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Ray's Fantastic Flight

FROM TORONTO COMES a story that raises the possibility of an international murder conspiracy almost incredible in its scope. It is about James Earl Ray, suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. Under at least three assumed names, he eluded police for two months while living in solid comfort with all the flair and expertise of a character out of the pages of Conan Doyle.

What makes it even more fantastic is that Ray was a small time hood in Missouri, where he bungled the simplest of crimes, was put in the state penitentiary, and escaped from it in the only successful move that distinguished his otherwise futile existence up to that time.

His success in hoodwinking authorities suggests outside help, which is why Canadian officials are investigating the possibility of conspiracy. Ray's apparent access to plenty of money without any discernible source of income lends weight to this theory, and so does the fact that Ray's passports were expertly forged in names which were taken skillfully from actual records of living persons.

The story as it now stands warrants assiduous investigation by every agency involved—including police agencies of the United States, Canada, and Britain, where Ray was caught. The thought of a murder conspiracy is terrifying to Americans caught up in a tornado of violence that already has caused irreparable damage to the nation's heart and image. If indeed there is a conspiracy it must be dragged into the open, and the findings of the authorities must not be kept secret. The public's sickness of this carnage will never heal unless full information is made available as soon as it is substantiated.

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Hearing on Extradition Of Ray Likely in Week

LONDON (AP)—The U.S. application to return James Earl Ray to the United States moved steadily forward today as the British government authorized extradition proceedings.

Home Secretary James Callaghan signed an order authorizing the Bow Street Magistrate's Court to conduct the extradition proceedings against the 36-year-old escaped convict accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton was expected to schedule a hearing in about a week.

Sent to Home Office

The application was sent to the Home Office, the British equivalent of the U.S. Justice Department, after clearing its first legal hurdle in the Foreign Office a few hours after U.S. Consul General Jack Herfurt delivered the bulky petition.

Court formalities and appeals could delay Ray's return up to six weeks or longer if he fights extradition.

The inch-thick petition contains a summary of evidence against Ray in connection with the assassination of King at a Memphis motel April 4. It also contains information on his escape from the Missouri State Prison while serving a sentence for armed robbery, along with fingerprints and other identification material.

The United States is seeking extradition on both charges and must satisfy a British judge that both would be crimes under British law.

The Foreign Office certified that the petition came within the terms of the 1931 extradition treaty between the two countries.

If Milton grants extradition, Ray would have 15 days to appeal to the High Court and if the High Court upheld the extradition he would have another 14 days to appeal to the House of Lords, Britain's supreme court.

Michael Dresden, the British lawyer appointed for Ray, has given no indication whether Ray would fight extradition and has refused to comment on the case.

Scotland Yard continued its investigation of Ray's movements in London during the three weeks prior to his arrest Saturday, and suspicion continued that he had a contact man.

Jane Nassau, a receptionist at one of the hotels where Ray stayed, told newsmen that police were looking for another vacation receptionist, to ask her whether someone accompanied Ray when he arrived at the hotel and for an American woman who reportedly phoned Ray in Toronto, where Ray went after the killing of King, police

continued to look for a fat man who reportedly delivered an envelope to him.

The Toronto Star said in a copyrighted story that a cabdriver reported picking up "a big fat man" May 2 across the street from the rooming house where Ray was staying.

The cabdriver, Manuel Reis, 35, said he drove the man and an unidentified companion to a bank three blocks away, the Star reported.

Earlier this week the landlady of the rooming house said she saw a tall fat man hand an envelope to Ray.

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Real Galt Is Keeping Calm About Publicity Over Ray's Use of His Name

By JAY WALZ

Special to The New York Times

TORONTO, June 12 — The real Eric S. (for St. Vincent) Galt leans, he said today, on "my thick skin," and a healthy philosophical base for protection from the annoying notoriety resulting from his name having been used as an alias by James Earl Ray.

"My wife is troubled about all this publicity," he told a visitor. "But I say, let it all spill out. Then it will be forgotten. And so will we."

Mr. Galt was interviewed this morning while the Toronto police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police continued tracing Ray's steps during a

month's stay while he obtained a fraudulent passport enabling him to go to Europe. He was caught in London last Saturday and awaits probable extradition to the United States where he is accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on April 4.

Tips Come In Daily

The police received today a report of a taxi driver who said he had given a ride to the mysterious "fat man" who delivered an envelope to Ray at his rooming house on May 2, the day Ray bought a plane ticket for London. The landlady be a policeman asking for of another lodging place remembered opening her door on

April 25 to a man she took to [Paul] Bridgman, Ray's alias at the time.

Daily the mounted police receive scores of such tips from Torontonians recalling they had seen or come in contact with Ray. But, said Bernard Summers, a deputy police officer:

"What's really interesting to us is not who saw him while he was here but who helped him to get his information [for a false birth certificate and passport]."

The police are certain now that Ray had organized support in making his getaway through Canada. They are trying to find out who and what made up this help.

Mr. Galt told a visitor he had no notion that Ray had adopted the name of Galt. But when he learned about it on April 10 from news articles saying the Federal Bureau of Investigation had found Eric Starvo Galt to be Ray, he didn't get upset.

"I didn't go to the police," he said. "I just felt it best to let sleeping dogs lie."

Inevitably, the police did question him about his activities around the time of Dr. King's slaying. When the investigators questioned officials at the Union Carbide plant where Mr. Galt is a warehouse foreman, they were assured that he had been working seven days a week at the time, and couldn't possibly have been in

Memphis where Dr. King was slain.

"It's true," said Mr. Galt in his office this morning, "but I got a lot of ribbing from the boys around me about being all that busy at the job."

The men also joked with him about the close resemblance he bears to Ray. This extends to scars on his forehead and right arm.

Mr. Galt is of middle weight and stature and remarkably athletic for a man of 54, a fact that may account for his often passing for a man of Ray's age, 40. He conducts swimming courses for men in the shop.

He is also a skin and scuba diver, who helps organize summer vacation trips for the To-

ronto branch of the Canadian Sub-Aquatic Lung Club, Ltd.

Mr. Galt rather discounts it, but some persons have suggested that on several trips to Florida to scuba dive, he may have left behind the unusual signature that Ray made his own.

On those motor trips, he stayed mostly at motels and registered as Eric St. V. Galt. He has explained that in writing his middle initials he used the small zeroes in place of periods, so that the "St. V" came out looking like "Starvo." Eric Starvo Galt was the name Ray attached to himself.

Mr. Galt thinks someone "set up" the aliases used by Ray. Otherwise, he asked, how could

three of them be names of men living not far apart in Toronto? Mr. Galt, Paul Bridgman, whose name Ray used when he came to Toronto on April 8, and Ramon George Sneyd, whose name was used on Ray's passport, all live within a few blocks of each other in northeast Toronto.

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Toronto Police Sift Clues For Source of Ray's Money

By Ray Biggart
Special to The Washington Post

TORONTO, June 11—Two Toronto supermarket employees say a man that looked like James Earl Ray apparently planned to hold up their store April 23, but panicked and fled.

The two men, assistant store manager Samuel Marshall and manager Emmerson Benns, went to the police with the story that same day but the search for the man accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. centered at the time in the United States and Mexico.

The man was lurking in the back of the store, Marshall said. When Marshall approached him the man asked for a job, saying he had two years experience in supermarkets in the United States.

As Marshall called Benns over, the man broke and ran outside and jumped on a streetcar.

"I think he was going to hold up the store," Benns said. "He moved fast when he saw me."

The source of Ray's money to finance his travels to Canada and England has remained a puzzle to law enforcement officials. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and metropolitan Toronto Police are still working on the theory that James Earl Ray had help.

They are still looking for the "fat man" who called at Ray's rooming house and gave him an envelope and for the fair-haired man that witnesses say they saw him drinking with. But they discount a report that a woman claiming to be his aunt applied for a bogus birth certificate for him in the name of Paul Bridgman. The application was made in writing, officials say.

Police also disclosed today that Ray left in his Dundas street rooming house almost everything he had brought there.

The room's contents included an empty overnight bag, six rolls of unused film, a camera light meter, an empty

safety deposit box, a map of Toronto, a dirty sheet, three empty beer bottles, an empty cigarette package and three girlie magazines. Two of the magazines have stories dealing with violence in the U.S., police said.

In one, called Modern Man, fingerprint smudges can be seen on an often-reread portion about violence on television. In another called Mr., a short article, entitled "What makes a mass murder?" discusses the Richard Speck murder of eight Chicago nurses and the shooting spree of Richard Whitman at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Sun Loo, the landlady on Dundas Street, recalls that once during Ray's stay here he got a telephone call.

"Get Sneyd," the caller said. Ray apparently also borrowed identity of Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto policeman, for a birth certificate and a passport.

Mrs. Loo went to the upstairs room where Ray usually kept his door locked.

The door was open. Ray wasn't there. Mrs. Loo says she was often out most of the night, and slept during the day.

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A RHODESIA HAVEN CALLED RAY'S AIM

Safety Sought in Mercenary
Service, British Think

By HOMER BIGART

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, June 12 — James Ray, accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., conceived the idea of joining white mercenaries in Africa while he was still hiding in Canada, British investigators believe.

His preferred destination was Rhodesia, they said, because he felt he would find there a climate sympathetic to his own racist views and would be in no danger of extradition if his real identity were discovered.

He was traveling with a Canadian passport under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Ray knew, these Britons think that relations between Rhodesia and Britain were strained and that Rhodesians also regarded the United States as unfriendly.

Services Not Accepted

Ray also knew that Lisbon was a center for the recruitment of mercenaries, and that is why he went there directly, the investigators say. He paused in London, they add, only to cash in the unused part of his British Overseas Airways Corporation ticket from Toronto and take a B.E.A. plane to Lisbon. He had bought a 21-day round trip ticket in Toronto, probably to screen his movements.

But in Lisbon Ray found no recruiters eager for his services. From someone he obtained the name of Maj. Alistair Wicks, a South African who had been second in command of V Commando, an elite mercenary outfit that served Moise Tshombe, deposed Premier of the Congo.

When Ray flew to London from Lisbon on May 17 he tried vainly to reach Major Wicks, now living in London, a British newspaper man has said.

Scotland Yard is convinced that no one in London aided Ray. The thinking here is that Ray got a pay-off in the United States and that he then went to Toronto, where he received help in obtaining a false Canadian passport. The Yard also believes Ray was running out of money and growing desperate during his final weeks

Extradition Papers Filed

Documentation supporting the American request for the extradition of the 40-year-old Ray was delivered to the Foreign Office today by Jack Herfurt, consul general.

The material included a 300-page indictment returned by a grand jury in Memphis charging Ray with the slaying of Dr. King on April 4, proof of Ray's identification, and material relating to Ray's escape, in April, 1967, from Missouri State Penitentiary where he had been serving a 20-year sentence.

This material, necessary to establish a prima facie case that would warrant Ray's extradition, was sent from the Foreign Office to the Home Office later in the day.

It is possible that a preliminary hearing on the extradition proceedings will be held before the weekend.

British officials are said to prefer deportation to extradition, they note that extradition might take at least four weeks. Ray would have two weeks to appeal a deportation order, assuming the order were issued after the hearing next Tuesday on the charges that Ray entered the country with a false passport and was carrying a pocket revolver.

To the American argument that, under extradition, a person would normally be more strictly guarded than under deportation, the British reply that there is no reason why agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot take Ray under custody here for deportation the moment he is released by the British.

Had Ticket For Brussels

When arrested at Heathrow Airport last Saturday, Ray had a ticket for Brussels and only about 70 pounds (\$168).

The metropolitan police have not revealed where Ray slept from his return to London on May 17 to May 28, when he is known to have turned up at the New Earl's Court Hotel, a small bed - and - breakfast house in West London. The police are convinced that Ray found no ally.

"We are satisfied as to his movements and contacts in London," said Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson at New Scotland Yard.

Inspector Thompson said that "adequate security measures" surrounded the prisoner. Ray was moved yesterday from Brixton Prison to Wadsworth Prison, a large jail in a working class district of southwest London. The jail is surrounded by high walls, beyond which are the neat brick homes of prison officials, each with a rose garden and a tiny vegetable plot.

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BY JOHN J. MEEHAN

LONDON (UPI)--SCOTLAND YARD HUNTED TODAY A SHADOWY MAN AND A WOMAN WITH AN AMERICAN "TWANG" ACCENT TO LEARN WHAT THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DID BEFORE HIS ARREST.

THE MAN STOOD NEAR JAMES EARL RAY WHEN THE 40-YEAR-OLD ACCUSED KILLER CHECKED INTO A LONDON HOTEL.

THE WOMAN WITH THE TWANG TELEPHONED THE HOTEL, ASKING FOR RAY.

BEHIND THE HUNT TO PIECE TOGETHER THE LAST DAYS OF FREEDOM OF RAY WAS THE DESIRE OF U.S. AND BRITISH POLICE TO KNOW WHO, IF ANYONE, HAD HELPED RAY FLEE.

WHILE THE POLICE HUNTED, AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT LAWYERS MOVED ON GETTING RAY EXTRADITED FOR THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER IN MEMPHIS, TENN. THE U.S. CASE FOR EXTRADITION--COMPILED IN A WAD OF DOCUMENTS--WAS EXPECTED TO BE HANDED TO CHIEF LONDON MAGISTRATE FRANK MILTON TODAY BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

MILTON WAS EXPECTED TO READ THE CASE AND THEN HOLD PRIVATE TALKS WITH RAY'S COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE LAWYERS AND THE LEGAL ATTACHE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY. HIS RULING ON EXTRADITING RAY WOULD COME A WEEK OR 10 DAYS FROM NOW AFTER A HEARING WITH THE ACCUSED PRESENT.

RAY WAS LOCKED UP UNDER 24-HOUR GUARD IN SOUTH LONDON'S WANDSWORTH PRISON. HE WAS ARRESTED SATURDAY AT LONDON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR CARRYING FALSE PASSPORTS AND A GUN WITHOUT PERMIT. MILTON ORDERED HIM HELD WITHOUT BAIL UNTIL TUESDAY AND THAT WAS EXPECTED TO BE EXTENDED.

THE POLICE HUNT FOR THE PEOPLE IN RAY'S RECENT LIFE WAS HAMPERED BY THE ABSENCE ON VACATION OF A WOMAN CLERK FROM THE NEW EARL'S COURT HOTEL, A CONVERTED MANSION WHERE RAY SPENT TIME BEFORE HIS ARREST.

MRS. ANNA THOMAS, OWNER OF ANOTHER SMALL HOTEL WHERE RAY STAYED, SAID HIS STAYING THERE MAKES HER WANT TO CHANGE THE HOTEL'S NAME. IT IS NOW CALLED THE HOTEL PAX, MEANING PEACE.

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BY JOHN J. MEEHAN

LONDON (UPI)--BRITAIN TODAY FORMALLY AUTHORIZED COURT HEARINGS ON AMERICAN REQUESTS TO EXTRADITE JAMES EARL RAY TO THE UNITED STATES TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOME SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN SIGNED THE ORDER TELLING LONDON'S CHIEF MAGISTRATES TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CASE FOR EXTRADITING THE 40-YEAR-OLD FUGITIVE CHARGED WITH THE ASSASSINATION. THE HEARINGS AND APPEALS MIGHT LAST THROUGH THE SUMMER.
~~CALLAGHAN'S ORDER MADE RAY LIABLE FOR POSSIBLE EXTRADITIONX~~

CALLAGHAN'S ORDER MADE RAY LIABLE FOR POSSIBLE EXTRADITION NOT ONLY FOR THE KILLING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., BUT FOR BREAKING OUT OF A MISSOURI PRISON IN 1967.

~~THE ORDER CAME AS SCOTLAND YARD HUNTED A SHADWNY MAN--OR MEN--AN~~

THE ORDER CAME AS SCOTLAND YARD HUNTED A SHADOWY MAN--OR MEN--AND A WOMAN WITH AN AMERICAN "TWANG" ACCENT TO LEARN WHAT RAY WAS DOING IN BRITAIN BEFORE HIS ARREST AT LONDON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SATURDAY.

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RAY'S TERRIBLE TOUR: NERVOUS, CONFUSED, DISLIKED
 BY SCOTT B. BRUNS

LONDON (UPI)--JAMES EARL RAY HAD A TERRIBLE TOUR OF EUROPE.
 THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COULDN'T FIND HIS
 WAY TO THE BATHROOM IN A LONDON HOTEL.
 BRITISH CURRENCY CONFUSED HIM.

HE WAS SO NERVOUS THAT HE HAD HIS BREAKFAST TRAY SET DOWN OUTSIDE
 HIS HOTEL DOOR.

A LONDON HOTEL CLERK JUDGED HIM SIMPLE. A LISBON WAITER CALLED HIM
 CHEAP. ONE HOTEL OWNER DECLARED HIS GOING WAS "GOOD RIDDANCE"
 AND ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE HOTEL WHERE RAY SLEPT.

RAY HAD A MONTH TO VISIT SUCH SIGHTS AS THE TOWER OF LONDON,
 THE SUNNY BEACHES OF PORTUGAL AND THE BRITISH MUSEUM. BUT HE WAS ON THE
 RUN. IT RAINED AND RAY STAYED MOSTLY IN HIS HOTEL ROOMS OR SOUGHT OUT
 JUST THOSE BARS THAT FEED ON LUCKLESS TRAVELLERS.

A GIRL IN THIGH-HIGH MINISKIRT, A HOTEL CLERK WHO THOUGHT RAY WAS
 NEUROTIC AND A NIGHT PORTER WHO REFUSED TO LET THE LONELY
 MAN BRING A GIRL UPSTAIRS HAVE FILLED IN SOME OF THE JIGSAW
 PIECES OF THE LAST DAYS OF FREEDOM OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY ARRIVED IN BRITAIN MAY 8. HE HURRIED OFF TO LISBON TO PICK
 UP SOME MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO
 SCOTLAND YARD SOURCES. HE FLEW BACK TO LONDON, NOT KNOWING HIS TIME
 WAS RUNNING OUT.

JANE NASSAU, 21, FIRST SAW RAY WHEN HE SHOWED UP MAY 28 IN A
 TAXICAB AT LONDON'S NEW EARL'S COURT HOTEL, A BUILDING OF WHITE
 STONE ADORNED WITH BLUE AWNINGS. MISS NASSAU, A HOTEL CLERK, SAID HE
 "GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE HAD JUST COME FROM AN AIR TERMINAL."

THE CLERK WHO CHECKED IN RAY IS OFF ON HOLIDAY ON A CHANNEL
 ISLAND. BUT JANE REMEMBERS RAY. SHE IS A NORTH OF ENGLAND GIRL,
 WITH DARK HAIR AND SHAPELY LEGS AND A BLUE MINISKIRT, AND SHE CAME TO
 LONDON TO BETTER HERSELF AND SEE THE WORLD. RAY INTERESTED JANE.

"HE WAS EXTREMELY SHY, PATHETICALLY SHY. I DIDN'T KNOW WHY HE
 WAS SO SECRETIVE. I JUST THOUGHT HE WAS NERVOUS," SHE SAID.

"HE SIGNED IN AS A CANADIAN. BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE.
 HE HAD THIS DEEP SOUTHERN DRAWL. I LEARNED ABOUT SOUTHERN DRAWLS
 FROM TELEVISION AND I CAN TELL A SOUTHERNER FROM A CANADIAN.

"I ASKED HIM LOTS OF QUESTIONS, LIKE IF HE WAS SEEING A LOT OF
 LONDON. BUT HE WOULD JUST SAY, 'OH, YES,' AND FIDDLE WITH HIS KEYS.
 HE WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS. ALWAYS DOING THINGS WITH HIS HANDS."

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"I TRIED TO TALK TO HIM BUT THEN I STOPPED MYSELF. I WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT THINK I WAS TRYING TO CHAT HIM UP (FLIRT)," JANE SAID. RAY EMERGED ONE NIGHT FROM HIS ROOM IN SEARCH OF THE BATHROOM. IN A DARK HALL HE BOWLED OVER A PORTER WHO HAD CLIMBED A LADDER TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB. "HE APOLOGIZED," JANE SAID.
~~PATIENTLY JANE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE INTRIT~~

PATIENTLY JANE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE INTRICATE BRITISH CURRENCY. "BUT HE WAS A BIT THICK AND IT DIDN'T SINK IN. HE WAS VERY SLOW," SHE SAID.

LATER ANOTHER HOTEL CLERK FOUND A PAPERBACK SPY NOVEL, "ASSIGNMENT TANGIER," THAT RAY HAD DROPPED. IN THE BACK WAS A MASS OF FIGURES INDICATING RAY'S ATTEMPTS TO COMPARE THE VALUE OF DOLLARS TO POUNDS.

A SECOND MAN HAD APPEARED WITH RAY WHEN HE CHECKED IN. JANE NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN. RAY LEFT JUNE 5, CARRYING THE AIRLINE FLIGHT BAG HE ALWAYS CLUTCHED, POSSIBLY CONTAINING THE LIBERTY CHIEF PISTOL HE WAS ARRESTED WITH SATURDAY.

JANE CALLED OUT GOODBY AND THAT SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. "HE JUST SHRUGGED AND WALKED AWAY," SHE SAID.

CONTRARY TO WHAT HE HAD TOLD JANE, RAY HEADED FOR A NEW HOTEL. IT WAS RAINING AND THE FIRST HOTEL HE TRIED WAS FULL. THE CLERK RECOMMENDED THE HOTEL PAX, OWNED BY MRS. THOMAS.

HE PAID \$10.80 IN ADVANCE FOR THREE NIGHTS' STAY. MRS. THOMAS SAVED THE FIVE POUND NOTE HE PAID WITH. SHE ALSO SAVED THE SYRINGE SHE FOUND IN HIS ROOM. SHE DIDN'T LIKE RAY.

RAY HAD A "FRIEND" WITH HIM WHEN HE ASKED AT THE FIRST HOTEL. THE SECOND MAN WAS GONE WHEN HE CHECKED INTO HIS SMALL ROOM AT THE PAX.

HE RECEIVED FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS--SCOTLAND YARD IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO FROM--AND A POSTCARD. THE CARD CAME FOR IAN COLVIN, A NEWSPAPERMAN RAY HAD TELEPHONED IN SEARCH OF HELP IN JOINING AN AFRICAN MERCENARY UNIT.

MRS. THOMAS SAID ONE TELEPHONE CALLER WAS A WOMAN WITH AN AMERICAN "TWANG". RAY WAS OUT AND THE TWANG WAS HEARD NO MORE. MRS. THOMAS THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS FUNNY.

"I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE SLEPT IN BED WITH HIS CLOTHES ON. WHEN I BROUGHT HIS BREAKFAST TRAY, HE TOLD ME TO LEAVE IT OUTSIDE, LIKE HE WAS STILL IN BED. THEN, A MINUTE LATER, BEFORE I HAD GONE A STEP, HE WAS AT THE DOOR FULLY DRESSED, PICKING IT UP...HE WAS SO 'NEUTROTIC,'" SHE SAID.

RAY KEPT OUT THE MAID. HE MADE HIS OWN BED. SHE ORDERED HIM INTO ANOTHER ROOM AND HAD A LOOK. "YANKS ARE ALL THE SAME. I THOUGHT HE HAD A LADY IN THERE. BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY LADY IN MY HOTEL."

HE LEFT THE HOTEL IN THE PIMLICO AREA EARLY. "I THOUGHT, 'GOOD RIDDANCE TO YOU.'" MRS. THOMAS SAID. SHE SAID SHE NOW WILL CHANGE THE HOTEL NAME FROM PAX, MEANING PEACE, TO SOMETHING ELSE.

RAY LEFT HER HOTEL JUST IN TIME TO KEEP A DATE WITH POLICE WAITING AT LONDON AIRPORT. BACK IN LISBON, THE POLICE AND AN FBI AGENT FOUND AN EASY BUT DULL TRAIL LEFT BY RAY EARLY LAST MONTH.

ON MAY 8, AT 8 P.M., RAY ENTERED A THIRD CLASS WATERFRONT HOTEL AND ASKED FOR A ROOM. HE APPARENTLY HAD YET TO PICK UP HIS MONEY. THE CLERK THUMBED HIM TO ROOM 2 ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

IT OVERLOOKS A NARROW STREET AND HAS A BED, A WARDROBE, A CHEST OF DRAWERS AND TWO CHAIRS. IT COSTS \$2.10 A DAY. RAY SET DOWN HIS SUITCASE AND A BRIEFCASE. THERE HE STAYED NINE DAYS.

LUIS THE RECEPTIONIST REMEMBERS RAY AS QUIET, LONELY AND SHY. CHAMBERMAID MARIA CELESTRE, 31, SAID HE DID NOT TIP. BOTH RECALL HE WENT OUT VERY LATE AT NIGHT AND SOMETIMES AT 6 A.M. HE WASHED HIS OWN SOCKS.

RAY ASKED JOAO, THE NIGHT PORTER, FOR PERMISSION TO TAKE A YOUNG WOMAN UPSTAIRS. JOAO SAID NO. THE GIRLS IN THE NEARBY BARS REMEMBER HIM. ONE NAMED MARIA CAN'T SEEM TO RECALL IF SHE SPENT ONE OR TWO NIGHTS WITH RAY. SHE WILL DESCRIBE IT ALL FOR A TIP.

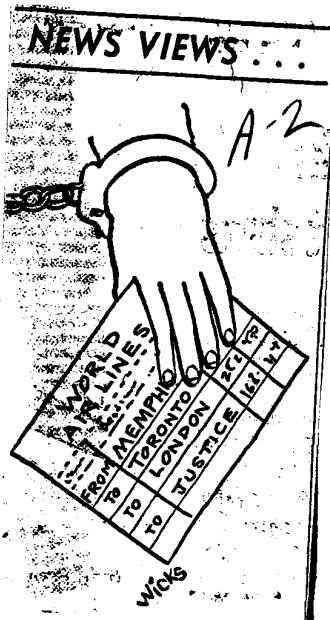
GLORIA AT THE GALO BAR WINKS WHEN ASKED. PAULA, AROUND THE CORNER AT THE BOEMIA BAR, SMILES. THE MAN AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY REMEMBERS. THEY FIXED UP A PASSPORT FOR RAY WHEN HE SHOWED A CANADIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

NO ONE IN LONDON OR LISBON REMEMBERS RAY SENDING ANYONE A POSTCARD. NO ONE REMEMBERS HIM SMILING. BUT HE DID SEE ONE TOURIST SITE--THE BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT, WHERE HE WAS ARRAIGNED MONDAY. CHARLES DICKENS USED TO VISIT THERE.

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AT THE SAME TIME, POLICE INTENSIFIED THEIR SEARCH FOR ANY ASSOCIATES 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 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 AN ESCAPED CONVICT.

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posal that would ban the import of surplus military rifles and handguns and turned down a move to register first purchasers of these and all other imported weapons.

The non-record vote came after the House Judiciary Committee failed earlier on a tie vote to approve President Lyndon B. Johnson's bill to ban mail order and interstate sales of rifles, shotguns and pistols.

But Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., chairman of the committee, set another vote for June 20 and predicted the measure would be approved.

The actions highlighted fresh controversy over gun control legislation generated by the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. House members reported increasing mail from home demanding gun curbs.

and have expressed alarm over reports he may veto it because of his opposition to the provisions dealing with confessions and wiretapping.

Fierro, an attorney, said, "I am a man who received his new heart May 22, said he was "eating like a demon and exercising regularly."

UP & AROUND & READY

"When I came here I couldn't walk four or five steps," Fierro said. "Today I'm up and around and ready for the old New York ballroom dancing."

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Ray May Superman

By JAY WALZ

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He added that the man was driving a white Mustang automobile, the same type that was abandoned the day after the King assassination in a parking lot in the Capitol Homes area of Atlanta. The car is believed to have been used by Ray.

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Poor people's drive has failed

It is now obvious that the Poor People's campaign is a flop. The best thing the Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the other leaders of this prolonged demonstration can do is to recognize the failure, make the best of it, and send the residents of Resurrection City back where they came from.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King conceived this campaign as a psychological means of dramatizing the plight of the poor. He envisioned that the presence of so many genuinely poor people in full view of an affluent nation would prick the American conscience and generate support for federal programs to help the poor. The technique had succeeded brilliantly on previous occasions.

Many of Dr. King's allies, however, recognized that his timing was bad. They sensed that the American people, disturbed by riots and racial turbulence, were in no mood for any new massive spending programs until some other critical problems could be brought under control. For example: The war in Vietnam, inflation and the balance of payments deficit with its damaging effect on the dollar.

Martin Luther King possessed an incredible talent for turning chaos into triumph. Yet we doubt that even he could have made a success of this campaign which has been snake-bit from the moment of its conception.

Then King fell to an assassin's bullet. And his followers felt bound to follow through. Yet without King, it had an even poorer chance of success. The Rev. Mr. Abernathy, King's successor, has failed to display any talent

for organization and planning, and he lacks the Moses-like spell which Dr. King cast over his followers.

Internal bickering, quarreling among leaders, mud, bad weather and bad humor have plagued the campaign. Resurrection City has turned into a mud-filled, smelly shanty town in the middle of a beautiful capital city. As the misery has increased, Resurrection City's population has diminished. The movement's demands have been nebulous or hopelessly extravagant.

Bayard Rustin for a time tried to restore some semblance of reasonableness by drawing up a 14-point summary of what the poor want from the government. But he was rebuffed and finally quit in disgust.

What demonstrations have occurred have been characterized by intemperance, by disrespect for officials and by an arrogance which has chilled the nation's sympathy.

Instead of creating public support, the campaign has aroused resentment, anger and fear. Sight-seers and tourists who normally flock to Washington in the summer have been staying home by the hundreds of thousands.

In a letter to the Rev. Mr. Abernathy, Rep. George Bush of Houston has urged him to publicly announce the expected termination date for this campaign. This is good advice, and Abernathy should follow it. The campaign is a failure. The sooner it is over, the less damage will be done to the legitimate needs and interests of America's poor.

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ALWAYS ON THE JOB

The capture in London of James Earl Ray, object of a search as the sniper who assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King in April, was the result of a painstaking and unrelenting pursuit of the fugitive. Ray was traveling on a fraudulent Canadian passport. When all other leads proved fruitless, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after combing thru 100,000 passports, enlisted the help of the royal Canadian mounted police, who got on Ray's trail after they had sorted thru 200,000 more passports.

We sometimes hear that Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI is getting too old for his job, and that his organization has become encrusted in sterile routine. But most Americans will feel that, as long as Mr. Hoover and the FBI maintain the standards of performance that have produced unfailing results for almost 45 years, the security of this country is in safe hands.

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Secrecy Expected In Ray Extradition A-5

MEMPHIS, June 10 (UPI)—Secrecy and swiftness apparently will be the order of the day when, and if, James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is returned to Memphis to stand trial for murder.

District Attorney Phil Canale, Shelby County Sheriff William Morris and City Police Director Frank H. Holman said Ray most likely would be safely behind bars here before the world learned of his return.

It was reported that Morris will bear the chief responsibility for Ray's safety. This led to the conclusion that the prisoner would be lodged in the four-story, gray concrete Shelby County Jail, a building that houses both the jail and, on a lower floor, the five county criminal courtrooms.

Although Tennessee law requires the death penalty in a conviction of first-degree murder without extenuating circumstances, it appeared unlikely that any convicted killer would be put to death.

Since the last execution in the nine cells on death row at State Prison have remained virtually full. But there have been no executions, at first because of questions raised about the law and civil rights, and later by the personal convictions of two governors.

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Conspiracy Involved?

With all due respect to the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all indications point to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as the agency due most of the credit for running down James Earl Ray.

According to news reports, a dozen Mounties worked overtime at night for two weeks rummaging through hundreds of passports in a never - say - die effort to see if the suspected killer of Martin Luther King had indeed used Canada as a stopping off place on his get-away route.

They found that he did and quickly alerted European police. Ray was arrested in London by agents of Scotland Yard. He will be returned to Memphis where he will be tried for murder.

The question that haunts the American people concerning the two assassin suspects now in custody — Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles and Ray in Bristol Prison, London — is: are they part of a conspiracy or did they act alone, as Lee Harvey Oswald was said to have done by the Warren Commission?

Assuming that Ray is proved guilty, it is difficult to believe that a man with his criminal record would take such a chance for a trifle. Whether he was paid \$50,000 or a million dollars for killing King, it is imperative that we find out who bankrolled him.

When Sirhan was arrested, he was found with one hundred dollar bills on his person, enough money to carry him out of the country. Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty announced that the Jordanian had Communist sympathies and connections. Was his act that of one man, as surface evidence would indicate, or is he, too, part of a killer network?

Thus far, authorities haven't found any signs of a conspiracy in either the Memphis or Los Angeles assassinations. This is particularly interesting for this reason:

The Warren Commission found that Oswald acted alone in Dallas, but District Attorney Jim Garrison says Oswald didn't kill anybody, that he was only a "patsy" in a scheme involving several assassins posted around the motorcade route. The controversial New Orleans D.A. is putting his career on the line with a case against Clay Shaw whom he says conspired with Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy. Moreover, Garrison charges the federal government is involved in a mass cover-up.

Regardless of personal feelings one may have held toward the three figures cut down by assassins bullets, there can be no turning away from the need for justice to be done.

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