window is jammed open. It hasn't been closed all winter, another hardship on Mrs Brewer's guests. In order to get the rifle trained on room 306, he probably stood in the bathtub, or on it, while i patiently on the door.

After Anchutz we way, King emerged on the balcony across the street. He was 200 feet away, 30 degrees to the right; 5 degrees down. With a high-powered rifle, a clear, relatively calm day, a telescopic sight — an easy target. He came in and out of his room three times. The third time he died.

The shot shook Mrs Brewer's boarding house like a clap of thunder.

Anchutz ran to his door. He said he saw the man hurrying down the hall, a long, paperwrapped object and a blue bag in his hand, and one arm thrown up by his face. The man wasn't running, but he was hurrying.

"THAT SOUNDED like a shot," Willie observed.

"Yes, it was," confirmed the killer, without looking around or stopping.

He next appeared in front of, Guy Canipe's amusement company — "records 25 cents.

He ducked into the recessed doorway of Canipe's place and what Canipe did thereafter depended upon when you talked to him. The day after the killing, Canipe said he saw the man drop a rifle and a blue bag — "like a type-writer case" — in the doorway.

"I didn't go out. If you had seen a man drop a rifle in your doorway, what would you have done?" Canipe said - then - that he got busy in the back of his store.

BUT A WEEK after the snooting, Canipe sat with his brown hat on behind a desk and, carefully spitting into a wastebasket, told how he had gone to the front of the store to see the man race off in a white Mustang. Canipe said he was reluctant to say so much because he was afraid he might get shot himself.

 White 1966 Mustangs are plentiful in Memphis. In fact, a Ford dealer estimates 600 of them were sold and 400 are still on the street.

till on the street. in '66," he said.

AS A matter of apparent fact, there were two white Mustangs parked on the 400 block of South Main on the evening of April 4. One roared away seconds after King died and the other, said the boys in Jim's Grill, got away 14 minutes later.

Police Director Holloman had about 40 policemen in the area around the Lorraine because he was worried about King staying in a rough neighborhood. Last time King was in Memphis he had stayed at the fashionable Holiday Inh Rivermont.

Police flooded the area in seconds, and within minutes all-Memphis was in confusion. Tension mounted, bursting into violence later.

HALF AN HOUR after the shooting, from a point of 10 miles across the city, a police car was parked next to the car of a college student, who had a citizens band (CB) fadie in his car. Over this radio, he was picking up reports from what identified itself as a blue Pontiac, also with CB equipment. The broadcaster in the blue Pontiac said he was chasing a white Mustang. He kept pouring on the details, and the police car radioed them to headquarters. Speed was rising, 75 miles an

hour, now 100 miles an hour. Three police cars were disnatched to take up the chase, running north of Memphis. The blue Pontiac reported the white Mustang, with three white men in it, had opened fire.

But then the youth receiving the calls noticed that the signal strength meter on his receiver was not fluctuating. The blue Pontiac wasn't even moving.

WAS THIS, perhaps, an effort to draw police off to the north, opening escape route to the south?

It is a leisurely eight to 10 nine hour drive from Memphis to Atlanta.

Sometime between 7 and 9 AM Friday, a white Mustang drove up to a small parking lot between two apartment buildings at Capitol Homes, a low-rent, integrated housing project within sight of Georgia's gold domed capitol.

Mrs Ernest Payne was looking out her window. She remembered the man who got out of the car because she likes people to be neat.

"I THOUGHT he worked at the capitol, or was an insurance man. He was dressed so neatly." He was dark haired, dressed in dark clothes, with a pointed nose. He fit, roughly, the description of Eric Starvo Galt.

There was no doubt about the car, when the women at Capitol Homes finally got worried about it on Thursday, six days later. It was Galt's.

The FBI refuses commens on the investigation. Holloman will not comment on the in

on the investigation. Hollomar will not comment on the investigation. Rumors, both olausible and extravagant, weep Memphis concerning every conceivable organization or person. The FBI will not comment. Holloman will not.

Reports flow in to Memphis.

Reports flow in to Memphis and Washington; from every FBI bureau in the nation. The search for Galt has gone from Mississippi to Alabama to Georgia to Florida.

The bullet was recovered from King's body, but the indications are that it was top severely broken up for ballistics tests. A fingerprint, or a palmprint, or both, were found — either in the bathroom or on the rifle. But indications are that authorities don't expect much from them.

Ramsey Clark, however, insists the "physical evidence is very substantial."

massive, secret, for one man, prhaps for several men. Life in the South goes on. Many still mourn, few still weep and some never cared.

King Meeting Anti-White. Says Welch

BY EDWARD WALSH and KEN SHEETS

Chronicle Reporters

Mayor Louie Welch said today the organizers of a memorial march and ceremony in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King "used, or maybe I should say, ward Negroes on the part of and it is an interpretation I bands around the arms and abused" the memory of the local government."

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bands around the arms and must accept." slain civil rights leader.

'Not a Guest'

Earl Allen, head of Hope Des groes.
velopment, Inc., a private antipoverty group, told Welch that son could consider Allen's deto say.

"Some of you have not been public officials present.

ficial booed when introduced by name the appointees. state Sen. Barbara Jordan.

Welch said: "The entire tone of the meeting was anti-while anti-government, anti-any kind of control and discipline.

"It was not a service to honor Dr. King in any way."

Received Invitation Welch read from an invitation to attend the rally sent to him last week by Sen. Jordan: "We need your presence to affirm our faith in our future

together and in the future of this country."

way," said Welch.

hostility that greeted him, "as long as I am mayor." "but I'm glad I attended."

gro leaders a chance to "ventil of the charges against five local chaplate their feelings, whether justification dents indicted for murder and ordinating Committee, told the sponsible for the discourtesyone policeman was killed. with which I was treated."

He said he would attend oth-Welch attended the ceremony er rallies "if I knew it would Sunday at Emancipation Eark community."

At the ceremony Allen made There, one of the speakers, a number of demands for Ne-

he was "not invited as a guest mands! The demands can't be but as a public servant who considered conducive to Dr. needs to hear what we have King's philosophy of non-violence.'

Allen had demanded more serving us very well," he added. Negro police officers and broad-The remarks were obviously er Negro representation on intended also for a dozen other boards and commissions established by the city. He said Ne-Welch was the only public of groes should have the right to

Welch said both are being tried by the city.

"It didn't turn out quite that of a civilian review board for answer to our problems," he vay," said Welch.

Allen demanded establishment "Unity, not violence, is the answer to our problems," he because the vay is a civilian review board for answer to our problems, he said. "Violence has served its

The Negro spokesman also it will not provide the answer." The mayor said it gave Ne demanded immediate dropping tified or not. I was courteous, assault to murder in the May, crowd that Dr. King "gave you and in no way can be held re 1967, riots at the college, where a weapon to fight with-a weap-

Welch said he accepted Sen or there will be no peace in grate it (by others upon Ne-Jordan's invitation "as evidence are those who will interpret that there is no hostility to what I have said as a threat King's death "has etched black ward Negroes on the part of the control of the control

However, earlier in his speech Allen advocated nonviolence

Welch said he expected the said there will be no such board purpose by dramatizing the conditions of the black people, but

> Another speaker, Lee Otis on called love. We don't advo-"These demands must be met cate violence but we don't tol-

carry on his work in a nonviolen

J. E. Middleton, a Negro un ion official, said "Dr. King wik live on in our hearts and in our minds and in our actions."

Besides Welch, Sen. Jordan and County Judge Bill Elliott, oher public officials at the service were U.S. Rep. Bob Eck-hardt, State Sen. Chet Brooks, State Reps. Russell Cummings, Curtis Graves, Jim Clark, Arthur Vance, Tom Bass and Bill Swanson and Mrs. Howard Barnstone, Houston school trustee.

About 2000 persons were at the ceremony at Emancipation Park. Some 1200, including a few whites, had marched to the park from Jeppesen Stadium.

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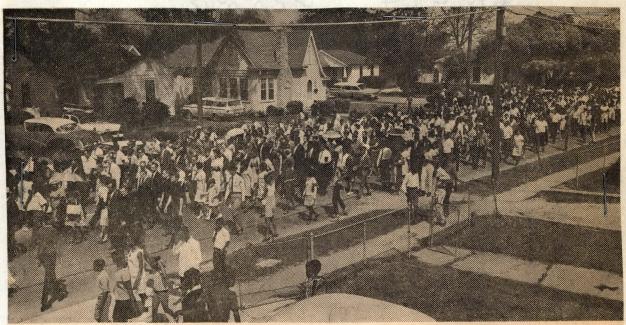


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ABOUT 1200 MARCH IN MEMORY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
At Their Destination, Emancipation Park, They Hear Pleas for Nonviolence

Meeting Called Anti-White'

By ELLEN MIDDLEBROOK
Post Reporter

Mayor Louie Welch said Monday the tone of Sunday's meeting in Emancipation Park was "anti-white, antigovernment and anti-community discipline."

Speaking at a press conference, he said the memorializing of the late Dr Martin Luther King "got lost in the shuffle" and that the purpose of the meeting was arything out the purported one "to affirm our faith in the future of the country."

THE CROWD OF about 2,500 gathered in Emancipation Park after marching from Jeppesen Stadium.

Welch said the crowd fitted into the infield except for two speakers "who were way out in left field." He referred to the Rev Earl Allen who outlined demands for Negroes, and to Lee Otis Johnson.

Allen, head of HOPE Develciment, inc, a private antipoverty agency, demanded that the charges against the five Texas Southern University students, involved in last May's riot, be dropped. He also demanded that a citizens review board be appointed, one-third of which would be Negro citizens, to hear grievances of Negro citizens.

Allen also asked for such as more Negroes on the police force and on boards and commissions. Welch said the community has been working toward these objectives for four or five years.

"A SERIES OF demands in the form of ultimata cannot be interpreted as conducive to non-violence for the community at large," the mayor said. "And to demand things that are already being done makes it appear that nothing has been done."

"There is one way to get a civilian review board but it will take a little wnile."

Welch said. "And that is to get a new mayor."

Welch said he would never appoint one — that it is only wanted in the first place for "wintow dressing."

SUCH A MOANN of citizens would have no way to protect witnesses, the mayor said. Is backers would like for it to have the power to support a witnesses, but the glare of publicity would be on them and some would be afraid to come forward, he said.

Welch said the grand jury is the proper body to hear valid complaints against fairingements on personal rights.

The mayor, who was booed when he was introduced by Sen Barbara Jordan, said he thought he was invited as a guest. But he said when he got there, the speakers made it clear that the public officials had been invited to lis-

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Search for Mystery Man, Eric Starvo Galt, Hits Dead End

Birmingham, Ala. vanished without a trace conformed FBI agents today in his past. fronted FBI agents today in their investigation of the sniper After Ch

False leads multiplied in the turned up blanks. hunt for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious quiet-talking man Galt? The FBI was asked, but "He was here on vacation whose last known address was declined comment. Neither would and he said he was going to Birmingham rooming house the FBI say why Galt was stay here about four months," its former landlord said Mon-wanted, though the Florida alert the landlord said. The new day he had identified drawings had sought only to spot the boarder usually slept until about shown by FBI agents as reman, not arrest him. No war-11 a.m., had most of his meals sembling Eric Galt.

pes, 72, who runs a two-story had said he was employed at a time. Southside boarding house where Mississippi shipyard, but there

tang was impounded last Thurs-but no record was found. day by the FBI in Atlanta. It fit There are mysteries within Memphis, Tenn.

istered as John Willard at a Bank. rooming house opposite King's In addition, a duplicate driv-no record of his name, nor was motel, as about six feet and er's license for Eric Starvo Galt he drawing unemployment pay sandy-haired and "a clean, neat was mailed to the Birmingham from the state.

(AP) - issued in Florida last Thursday, ing house from Aug. 26 to Oct. Deadend clues to a man who but was canceled. However, the 7, 1967, Cherpes said. The rent

slaying of Dr. Martin Luther his boarder said of his work and shipbuilding jobs, Cherpes sail. background, news inquiries No record of his employment

Is there a real Eric Starvo said Monday at Mobile.

an Eric Galt lived for six was no record of, him. He weeks last fall.

was no record of, him. He claimed he held a Louisiana 1966 white Mustang, paying Galt's abandoned white Mus-driver's license six years ago, cash. He needed a driver's

the description of a car seen the mystery: Galt left the Bir-him down to take the test, leaving the scene after King mingham boarding house last Cherpes said. "I did." vas killed April 4 by a sniper Oct. 7, saying he had a ship firing from a rooming house in job in Mobile, Ala. But in December, he turned in the keys Memphis witnesses described to his safety deposit box at the the suspected assassin, who reg-Birmingham Trust National

"The papers said he went chandise" and he was going to down March 1 to ask for a dureturn it. plicate license and he put the friendly, quiet."

with blue eyes and light brown was no forwarding address, hair, a neat, taciturn man. "If Cherpes said. somebody talked to him, he The landlord recalled that called.

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After Cherpes disclosed what er said he worked at Ingalls in

was found, the company office

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license.

"He asked me if I could drive

Unemployed Seaman

On the license application. Galt disted his occupation as "merchant seaman, unemployed." Maritime unions have

man." No trace of Willard has address March 1, nearly seven apparently been found.

About a week later, the land-lord recalled, Galt got a package in the mail from Chicago: About a week later, the land-An FBI alert for Eric Starvo parently vanished. The Birming- age in the mail from Chicago: Galt in a white Mustang was ham Post Office indicated no foot wide and weighing 20 to 25 that it was the "wrong mer-

> Galt left saying he had found same address, which was wrong. ship work in Mobile, Ala., but He wasn't here," said Cherpes, expected "a check from Chica-who recalls Galt as "nice and go." A letter to Galt from Chicago arrived at the boarding Cherpes described Galt as house in February or March about 6 feet, 165-175 pounds and was returned since there

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Hint King Slain by Hired Gu

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Memphis, Tenn. — There is growing speculation among Memphis police detectives that an elaborate trail of phony King was staying.

an enormous trail of 11 nger scopic sight and a pair of bill al job.

Frank C. Holloman, director rifle and an expended shell in of fire and police, has main his wake.

Most of the items dumped in the street, they speculate, will tained a stony silence on proFederal authorities said they gress of the April 4 murder in are satisfied John Willard and was casual about his finger and vestigation, as has his chief Eric Starvo Galt are the same an alien or because he thinks he of detectives, William Huston person. Sources in the department in-Morn

uncovered so far in the case."

Galt, who has been identified fellow boarders in a roomink house in Birmingham as bethe same man shown in FEI sketches of the suspected could have fired it at an earli-

The right opportunity cameings.

Sources in the department indicate that the "hired killer" dence that the killer was hired theory is gaining momentum.

Que notion is that the killer at a substantial price is relegan his preparations six or flected by his ability to purchase a "white Mustang" automobile and follow Dr. King around the country for several turing a new personality known as "Eric Sarvo Galt, 36; unem ployed merchant marine."

The detactives say evisone of the few American adults who has not been finger printed at one time or another, they say.

They discount the possibility of a Ku Klux Klan conspiracy in the assassination. "Shucks," and manufacturing a new personality known as "Eric Sarvo Galt, 36; unem ployed merchant marine."

The detactives

lieves the assassin originally a pump rifle won't eject a shell from sketches circulated by the may have planned to kill King automatically. It won't come FBI. the Alabama city.

out unless you pull back on the Bailey, who threw a protective net around View of the pump mechanism."

He noted that the discarded with him two blocks in northtive net around King when he Remington 30.06 pump rifle east Atlanta's "hippie" section ber to serve five days in jail, found on the street near the a night after Dr. King was said he thinks a conspiracy expression said house was inside a slain. He said the man he identified leader. The sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the one of the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the one of the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the one of the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the one of the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the one of the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the said the man he identified the sheriff said his ing box. He suggested that the said theory is only conjecture, but assassin actually had two rifles Tuesday was in a hurry and that "it is based on the evidence using the Browning automatic rushed from his taxi, flinging to kill Dr. King and planting the fare onto the seat. the Remington as a red herring. Even if the expended shell found in the bathroom matches the Remington, he said, the killer

> er date and planted the shell to match the Remington.

Memphis police detectives that April 4 in Memphis. Dr. King the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther had arrived the day before, and the assassin as an incredible was found abandoned in Atlanta the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther had arrived the day before, and the assassin as an incredible was found abandoned in Atlanta the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther both television and local news seem to mind being obvious. The FBI continued its "no ested professional killer— not papers had announced the mo-Dressed neatly in a business suit comment" policy. Atlanta police a racist ideologue - who left tel and room number where Dr and neck tie, he rented an \$8.50 King was staying.

a week room in a flop house.
The assassin rented a room He then proceeded to leave fin-

chies to confuse his pursuers. The assassin rented a room He then proceeded to leave fin-They won't say who, they in an adjacent building, under ger and hand prints around the think hired the killer or why the name "John Willard," fired bathroom and dump a bag full but the evidence, they say, the fatal shot and fled, leaving of clothing, a rifle with teldpoints to a well-paid profession an enormous trail of finger scopic sight and a pair of be

an alien or because he thinks he

ployed merchant marine."

The detectives are leery of would have turned each other in phony credentials, he waited in the physical evidence left behind by the killer.

In Atlanta, meanwhile, two portunity to fulfill his assign—"He was supposed to have shot cab drivers said they gave ment.

In Birmingham, where Galt said. "Well, there was a spent once lived, Jefferson County shell found on the bathroom Sassination. They made the shell of the county shell found on the bathroom delaims after identifying Gall living the argument originally a numerifle won? the sassination of the sassination. They made the living the sassination or sassination or sassination.

One driver says an FBI sketch "THE HOUSTON CHRONIC matches a rude patron who rode

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BY PAUL VALENTINE assassin, lived in the city when The FBI has the Remington name not be used, said FBI assassin, lived in the city when and other physical evidence at agents have been checking and other physical evidence at agents have been checking the laboratories in Washington taxi trip sheets since a white Bailey said.

Bailey said. tion of a car seen leaving the April 4 in Memphis. Dr. King Memphis detectives look at assassination scene in Memphis.

said they had receired no information on the report.

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MEMPHIS - . Eric Starvo Galt was charged Wednesday with first degreer murder in the killing of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. The state charges were filed five hours after the FBI issued a warrant for Galt's arrest charging him with conspiring with at least one; other man to kill - Killing.

The state warrant, filed by Menaphis District Atty Phil Canale, charged that Galt "did" unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premediatedly and of his malice afor ethought kill and murder Martin Luther King Jr."

The earlier announcement in Washington by Atty Gen Rannsey Clark was the first about Galt's activities, som's official confirmation that officials believed the April 4 slaying was not the work of one ed to reporters at the Justice man acting alone, Clark had first, ruled out conspiracy.

THE FBI SAID the conspiracy to kill King involved at least one other man, "an individual whom he (Galt) alleged to be his brother."

photographs of a man it iden- when asked if the FBI's photified as Galt and said he used the aliases "Harvey Lowmyer" and "John Willard." In one photograph his eyes were closed; in the other, a print of the first, an FBI

artist had sketched in opened. eyes.

But witnesses who said the had seen Galt looked at the picture and said it was not, the same man.

THE FBI refused to say where or how it got the pic-ture or detailed information of it dating back four years. The announcement was hand-Department and no questions were permitted.

In Birmingham, Peter Cherpes, Galt's former landlord who earlier said sketches of the man seen running from ndividual whom he (Galt) al-eged to be his brother." the vicinity of where Kind was slain were definitely. The FBI made public two Galt, said "I don't think so," (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) THE HOUSTON POST" HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Others in Birmingham who had identified the sketches as Galt said they were not satisfied the photograph was that of the man named in the conspiracy warrant.

In Memphis, Mrs Bessie Brewer, who rented a room in the flophouse to King's killer, maid "I just don't know, I just don't know if it's him," when she was shown the FBI picture. "All I noticed was that he was a neat dresser. That's all. Nothing else."

Charlie Stevens, who lives in the flophouse and saw the killer, said the photograph "doesn't register."

THE FBI SAID the plot originated March 29 - seven days before the slaying -and that Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on the day of the slaying and the day preceding.

Galt was described as a white man, between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds, with a medium build. He was said to be a neat dresser.

In legal language, the FBI complaint filed in Birmingham charged that Galt and the other man "entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

"IN FURTHERANCE of the conspiracy," the FBI charged, Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham or on about March 30.

Conviction on that charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

It was authoritatively reported the FBI's search for Galt had come to a dead end in Atlanta, but that further BI disclosures in the manhunt could be expected soon, perhaps Thursday.

The FBI portrayed Galt as a poorly-educated loner with a taste for country and Western music, vodka, beer and dancing. It said he spoke with diction reflecting a "rural" background and that he claimed to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessles and as a merchant seaman. He had taken lessons in dancing and was a graduate of bartending school.

tographs were of his former the FBI statement said Galt purchased a 1966 white Mustang in Birmingham, Aug 30, 1967, and drove 19,000 miles between then and when it was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga April 11.

> WITHOUT explaining how it knew, the FBI said Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham Mexico before going to Meniphis and, after the killing, to Atlanta.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a 30.06 caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Motel; where King was staying.

Hoover said FBI agents had determined that the rifle and telescopic sight had been purchased from an unidentified gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30.

He was described as an avid dancer who tock lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 196", and in Long Beach Calif from December, 1967, to last February.

Galt left Los Angeles Dec 15, the FBI said, and drove the white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting company. The FBI did not explain why he had done so.

IT SAID GALT went 'o New Orleans Dec 13 and returned to Los Angeles Dec 21. While in Los Angeles early this year, the FBI said, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated March 2.

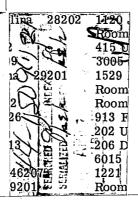
The FBI said he had brown hair, which he wore in a brush cut, blue eyes, a straight and narrow nose, and straight and clean teeth. It said he had given his birth date as July 20, 1931.

The fugitive was further described as having a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right, the FBI said.

EARLIER information in the case suggested strongly that Galt's identity was carefully contrived seven months before King's murder to help disguise the real killer.



ERIC STARVO GALT IN FBI FILE PHOTOS Open Eyes on Picture at Right Sketched in by Artists



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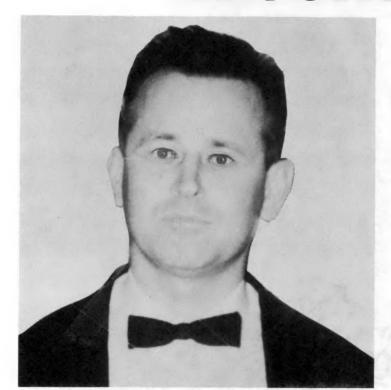
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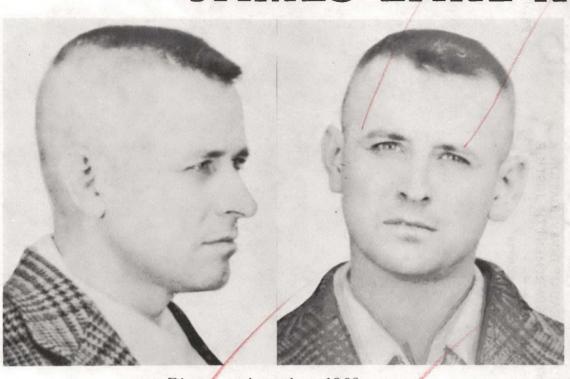
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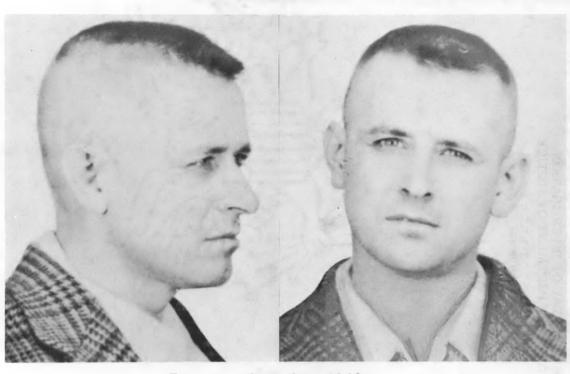
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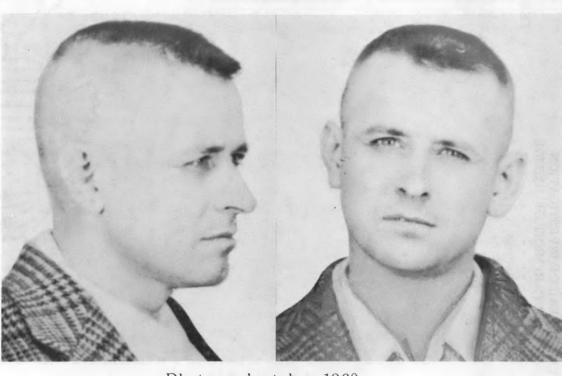
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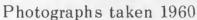
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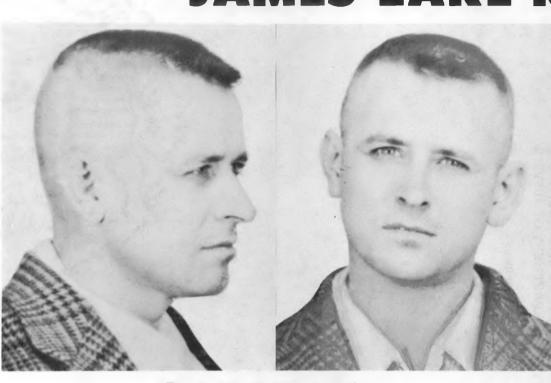
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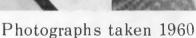
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