

Mystery Man . . .

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brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also said, "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment. The statement said Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of an apartment project.

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Galt Is Charged In Dr. King's Slaying

By Associated Press

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Eric Starvo Galt was charged with first degree murder late Wednesday in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here April 4.

The state warrant was issued five hours after the FBI in Washington announced that Galt had been charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy in King's death.

Dist. Atty. Phil Canale filed the murder charge. It was signed by General Sessions Court Judge Wayne Lindsey.

The state warrant charged that Galt "did unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought kill and murder Martin Luther King Jr."

The charging of Galt was first announced Wednesday by the FBI in Washington.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

The FBI said a warrant was issued in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday on the basis of an FBI complaint which charged that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy" which began around March 29 at Birmingham and ended about April 5 to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Galt was charged with conspiring to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as [redacted] has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI said "the fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes far-



ERIC STARVO GALT

ther from his head than his right ear."

The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed King.

But the statement said "a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred." The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying.

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11.

The car's odometer showed it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968.

The FBI said "Galt's travel in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Cal.; New Orleans, La.; Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta."

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DePugh Linked To Assassination Plot on Dr. King

Minuteman leader Robert DePugh once ordered the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. if DePugh ever went to jail, federal authorities were told.

Federal authorities in Kansas City Thursday said "an apparently reliable" witness told them of DePugh's order.

DePugh has been convicted of violating the national firearms act, but is a fugitive and is not in jail.

The information came to light when assistant U. S. Attorney Anthony P. Nugent Jr. in Kansas City filed a motion with the 8th District Court of Appeals in St. Louis to have appeals of DePugh and another minuteman dismissed.

BOTH FUGITIVES

DePugh is under a four-year sentence and Walter P. Peyson is under a two-year sentence for national firearms violations. Both are fugitives believed to have fled to Canada.

DePugh was said to have ordered Dr. King and others killed if he (DePugh) ever went to jail. Our informant is a former

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minuteman and information he gave us previously, on the organization tends to make him a reliable witness," Mr. Nugent told The Globe-Democrat.

The information was forwarded to federal authorities before Dr. King's death, Mr. Nugent said. It is being used as part of the government's investigation.

He said his information did not contain any evidence that Eric Starvo Galt, who was charged Wednesday with conspiracy in the assassination, knew DePugh or was a minuteman.

The Minutemen organization is an underground anti-Communist group.

If the court here grants the government's motion to remove the cases from the docket, a motion asking dismissal of the appeals will be filed, Mr. Nugent said.

DePugh and Peyson also are being sought on grand jury indictments charging them with conspiracy to rob banks in Seattle in January.

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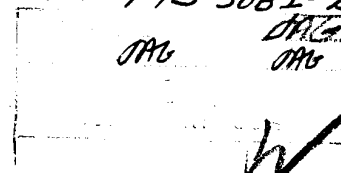
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CONVICT FROM ST. LOUIS IDENTIFIED IN KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

J. E. Ray, Galt Called Same Man

**Convicted Here —
Escaped in 1967 and
Remains at Large**

Eric Starvo Galt, sought in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, was identified today as James Earl Ray, a St. Louis robber who escaped from the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City a year ago.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic search of latent fingerprints led to the identification of a Galt as Ray, who still is at large. The FBI said that prints uncovered at the scene of the Memphis assassination of the Negro leader April 4 were compared with more than 53,000 persons "and led to the determination."

Ray was sentenced to 20 years in prison for a \$190 Kroger store holdup on Oct. 10, 1959 at 3417 Ohio avenue. He escaped from prison last April 24, in a manner that was not immediately determined. It was his third escape attempt.

As Galt, Ray has been the object of a search that extended into Mexico.

Faces Two Charges

The FBI, in a warrant issued earlier this week, charged Galt and an "alleged brother" with conspiracy in King's slaying. Memphis officials swore out a murder warrant for Galt.

Two front and side view photos of Ray apparently taken at the Missouri prison, were released by the FBI. The photograph was identified as that of Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

John Willard was the name used by the man who checked into a Memphis rooming house from which the shot that killed King was fired.

Prior to his 1960 conviction in St. Louis, Ray was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago in 1952; and forging United States postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

Ray, a baker, and James L. Owens, a barber, were arrested in Ray's home, in the 2000 block of Park avenue, about 20 minutes after the Kroger grocery robbery. The loot was recovered and both suspects were

identified by Donald Schaefer, manager of the store.

Schaefer said that Ray, displaying a revolver, approached the office and ordered Schaefer to open the safe. Schaefer convinced Ray, he reported, that he was unable to unlock the safe. Ray and Owens then turned to a cashier, Mrs. Hazel Meyer, and forced her to hand over the contents of a cash register.

A customer followed the robbers, who drove away in a stolen automobile. The pair switched to a second car at Potomac street and Ohio avenue. A description of the second automobile led police to Ray's home and the arrest.

Ray was sentenced to 20 years by Circuit Judge John C. Casey after the jury returned a verdict of guilty in 20 minutes. He was convicted of armed robbery and was tried under the habitual criminal act, with the court fixing the penalty.

Three Escape Attempts

When he was being brought to the Municipal Courts Building from the City Jail on the day of sentencing, Ray attempted to escape from a sheriff's deputy. He was prevented from starting an elevator, into which he had jumped, by quick action of the deputy, who opened the outer door. Elevators in the building do not start until two doors are shut.

In 1961 Ray attempted to escape from the Jefferson City prison by hiding in the dry cleaning plant. Prison authorities said he had tried to scale the wall with a makeshift ladder he made. It collapsed under his weight. In a second attempt, a year later, he hid for a day in a ventilation shaft. He was discovered in a systematic search of the penitentiary.

Described as a drifter since he left school in the tenth grade at Alton, Ray served as an enlisted man in the Army from February 1946 to December

1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability, the FBI said. During his Army service he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

When Ray was arrested for the Kroger robbery, police described him as having brown hair, blue eyes and a ruddy complexion. He was of medium build, five feet 11 inches tall, and weighed 165 pounds. He was said to have been born at Decatur, Ill.

Other Sentences

Details of his earlier sentences follow:

Oct. 11, 1949, he was sentenced to eight months in Los Angeles for burglary.

May 9, 1952, one to two years in Chicago for robbery.

March 28, 1955, sentenced to three years and nine months in Federal prison for forgery at Kansas City.

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On one occasion he told authorities he had a brother, John Ray, but on other occasions said he was an only child. Both parents are dead, he said.

Besides the Park avenue address, he gave an address in Bridgeton. It was believed to be false.

Tested at Fulton

After Ray's second attempt to escape from the Missouri penitentiary in March 1966, he was sent the next September to the Fulton State Hospital for psychiatric examination. He spent six weeks there, then was returned to the Missouri Penitentiary after psychiatrists decided he was mentally sound.

Ray was described in an FBI bulletin in 1967 as "very quiet and reserved." He "talks very little and rather shyly. He does not smoke but is an occasional drinker." The bulletin, circulated shortly after Ray's escape from the Missouri penitentiary, noted that he had lived for a time in Alton and Quincy, Ill.

The Alton city clerk said that records show the birth date of a James Earl Ray on [redacted] making him 40 years old.

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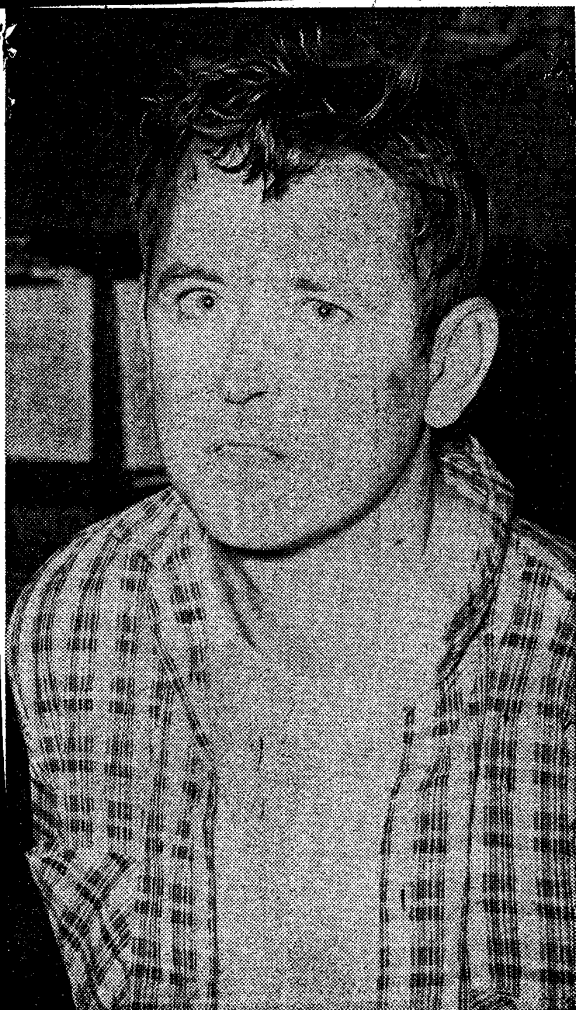
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A bill was introduced to reserve zone 108 acres in north county for construction of a nursing home, religious retreat and recreation facility by Local 562 of the Steamfitters Union. The facility, proposed for west of Columbia Bottom road and north of Larimore road would be operated by trustees of the Pipefitters Welfare and Education Fund.

The council authorized the sale of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land at site of the new county jail at Gum to the Missouri Highway Department for \$26,005. The Highway Department wants the property to permit relocation



James Earl Ray, former St. Louis convict who has been identified as "Eric Starvo Galt," suspected of being the killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. The photograph was made here in 1959.

period, the Senator was asked to speak out clearly on the issues of Negro unemployment, education and housing. His questioner was Charles (Snooky) Hendricks, president of the Radical Action program.

To the obvious disappointment of his listeners, McCarthy replied that he had already given his position on those issues in the New Hampshire primary campaign in March and again last week in Boston.

He said further that there would be no need for civil rights legislation if Americans only followed the spirit of the Constitution.

He suggested also that once the war in Vietnam has been ended, the United States should be prepared to spend five to seven billion dollars a year to rebuild South Vietnam and

In Bloomington, McCarthy said that he was not prepared now to commit himself to the Democratic presidential ticket next fall.

McCarthy Files In South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D., April 19 (UPI) —The name of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota was entered yesterday in the June 4 South Dakota presidential primary.

Mrs. Byron Harrell, secretary of the South Dakota McCarthy for President Committee, filed a petition with 1950 signatures

McCarthy's name on the Democratic ballot will be third after those of President Lyndon B. Johnson and Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York. The names are listed in the order in which they are filed.



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Escaped Last Year From State Prison At Jefferson City

By **ROBERT BLANCHARD**
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

A drifter who lived in St. Louis only long enough to be arrested for a supermarket holdup and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary was identified Friday as the elusive suspect sought in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said the man previously known as Eric Starvo Galt was really James Earl Ray, 40, who escaped last year from the penitentiary in Jefferson City and has since lived in a number of cities.

Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the prints of more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division, the FBI reported.

Ray, who formerly lived in the 2000 block of Park avenue in St. Louis, was serving a 20-year sentence for the 1959 armed robbery of a St. Louis supermarket when he escaped from the penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

A native of Alton, Ray has a criminal record dating back at least to 1949 when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. Authorities said the fugitive also was convicted in 1952 in Chicago for robbery and in Kansas City in 1955 for forging U.S. money orders.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner. He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

Authorities described Ray as about 5 feet 10, weighing about 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

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for the Kroger store holdup. Ray also was convicted on Aug. 7, 1959, of robbery at Vincent's IGA Food Market, 1102 Park. A seven-year sentence for that robbery was to run simultaneously with the 20-year term.

PAROLE HEARING

At the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Ray was granted a parole hearing in November, 1965, but his case was set forward a year for review. The next year he hid out inside a ventilator shaft for a day, but was flushed out.

Following that escape attempt, he was sent to the State Hospital at Fulton for an examination. Dr. Donald B. Peterson, hospital administrator, told The Globe-Democrat Friday that Ray's examination re-

vealed no mental disease or mental defect. He added that Ray was "no trouble at all" while he was in the hospital.

Penitentiary Warden Harold Swenson said Ray apparently escaped by hiding in a truck carrying bread from the prison bakery to prison honor farms.

In connection with his escape, an FBI complaint was filed in Jefferson City on July 20, 1967, charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing from Missouri to avoid confinement. He has been a federal fugitive since then.

Records in the St. Louis Police Department show Ray was the son of George and Mary Ray, both of whom are deceased. However, records in the prison in Jefferson City list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan, St. Louis.

When he entered the Illinois State Penitentiary in Joliet in

1952, he told authorities he was the oldest of three children whose father, a railroad employe in Alton, died in 1947.

The criminal career of Ray began in downtown Los Angeles in October, 1949. He tried to steal a typewriter from the third floor office of a Forum Cafeteria.

The assistant manager caught him and scuffled with him. Ray got away, but not for long. A parking lot attendant grabbed Ray. Ray broke free but a bank savings book and his Army discharge papers fell to the pavement. This led to his first arrest in Ray's long career of lawlessness.

Ray was given 90 days in jail and placed on two years probation in Los Angeles.

On April 18, 1950, he was arrested for vagrancy at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but there was no record of a conviction.

Alton police arrested him in July, 1951, for failing to have a driver's license, state license plates and city auto sticker. Later that month he was given a 90-day suspended sentence for vagrancy in Alton.

He was arrested for a burglary at the National Cleaners, 30½ West St. Louis ave., East Al-

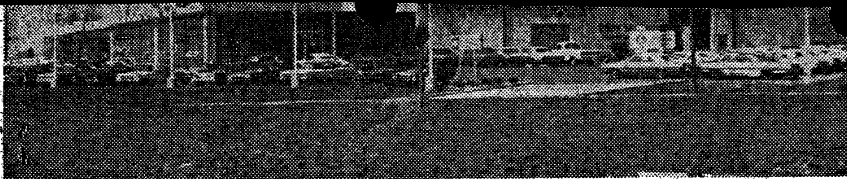
ton, on Aug. 28, 1954, following a police chase. The burglary indictment was removed from the Madison County records with leave to reinstate.

Alton police arrested him again for vagrancy the following January and he got a one-year suspended sentence.

On March 23, 1955, Missouri Highway Patrolmen arrested Ray in Hannibal for breaking and entering a Kansas City post office. He was convicted of forging postal money orders and was sentenced to 3 years 9 months in the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., federal prison. He served there until April 5, 1958.

He was identified as a suspect in a holdup Aug. 21, 1959, at the Wegener Foodliner Inc., 9th and Alby streets, Alton. Six weeks later he was picked up in St. Louis in connection with the Kroger store holdup.

Following his escape from the penitentiary a year ago, Ray stayed out of the limelight until the FBI's identification of him as the prime suspect in the assassination of Dr. King.



Hilltop's Grand Opening Celebration

HILLTOP LINCOLN-MERCURY INC., Page and Lindbergh boulevard, has begun a grand opening celebration which will continue through the end of the month, according to Michael A. (Mike) Bisesi Jr., president of the area's newest Lincoln-Mercury dealership.

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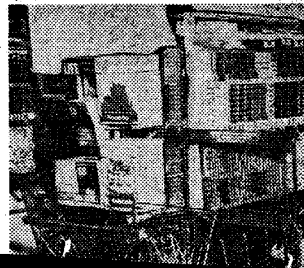
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Tennessee has a warrant out for his arrest charging him with murdering Dr. King April 4 in Memphis. The FBI said Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should contact the FBI Headquarters in Washington or the nearest FBI office. The telephone number of the FBI in St. Louis is CHestnut 1-5357.

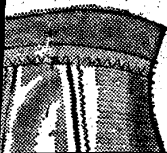
The search for Ray extends from coast to coast and into Mexico.

Authorities said Ray has been a drifter since leaving the 10th grade in Alton with a record of ineptness and lack of adaptability. His career in the Army included a three-month sentence at hard labor for drunkenness and breaking arrest.

Ray was found guilty of first-degree robbery on Dec. 17, 1959, in connection with a \$191 holdup of a Kroger store at 3417 Ohio ave., on Oct. 10, 1959. Ray and James L. Owens, then of 4023 Olive st., were arrested within 20 minutes after the holdup.

They were followed from the store by two men who observed them switch cars a few blocks away. The witnesses obtained the license number of the second car and police located it at the rooming house in the 2000 block of Park. Owens was arrested in the car and Ray in the house.

Ray was sentenced to 20 years and Owens to seven years



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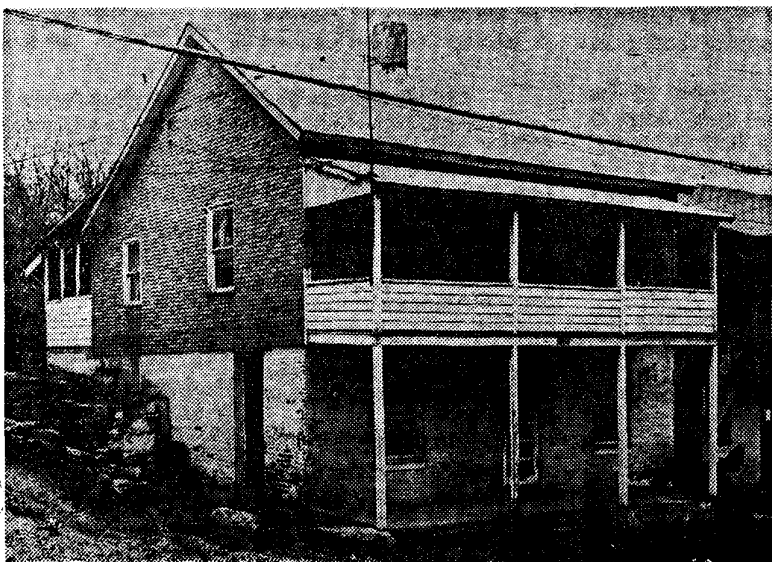


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Area Man sought in the murder of Dr. King

James Earl Ray, 40-year-old onetime St. Louisan identified as the man sought in assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, has a criminal record dating back to 1949. Above, he's seen at left when he was being held by Chicago police; at center, after his arrest for robbery in St. Louis, and at right, in the Missouri Penitentiary. The latest picture of him is on Page 1. Ray, who has been a drifter since he was in the 10th grade, has been described as a loner and is considered armed and extremely dangerous.



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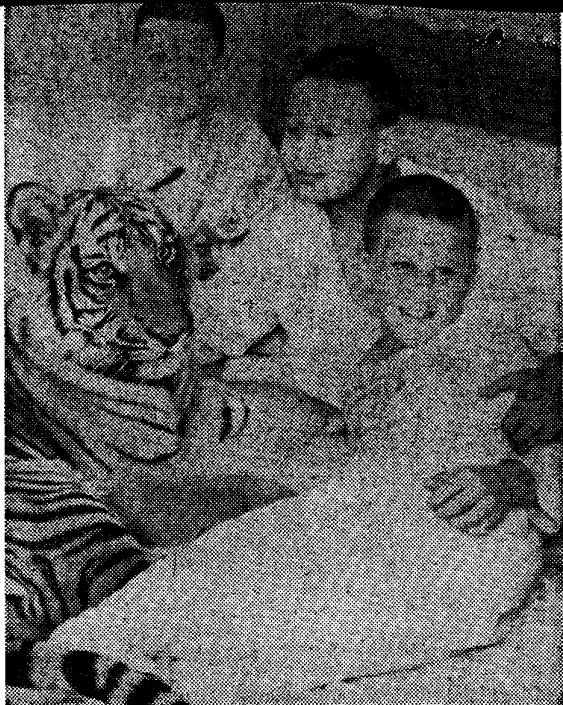
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PAJAMA PARTY PLAYMATE

Tammy, a tame tiger, plays at pajama party at home of Silvestro Capozzi in Miami. Tammy's owner brought the tiger for a bedtime romp with the Capozzi children. Sheriff's officers said the owner would have to cage Tammy to obtain the required permit to keep her.

—A. P. Wirephoto

Kennedy, Humphrey About Same --- O'Brien

Globe-Democrat - Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON.—Outgoing Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien said Friday there are "no great differences" between Vice President Humphrey and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (Dem.), New York, and "both of them are qualified" for the Presidency.

Mr. O'Brien, who is leaving the Cabinet next week to join Kennedy's campaign for the Democratic nomination, told a group of newsmen he was confident that Humphrey and Kennedy would "work together" to unify the party "after the decision" on the nominee "is made in Chicago."

FINAL STRUGGLE

He predicted that the final fight for the nomination would be limited to those two candidates, indicating a belief that Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (Dem.), Minnesota, the third contender, would be eliminated by losses to Kennedy in the

fortable" with either one.

"My goal," he said, "is to do what I can to nominate Robert Kennedy and beyond that to do what I can to unify the party."

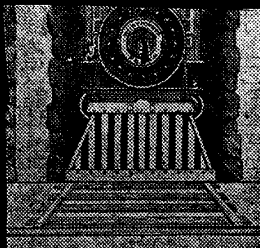
In discussing his decision to throw his support to Kennedy, Mr. O'Brien went out of his way to praise the Vice President, calling him at one point "eminently qualified" for the Presidency.

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But he reminded reporters that "I've had a close association with the Kennedy family since 1950," and believed that "in terms of age, of leadership



St. Louis Police Chief Curtis Brostron, lower left, with officers who arrested Ray here in 1959, from left, Patrolman Edward McGrath, Lt. Curry Duke and Lt. Edwin Roth.
—Globe-Democrat Photos



THE JOHN HENRY Railroad Cafe, which is scheduled to open at the Northwest Plaza this fall, will feature this steam locomotive at the entrance and a railroad theme inside.

forthcoming primaries.

The Postmaster General stopped short of calling for a Kennedy-Humphrey or Humphrey-Kennedy ticket, but said he would feel "completely com-

qualities and his capacity to involve a new generation in politics, Kennedy would make a strong candidate.

Oil Men's Meeting

Charlie Winner, head football coach of the St. Louis Football Cardinals, will be guest speaker at the semi-monthly luncheon meeting of the Oil Men's Club of Greater St. Louis, on Monday, at the Windsore Room of the Cheshire Inn, 6306 Clayton rd.

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FBI Puts James Earl Ray On Most Wanted List

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Escaped convict James Earl Ray was given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, intensifying the nationwide manhunt for the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray, who masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt at the time King was slain in Memphis, was placed on the list even though there are 10 fugitives already on it. This happened but once before in the history of the 10 most wanted.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decided to add Ray as an 11th most wanted to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and the public.

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area in the event Ray tries to flee the country. Mexican police officials also were said to be looking for Ray on an unofficial basis.

Special arrangements were made to show Ray's picture on the ABC-TV show, "The FBI," Sunday evening.

The only other criminal ever given emergency listing on the 10 most wanted roster was Richard Lawrence Marquette, who was sought for the butcher knife murder of a Portland, Ore., housewife in June, 1961. The day after Marquette was listed as an 11th 10 most wanted, he was arrested in California.

Even before Ray was identified as the mysterious Galt, there was an assured \$100,000 in rewards for anyone providing information leading to the capture and conviction of King's slayer. The Memphis City Council has voted to underwrite that amount.

Ray, identified through a painstaking check of FBI fingerprint files, had been sought by police as an escaped convict for nearly a year. He broke out of Missouri State Prison by hiding in a bread truck on April 23, 1967.

The wanted man had been serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and for a while was confined in the maximum security ward of the state hospital at Fulton.

A high school dropout who was kicked out of the Army, Ray has also served sentences in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., Illinois state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, and in Los Angeles County Jail. The FBI warned that he should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Known to his fellow prison inmates as a "loner," Ray was born at Alton, Ill. He dropped out of school in Ewing, Mo., in

the ninth grade and his criminal record dates back to 1949.

Ray has a number of distinguishing features. His left ear protrudes noticeably and he has a habit of nervously pulling on his ear lobes. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and another scar on his right palm.

The fugitive suspect is a fan of western and country music. His drinking preferences are vodka and beer. He dresses neatly and is an avid dancer who has taken lessons. Early this year, Ray was graduated from a bartending school in Los Angeles.

He stands approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs between 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair which he frequently wears cropped short. In the past he has worked as a baker and laborer and has been known to claim past employment as a seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels.

Ray is a man with many aliases. In addition to Galt, he has used such names as Harvey Lowmyer, John Wilard, James McBride, James Walter, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

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Talked of Bounty on Dr. King

Convict's Story About Ray

By a Special Correspondent
of the Post-Dispatch

DALTON, Ga., April 24 — A man convicted of murder here said yesterday that James Earl Ray once confided to him that he (Ray) would collect a "\$1,000,000 bounty" put up by a "businessmen's association" to kill the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Raymond Curtis, being held at Whitfield county jail pending action on an appeal, said that he and Ray were told at the Missouri Penitentiary at Jeffers-

son City from a "new man just in off the street" that "the businessmen's association has a \$1,000,000 bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Curtis said Ray smiled and said, "Well, if there's \$1,000,000 out on King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it." Curtis said that the subject of the Rev. Dr. King came up "a couple of times" in subsequent conversations with Ray in the prison yard.

The discussions occurred, Curtis said, about a week after

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

Curtis said that he had no idea what the "businessmen's association" was. Curtis, who like Ray is 40 years old, said that he first met Ray in 1955 when they shared a cell for seven months in the Jackson county jail at Kansas City. Curtis said he again met Ray when both were at the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

At the Missouri prison, where both were serving sentences for armed robbery, Curtis said Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying, "Boy, probably somebody made a nice little penny off of that, I sure wish it was me."

Curtis described Ray as "a likable sort of person," but one who did not associate freely with other inmates. "But if this was a plot to assassinate King, Ray would go to his grave with his secret," Curtis said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has charged Ray with conspiracy in connection with the Rev. Dr. King's assassination April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., declined to comment yesterday on reports that agents were searching the Los Angeles area for a blond woman who dated Ray.

The woman, about 27, was reported seen with Ray in the bar

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Raymond Curtis, a convicted murderer in Georgia who says he was a close acquaintance of James Earl Ray. Ray is being sought in connection with the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

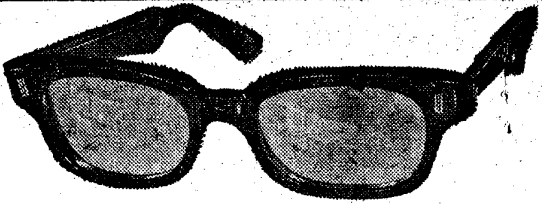
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of a Hollywood hotel where he was staying about three weeks prior to the Rev. Dr. King's death. This has led to the conjecture that the woman accompanied Ray when he allegedly drove to Memphis.

Ray is believed to have arrived in the Los Angeles area shortly after escaping from the Missouri Penitentiary April 23, 1967, by hiding in a bread truck. He had made two previous attempts to escape from the prison, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for two armed robberies and automobile theft in St. Louis.

Warden Harold R. Swenson noted that Ray was visited by a brother, John, the day before his escape. Swenson said, however, that there was no evidence to show John Ray had anything to do with his brother's escape.



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JAMES EARL RAY (left in 1960 photo), an escapee from the Missouri state penitentiary, was identified by Attorney General Ramsey Clark as Eric Starvo Galt (right 1968 photo) against whom a federal complaint has been filed in connection with the fatal shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (UPI Telephoto)

Says Ray Planned to Collect King 'Bounty'

DALTON, Ga. (UPI)—Fugitive James Earl Ray once said he would collect a "million-dollar bounty" put up by a mysterious "businessmen's association" for the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to a prison friend.

Ray, an escapee from the Missouri state prison, has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of King at Memphis April 4.

Raymond Curtis, in jail here awaiting an appeal of a murder conviction, said he had served with Ray in jail once and in prison twice and the matter of King first came up shortly after President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

"Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that," Ray told Curtis after hearing of Kennedy's death.

About a week later, in the yard of the Jefferson City prison, Ray said a "new man just in off the street" told them "The businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

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

Curtis said the subject of King came up "a couple of times" thereafter. Curtis finally

was freed and Ray fled the prison last year by hiding in a bread truck.

Curtis said he had no idea what the "businessmen's association" was. Authorities said Tuesday they were pursuing several reports—some circulating in prisons—that there was a "contract" out for King's death.

"I didn't think much about it at the time," said Curtis. "In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas." FBI agents have questioned him about his talks with Ray.

Curtis said Ray never mentioned racial matters. "He didn't have any prejudice. He didn't care if a man was white or colored," Curtis said. "He was only interested in money."

OUT OUR WAY

By Neg Cochran



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You gotta chance to duck."

Further Duty

Richert has to leave the Orioles again for Guard duty this coming weekend and the one following. On May 15 he'll have to return to Washington again to serve during the Poor Peoples' March.

Many of the things he saw during the past two weeks are with him yet and probably will be forever.

"It hurts me to see what we were doing to each other," said Richert. "The man who was killed, Dr. Martin Luther King, was a great man and preached non-violence. To turn around and do what some people did in

Washington was like slapping that man in the face. I don't care who you are or what your cause is—looting and arson are criminal. You can't tell me that's anybody's right. When you do that, you're wrong. One hundred per cent wrong."

"One of the most touching things was seeing how some of the Negro fellows in our unit had to go out in the street against their own people," said Richert. "We knew it was tougher for them than the rest of us. We felt for them. It sort of got us closer together. Black and white, I mean. It was the only good thing I saw come out of the riots."

Pete Richert, by his own admission, used to be one of baseball's flakey left-handers. By his own admission, too, he isn't any longer.

"There isn't much to kid or joke about anymore," he said.

SWOPE PARK ZOO GETS NEW NAME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — The city zoo, known for years as the Swope Park Zoo, is now the Kansas City Zoo.

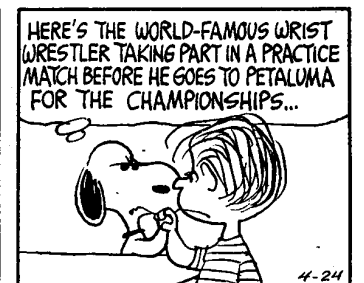
The city board of parks and recreation made the name change Tuesday at the recommendation of new zoo director Don Dietlein.

The resolution naming the zoo noted that the facility had never been officially named.

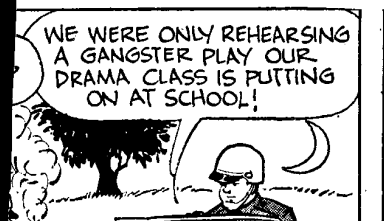
"We might as well publicize Kansas City as a progressive city rather than just one park in Kansas City," Dietlein said.

Boulder Dam was opened in 1935.

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Ray's Prison Record Gives Little Light

By a Staff Correspondent
of the Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY, April 23 — James Earl Ray said and did little in seven years of confinement at the Missouri Penitentiary here that would indicate a motive in his alleged conspiracy in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

"He had never shown the least interest one way or another in race," said Fred T. Wilkinson, director of corrections. "Ray was indifferent to people around him and, in many ways, just a nonentity."

Ray escaped from the prison April 23, 1967, after serving seven years of a 20-year sentence for two armed robberies and automobile theft in St. Louis. Prior to his escape, in a bread truck, Ray had made two unsuccessful attempts.

Two Minor Infractions

Aside from those two attempts, in 1961 and 1966, Ray's prison record showed two infractions, both minor. He was disciplined for trying on one occasion to smuggle contraband cigarettes and other items to a fellow inmate in the hospital.

Another time, he refused to work in the vegetable room, saying there was "too much horseplaying" among prisoners assigned there.

Warden Harold R. Swenson said that no representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has placed Ray on its list of most wanted fugitives, had come to the prison to examine Ray's records or to interview inmates who knew him. Swenson noted that "none of the inmates gave us any feedback after the first pictures of Ray were published in newspapers."

"They usually talk about an inmate after he's done some-

thing," he said. "They really blab about it. But while he's doing something, you don't hear a word."

'Too Tight to Gamble'

One prisoner who purports to have "run around" with Ray behind the gray walls of the prison said: "Jim didn't drink, except a little prison home brew. He never talked about himself very much and never expressed any liking for music or dancing and he was too tight to gamble."

Another inmate who said that he had known Ray "about as well as anybody" remarked that Ray was "not a violent guy" and never expressed racial hatred.

"I just couldn't believe it myself. If the man (Ray) did kill that man (the Rev. Dr. King) it had to be for money. He didn't seem like the kind of guy who would kill anybody. He was the type of guy you didn't fool with, but he didn't fool with anybody."

The inmate was shown a photograph of a man first identified by the FBI as Eric Starvo Galt. A check of fingerprints showed that the man actually was Ray. "Nobody thinks it's him (Ray)," said the inmate. "They think it's a different guy altogether. We think it's two different people altogether."

Other prisoners, the inmate went on, "say they're just trying to pin it on him because he escaped from here. They think they've got to lay it on somebody, so they're trying to lay it on him."

Ray was visited when in prison by his two brothers, Jerry and John. Permission to visit had been granted also to his mother, Mrs. Lucille Ryan and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Maher, but there is no record of their having done so. The latter two no longer are living. At the time, all four gave the same address, in the 1900 block of Hickory street in St. Louis. Ray has a sister, Miss Melba Ryan, who lives in a Quincy, Ill., hotel. His father is believed to have died in 1946.

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Police Doubt Ray Will Return to Area

Whether James Earl Ray would return to the St. Louis and Alton area was a matter of conjecture Monday among police in this area who have joined the nationwide hunt for the 40-year-old suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray, who was previously identified by the FBI as Eric Starvo Galt, was born in Alton and was frequently arrested there on minor charges. He lived in St. Louis only long enough to be arrested in a supermarket holdup in 1959, for which he was given a 20-year prison sentence.

A year ago he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. He has not been seen in this area since

then, police said, and some officers believe he will avoid St. Louis and Alton for fear of being identified.

POLICE ALERT

But police are keeping alert for his possible return.

East Alton Police Chief Harold H. Riggins said he doubts that Ray will come back to that area.

Chief Riggins continued: "There's no doubt in my mind this all could have been prevented with a little foresight. We suspected he was in need of mental help because he was in a mixed-up state of mind.

"He was a liar, there was no doubt of that. We feel sure he had been slapped around in his life. I would say he had no respect for the law, as he was bitter, remorseful, sarcastic and

overbearing.

"He's the type of fellow who would do anything for a fee. He could be swayed quite easily to do anything."

NO PREJUDICE

The chief said he did not believe racism had anything to do with the shooting of Dr. King, as far as Ray was concerned. He said Ray had no prejudice or bias toward Negroes.

Chief Riggins supports the theory that Ray is hiding out in a large city. He added: "When he starts moving, they'll probably get him."

Meanwhile, a ranking Mem-

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this police officer acknowledged Monday there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. King.

Assistant Chief Bill Price of Memphis referred to statements that Ray and Galt are the same person. The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the

man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took the lessons rather than stating it flatly. During that time, Ray was in the penitentiary.

AGE IN CONFLICT

The age of the man also was in conflict. Witnesses who saw a man in the Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make

him 36. The FBI said Friday that Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka. Other differences include Galt's neat appearance and Ray's careless appearance, Galt's southern accent and none for Ray.

One theory among Memphis police is that Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen. Chief Price noted: "Somebody has muddled the waters."

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Hunted as Assassin**Ray Is Put on FBI
Most Wanted List****By MANUEL CHAIT
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff**

The notoreity that eluded James Earl Ray in a life of petty criminal activities in St. Louis and elsewhere finally reached him yesterday. He was placed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's list of "most wanted fugitives" as a suspect in the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover

said that Ray was a special addition to the list "to insure the widest possible dissemination" of his pictures and description "to help effect his earliest possible location."

Ray, who escaped last year from the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, has been the subject of an intensive search under the alias, Eric Starvo Galt, since the Rev. Dr. King was shot to death April 4 as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn., motel.

The FBI noted that Ray "should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

The FBI is certain that it was Ray who registered in a rooming house near the motel where the Rev. Dr. King was staying. The shot that killed Dr. King was fired from a common bathroom at the end of a second-floor hallway of the rooming house, authorities said.

The roomer whom police associated with the shooting registered as John Willard and was later found to have used the name Galt in Birmingham, Ala. By comparing fingerprints found in the rooming house with 53,000 others, the FBI determined that Galt and Ray were the same person.

If Ray is guilty as alleged,

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Ray Is Put on FBI List

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his motive remains obscure. Law enforcement officials in St. Louis are inclined to agree with the general speculation that the assassin was a hired killer, part of a conspiracy planned by several persons to kill the Negro civil rights leader.

Violent Nature

Police and other authorities here who had come in contact with Ray said that he gave no indication of racial hatred. Signs of a violent nature, however, do appear in his extensive criminal record. He was considered as a typical petty thief with little to single him out from scores of police characters.

In 1952, Ray, then 24 years old, was sentenced to one to two years in prison for robbing a Chicago taxicab driver of \$11. Ray was sent to a diagnostic center for convicts at Joliet, Ill., where he underwent a psychiatric examination. It showed that Ray had a "superior" mental rating with an IQ of 120 to 128. Other findings were less favorable—"Use of alcohol, intemperate, personality rating, unstable; psychiatric prognosis, problematic to doubtful; social type, socially inadequate."

Ross Randolph, Illinois director of public safety and former warden of Joliet Prison, where Ray served his term, remembered him as "just an average inmate so far as his ability to get along with officers and other inmates." Randolph noted that Ray had a drinking problem and said his rehabilitation progress at the institution "was only fair."

Another psychiatric examination was given Ray in 1966 at Fulton State Hospital after his second attempt to escape from the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City. Dr. Donald Peterson, hospital superintendent, said the tests indicated Ray had no mental disease or defect and was in the normal intelligence range.

"He was quite reserved and we thought he was a loner," said Dr. Peterson. "He never did give us any trouble and he was sent back to the penitentiary."

A year later, Ray escaped

from the prison, apparently with assistance from others. He hid in a large bread container in a truck transporting bakery products from the prison to outlying prison farms.

Ray, who was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robberies of two St. Louis grocery stores, is remembered by Warden Harold Swenson as "an evasive type person" with the "usual sort of troubles."

He was born in Alton on March 10, 1928 and apparently avoided the law until 1949 when he was arrested in Los Angeles for stealing a typewriter. He was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and placed on probation for two years.

Ray was an inept thief as well as a compulsive liar. He spent most of the ensuing 20 years in jails or prison. After serving his sentence at Joliet prison, Ray returned to Alton and was promptly arrested for breaking into an East Alton cleaning shop.

Police Chief Harold Riggins of East Alton remembered the incident. Ray had shattered the front window of the cleaning establishment and was inside when a private watchman, attracted by the noise, arrived at the scene.

Shoes Fell Off

Ray's loafer-type shoes fell off in the store as he climbed out the window and began running. "We discovered his car parked a half block from the store and removed the rotor from the distributor. While we were chasing Ray around the neighborhood, he doubled back and tried desperately to start the car.

"Then, he eluded us and ran five miles back to Alton, where we arrested him the next day," Riggins said Ray's grandmother, who lived on Fourth street at the time, identified the shoes as her grandson's. He was then 26.

When questioned, Riggins recalled, "Ray was remorseful, sarcastic and bitter. The kid didn't give a hoot for society. The only time he was quiet was when he was telling the truth and that was rare."

The landlady of the apartment building in the 2000 block of Park avenue in St. Louis where Ray lived for a period in 1959



Associated Press Wirephoto

Photos of Suspect

The FBI yesterday issued this flyer on James Earl Ray in placing him on its "most wanted" list. The pictures at left were taken in 1960; the one at right was made in 1968.

remembered him as "a nice looking fellow who paid his rent like anyone else." Police Chief William H. Peterson of Alton disagreed. "He was a dirty-necked thief who slept all day and stole all night. His record is as dirty as he is."

Because Ray seldom told the same story twice, his background is hazy. He apparently has a sister and at least one brother and his parents are no longer living. The FBI said he quit Alton High School in the tenth grade, but an Illinois probation officer's report said he quit in the ninth grade at Ewing, Mo.

He has described himself as a baker, laborer and color matcher and listed a dozen employers around the country. Few can be confirmed. He has used several aliases in a zigzag pattern of lawbreaking.

Ray weighs about 170 pounds and is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, with blue eyes and brown hair. He has two small scars, one on his forehead and the other in the palm of his right hand.

No longer obscure, Ray has become most hunted man in the United States in years. The Memphis City Council has guaranteed a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest

St. Charles County Court Is Asked To Bar Magazine

By RALPH WILLIAMS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff
The Republican-controlled County Court of St. Charles County has been asked by Mrs. Judy Gittemeier, Republican committee-woman of Cuivre township, to have the magazine Ramparts barred from the three county libraries.

Mrs. Gittemeier, who is also president of the Western District Republican Club, said that she had received about 15 complaints about the magazine. Presiding Judge Charles S. Kinamore Jr. said that the County Court had no control over books or magazines purchased by the library board.

The magazine, Mrs. Gittemeier said, is difficult for people to evaluate and "is filled with half-truths." She said it is "tacky, pseudointellectual and cheap."

"I resent being called a book-burner," she said, "but the li-

of censoring without becoming a dictator? Who is able to tell us what we may read and may not read? There are even conservatives and liberals in the churches."

Published Irregularly

The libraries have a year's subscription to Ramparts. Each subscription cost \$7 and began in January. The magazine publishes irregularly and the libraries have only two issues. It is one of 150 periodicals recommended to be purchased for reference work by readership services.

Mrs. Robert M. Keller, chairman of the library board, said, "If we select only what pressure groups wanted, we would not be serving the community."

"It is the right and duty of people to read and digest all sides of an issue and it is our duty (the library board) to protect that right. It is not always easy to fight for someone else's rights."

"If a library ever reflects the views of the board, it is not a very good library," Mrs. Keller said.



By a Post-Dispatch Photographer

Book Fair Visitors

Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes, wife of Missouri's Governor, and her brother, Capt. James Cooper, an Army physician just returned from Vietnam, looking at books at the Book Fair in Clayton.

The St. Louis Book Fair had collected \$39,000 by midafternoon yesterday, the highest amount in the 19 years of its existence.

Prices were reduced drastically at 4 p.m. and books unsold by the closing at 10 p.m. were donated to the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City and to service organizations in the St. Louis area.

Collection of books for next year's sale will start May 1. Persons desiring to give books may deposit them in barrels

at all Famous-Barr stores or arrange for a free pickup by calling PARKview 5-1234. Proceeds of the fair go to the Nursery Foundation of St. Louis.

Lipreading Course

A 12-week lipreading course for working adults will begin Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the St. Louis Hearing and Speech Center, 3600 North Grand boulevard. Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday.

Enrollment will be limited. The fee for the course is \$30.



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Story of James Earl Ray Fugitive a Wanderer, A "Loner" on the Run

By JOHN AUBLE JR.

Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Fourteen years ago James Earl Ray, a man who had trouble keeping away from women and saloons, ran the five miles from East Alton to Alton in his bare feet to elude police.

Friday he was running somewhere else, trying to elude a nationwide manhunt.

East Alton Police Chief Harold Riggins, now 61, remembers it well. On Aug. 28, 1954, Ray broke into the National Cleaners and was spotted by a private watchman walking a beat.

BROKE A WINDOW

Ray broke a window and his loafers fell off as he climbed through it.

His feet cut and bleeding, Ray was arrested in Alton and returned to East Alton where Chief Riggins remembers questioning him. "He's the biggest liar I ever met," the chief said. "And he knew when he told a lie because he would duck like he was going to get swatted. Somewhere along the line he was beaten for lying."

BORN IN ALTON

That line for James Earl Ray, a generally soft-spoken and often impulsive loner, is crooked and vague. It started on March 10, 1928, in a modest Alton home where he was born.

Probation reports show him to be the oldest boy in a family of three that moved several times during Ray's early years, first to Quincy, Ill., and then to Ewing, Mo.

It was in Ewing in 1946, the report said, that Ray's father, Gordon, died and where he quit school after the ninth grade.

St. Louis police, during an investigation launched in April, 1967, when Ray escaped from the Missouri penitentiary, said Ray's mother, Lucille, remarried and for a time lived in this city.

Ray joined the U. S. Army

Feb. 19, 1946, and received a general discharge as a private Dec. 23, 1948, after spending much of his tour of duty in Germany where he, at one time, was assigned to the military police.

DRUNKEN BRAWLS

If his military career, punctuated by drunken brawls, was disappointing to him, the bright beginnings of his return to civilian life must have been equally disappointing.

He went to Chicago after his release from the service and got a job in a rubber plant, going to television repair school in the evening.

But he was laid off in 1949,

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for an unexplained reason, and James Earl Ray started to wander — this time to Los Angeles, Cal.

It was in Los Angeles that he got in his first trouble with the law. He swiped a typewriter, was given 90 days in the county jail and later placed on a two-year probation.

GETS INTO TROUBLE

The probation came after a stern warning from a judge who told him he was to stay out of drinking places. A probation officer noted that Ray at that time, then 21, "spends much time on dates with girls."

Ray kissed Los Angeles good-bay and floated around the county, getting into trouble, in perhaps a dozen cities between there and Edwardsville. But the stiffest penalty was handed him in St. Louis in 1959.

He was sentenced to 20 years for a \$120 Kroger store holdup at 3417 Ohio ave. in October, 1959. He had gained the reputation of being a loner until then but he teamed up with James L. Owens for that robbery.

They met at the old St. Louis Rescue Mission on Olive street and decided to stage a holdup because they were low on funds. Ray, then, lived in a rooming house at 2023 Park ave.

One of the arresting officers, former St. Louis police detective Harry Conners, noted in a circuit court deposition that Ray "sat there with a silly grin on his face and he said 'I cannot deny it, and I won't admit it.'"

Bessie Brewer, aging proprietor of the Memphis flophouse from which the assassin fired the fatal bullet, described the killer as a man with "a silly grin . . . a silly, sneering smile."

A PERFECT CASE

Attorney Robert J. Koster, 38, then the chief trial assistant in the circuit attorney's office, remembers it as "a perfect case." Open and shut. Ray, however, pleaded innocent, Mr. Koster remembers him "taking his punishment calmly . . . without emotion."

His imprisonment ended last April 23 when he fled the stone walls in Jefferson City. Four months later, on Aug. 30, he turned up in Birmingham, Ala.

He answered a newspaper ad of William D. Paisley who had a white 1966 Mustang for sale. Mr. Paisley remembers driving the man he knew as "Galt" around the block and then, for the sake of bargaining, said the price was \$2000.

"I'll take it," Ray said. He promised Mr. Paisley a cashier's check. Then went to the Birmingham Trust National Bank. Instead of a check, Mr. Paisley said the buyer walked to a safe deposit box and returned with a "roll of money," peeling off \$2000 in cash to close the deal.

From Aug. 26 to Sept. 7 Ray lived at the Economy Grill and Rooms in south Birmingham where he paid \$22.50 a week cash for rent. In December, he turned in his keys to the safe deposit box.

On March 29 he purchased the 30.06 Remington pump rifle at a Birmingham outdoors store. The day before he had bought a more powerful rifle but returned it, telling the owner "this isn't the type of gun my

brother and I want for hunting."

This reference, apparently, led FBI agents to issue a conspiracy warrant.

But it is doubtful that a brother existed there in Birmingham because Ray was telling stories, mostly conflicting, on a number of occasions. He had said he worked on a Mississippi River barge and was in Birmingham

for a job with the Social Security office there.

Those stories were as untrue as the many aliases he used along with other measures to cover his tracks.

A VAGUE MAN

St. Louis police Friday described Ray as a vague man, quiet, even shy, who "talked like a country boy." Most of them, those in on the arrest in 1959, were startled to learn that

Ray was being sought for the assassination.

But he lied to St. Louis police, too. They have his date of birth listed as March 10, 1929, and in Dacatur, Ill.

James Earl Ray was deft at convincingly twisting his stories. Perhaps the only one who really saw it early was an East Alton police chief some time back there in a crazy-quilt existence.



JAMES EARL RAY
... Shown at Missouri Penitentiary in 1966.
—A. P. Wirephoto

reference room itself is viewed here as important.

There still is hope that talks can get under way as soon as possible but the official view here is that it is up to Hanoi to give a serious reply.

Highway Dept. Weights Drainage Ditch Solution

The State Highway Department is considering installing a grate over the open end of a storm water pipe at a drainage ditch in St. Louis County that has been criticized as a potential hazard for children.

James F. Roberts, Highway Department district engineer, said Friday this is one of the measures being considered to eliminate possible dangers.

As disclosed in The Globe-Democrat last weekend, the 80-

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By Associated Press
PRAGUE — Czechoslovakia's foreign minister charged Friday that the United States had failed to show "any proof of good will" toward improving relations with the new Communist leadership here. It is struggling to find an independent course away from the Soviet Union.

"Our relations with the United States are not good," Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek told reporters. "The responsibility for this does not lie with Czechoslovakia."

Jajek, who took his post days ago, said the United States "simply repudiated" a 1961 accord outlining principles of settlement under which 18,000 kilograms of Czechoslovak goods

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Storm water flows through a 30-inch pipe into the open drainage ditch and then across the ditch into a similar pipe on the other downhill side of the ditch.

The grate, which is under consideration, would be placed over the open end of the downhill pipe so that anyone who fell into the ditch would not be swept into the pipe.

Chaplain to Speak

William I. White, Chaplain

Looking into his political crystal ball, Mr. Nixon said he agreed with a poll of the editors here that the Democratic nominee would be Bobby Kennedy. Contrary to some who thought he would run away from another Kennedy-Nixon debate, he said, he will "debate him with everything I've got."

That reaction got another big response. It didn't seem to matter in the least to the editors that the poll Mr. Nixon referred to actually had indicated that Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, not Sen. Kennedy, would be the Democratic nominee.

The New Nixon obviously is allowed mistakes. It was never as good as the old version.

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Galt Trail Winds Through Northeast

EWING, Mo. — The grimly persistent search for the mysterious James Earl Ray, alias Eric Galt, alias James E. Raynes, wound through the Quincy, Ill., and northeast Missouri area recently.

According to official records, James Earl Ray was the oldest of nine children of James and Lucille Maher Ray, and was born in the Alton, Illinois, area, near Wood River, Ill.

Various school records would indicate that James Earl Ray was born on March 10, 1928, in Alton. The other children following him are listed as: Marjorie, who died some time in the 30s; John, Melba (now a resident of Quincy, Ill.), Carol, Gerald, Franklin, D., who was killed in Quincy, in 1963 in an automobile accident, Max, and Susan, who graduated from the Notre Dame High School in Quincy in 1965.

According to the records, the family apparently used several names, from time to time, including the name Raynes, Raines, and Rhan.

A former school official at Ewing, told the Courier-Post this



morning that James Earl Ray was in the 8th grade at the old school in Ewing at the same time that a younger brother, John (Jack) Ray was in the first grade. He said that James Earl Ray started school there about the 6th grade, and was given a conditional passing grade from the

8th grade, but dropped out of school in the ninth grade. This, as nearly as he could recall, was about the 1942-43 school year, he said.

Another younger brother, Frank Ray, or Frank Raynes, as he was known later, has been reported to have been born June 18, 1944 in Ewing.

State patrol records show that Frank Dennis Raynes, of St. Louis, driving a car licensed to Jerry W. Ray, also of St. Louis, was killed, together with a woman companion Virginia Mae Johnson, also of St. Louis, when the car he was driving, eastbound, plunged into the Mississippi River at the west end of the Quincy Memorial Bridge, on October 1, 1963.

One report had it that Raynes was a son of James Ray, of Route 1, Clarence, Mo., but the postmaster at Clarence said that to his knowledge, no James Ray was living in Clarence.

An uncle of James Earl Ray, who is a painting contractor in Alton, reported to authorities that his sister, Ray's mother, died in 1961 in St. Louis, and was buried in Alton. He said she was married to James Ray in Edwardsville, Ill., in 1927.

That James Earl Ray is an elusive character is evident from reports of officials. The Mustang he is alleged to have abandoned in Atlanta, which was purchased on October, 1967, for cash, was said to have shown a total of 19,000 miles traveled in a matter of the six months between the purchase of the car and the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, in Memphis, Tenn.

No less peculiar than the circumstances of the fugitive's life history are the events following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary about a year ago. Officers would like to know the answers to a number of questions, such as (a) where he obtained enough money to pur-

chase a Mustang automobile, and pay cash for it; how, in a matter of some six months, he could finance trips that took him over 19,000 miles of this country, including, according to some reports, appearances in California, Nevada, Utah, and Washington, D. C.

Among other appearances in recent years, Ray, or Galt, was arrested in the Hannibal area in 1955, by Missouri Highway Patrol officers Larry Forrest, and James Cassidy, charged with cashing stolen money orders. At the time of his arrest, he was accompanied by a man who gave the name of Walter Rife, and a woman who gave the name of Katherine Buskirk. Ray at that time gave an address in Quincy, on North Sixth Street, but the hotel then operated at that address has since been closed, and the building condemned.

James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, is described by some as a loner, but Missouri police and patrol officers say that this is a misnomer. In his many brushes with the law, they say, he has in too many cases, been

accompanied by others, some of whom are well known police characters.

He has been convicted of armed robbery, of automobile theft and in 1955 was convicted of forging U. S. postal money orders in Missouri, and was confined until 1958 in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas penitentiary. In 1960, he was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft, in St. Louis, but escaped April 23, 1967.

Although he has been examined for mental disturbances the report has been returned by hospital authorities that no mental disease or defect "within the law", was found. In other words, aside from the criminal background which had much to do with his present character, he is mentally sound. As one lawyer has recalled, he seemed rational.

The puzzling fact remains, however, that such an individual does not long escape detection under the intensified search.

Somewhere, some time, he will slip — or so the police officials of some eight states believe.

Dedicate Post Office At Laddonia

LADDONIA, Mo. — Ninth District Congressman William L. Hungate was the principal speaker at a dedication ceremony for the new Laddonia post office Saturday, April 20. It was the second time in a little more than two years that Congressman Hungate has been the featured speaker at a public gathering in Laddonia. He spoke previously at a Planned Progress meeting held in 1966.

Congressman Hungate presented Postmaster George Clark with a flag which was flown over the Post Office Department and Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. The color guard of the American Legion Post raised the flag.

A crowd estimated at 200 gathered in front of the new Post Office building for the 11 o'clock program, which was preceded by musical numbers played by the Community R-6 Pep Band, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Jane Wagner.

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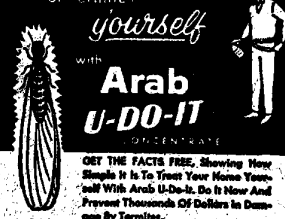
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Warden Throws New Light on Ray's Brothers

By JACK NELSON
Globe-Democrat Los Angeles
Times News Service

ATLANTA, —James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, was visited in the Missouri state prison by his brother, John, a day before escaping the prison last year, Warden Harold Swenson said Tuesday.

An FBI complaint filed on April 17 accused Eric Starvo Galt, whom the FBI has since identified as James Earl Ray, of conspiring with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," to violate Dr. King's civil rights. The complaint did not name the individual.

In a telephone interview from the prison at Jefferson City, Warden Swenson said prison records showed it was the eighth time John Ray had visited his brother, who was serving 20 years for robbery.

Newsmen have been unable to locate John Ray and the FBI refused to say anything about him.

Memphis police also have accused James Earl Ray, in the name of Falt, with murder.

Warden Swenson said prison records show that Jerry Ray, another of the suspect's brothers, visited him five times. Two known relatives of the suspect have said he has one other living brother, Max, a teen-ager.

Meanwhile, the FBI continued a nationwide search for the suspect, who is believed to have abandoned a white Mustang in Atlanta 12 to 14 hours after the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis.

Warden Swenson said John visited his brother at the prison once in 1962, three times in 1963, three times in 1966, and once on 1967 — on April 22, the day before the escape.

He said he did not know the significance of the last visit, "but we saw no evidence that John had anything to do with the escape." Ray, who worked as a baker in the prison, was believed to have escaped by hiding in a bakery truck.

Warden Swenson said Jerry Ray visited his brother twice in 1963 and three times in 1965. Jerry is believed to be in his mid-20s. News men also have been unable to locate him.

Although prison rules provide that a prisoner may see two visitors at once, neither of the brothers ever visited Ray at the same time.

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Foreign Agent May Have Paid King Killer

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Sunday the FBI has not ruled out the possibility that the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was hired, possibly by foreign agents.

But Mr. Clark added that he still believes Dr. King's slayer "was a man acting alone" and that eventually he will be found alive.

There have been published reports that some FBI men think James Earl Ray, charged by federal authorities with conspiracy to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights, has been killed by people who paid him to carry out the murder.

I think it is perhaps not constructive to speculate on those things at this time," Mr. Clark said. "Our evidence indicates a man acting alone. This does not negate other theories."

Mr. Clark's statement came in answer to a question on a news program. An interviewer had asked him about the "grow-

ing number of theories that Dr. King's killer was a hired gun "even hired by foreign agents."

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More Photos of Suspect In Dr. King Murder Issued

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON. — The FBI issued Tuesday two more photographs of James Earl Ray, who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI spokesman said one of the latest photos is "considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray."

So far the FBI now has issued five photos of Ray.

The one the FBI considers the best was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California. It shows Ray wearing a dark checked jacket, striped tie and button-down collar shirt. There is a curtain directly in back of him and a lamp nearby.

ONE IN MEXICO

The FBI would not say where it obtained the picture, or where precisely it was taken, or by whom.

The other new photo, which the FBI said was taken last November at an undisclosed location in Mexico, shows Ray wearing dark glasses and a light colored shirt open at the collar.

The California photo appears to have been taken without the use of flash, and with side lighting. The Mexico photo appears to have been made with the use of a flash camera.

The two new photos confirm what FBI descriptions say — that his weight has been known to vary widely. The Mexican



James Earl Ray, wearing dark glasses in Mexico in November, 1967, and wearing business suit in California early this year. —A. P. Wirephoto

picture discloses a man with a thin face and pointed chin, much as he appeared in 1960 photos.

But the picture taken in California shows him edging up to pudginess, with a clear cleft in his chin.

EYES WERE CLOSED

Other photos issued earlier by the FBI included one of him taken at a Los Angeles bartending school.

The original showed his eyes closed. At first an FBI artist

drew in some open eyes, but later eyes from another photograph were imposed photographically. The bartending photo was taken in early March of this year when he graduated from the school in Los Angeles.

The remaining pair of photos were taken in 1960 in connection with his conviction for armed robbery. He was received at the state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo., March 17, 1960, to serve 20 years. He escaped April 23, 1967.

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Ray Fails to Appear at Hearing

James Earl Ray, as expected, did not appear Friday in the court of Circuit Judge John C. Casey, for a hearing on a post-conviction motion he filed before escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Ray, sought as a fugitive in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is expected not to show up again when the court takes action at a later date on a motion to dismiss Ray's motion.

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James Earl Ray's Brother Doubts That He Is Alive

By a Special Correspondent of
the Post-Dispatch

CHICAGO, May 3—Jerry Ray, younger brother of the man charged with murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, said yesterday he felt that his brother might have been "used" by persons conspiring to kill Dr. King. He said he doubted that his brother, James Earl Ray, was alive.

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

He was interviewed in the small room he occupied at a suburban Chicago golf club, where he was employed as a maintenance man. A spokesman for the Sportsman Country Club near Northbrook, said that Jerry Ray quit his job after the interview.

"We don't know where he went," the spokesman said. "He didn't leave a forwarding address."

Says They Were Close

Jerry Ray, 32 years old, described himself as the person closest to his 40-year-old brother. He said he had not seen him since shortly before the elder brother escaped last year from the Missouri penitentiary at Jef-

Jerry Ray speculated that the conspirators "somehow got my brother's fingerprints" on the gun that was found near the assassination scene, but he doubted that his brother pulled the trigger.

"Check the record of all the trouble he's ever been in, and you'll find he never fired a gun or pistol-whipped anyone or slapped anyone around. That wasn't his style," Jerry Ray said.

Suggests Payoff

He said it was obvious that his brother had received a large payoff at some point.

"Look at all the money he came into all of a sudden," he said. "Buying Mustangs, taking dancing lessons, taking trips to Mexico. Look at the mileage he put on his car. You don't get that kind of money from sticking up grocery stores."

He said that he and other members of the family had heard of the brother's interest in the political ambitions of George C. Wallace, the former Alabama governor.

At one time, James Earl Ray apparently thought about entering rural politics. "He always was a good talker," his brother said.

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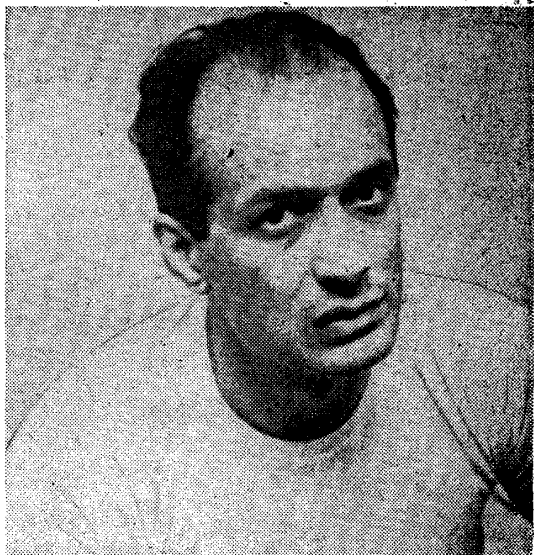
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Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray

Catholic School Merger In U. City Is Announced

Students at All Saints Parish School, 6419 Clemens avenue, will attend St. Patrick Parish School, 8665 Olive boulevard, in September, the Archdiocesan School Board announced today. Both schools, which have grades one through eight, are in University City.

The board said that the consolidation in the use of facilities had been approved by Archbishop John J. Canberry, who said that the action was "in keeping with the times." A spokesman said All Saints has an enrollment of 135 and St. Patrick, 189.

The merger includes consolidation of the faculties of both schools. Seven teachers are on the staff at All Saints and eight

at St. Patrick. St. Patrick was opened this year and will accommodate 375 students.

A spokesman said the number of Catholic students in All Saints Parish had steadily declined because of the reduction of dwellings due to urban renewal. Arrangements must be made to transport children from All Saints Parish to the new school, which is several miles away, it was reported.

Msgr. James T. Curtin, superintendent of Catholic schools, said the School Board was "giving serious study to consolidation in other areas in the Archdiocese where it best serves the education of the pupils of the community."

Johnson on Tax Delay

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would not seek another term.

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FBI Sends Out New Photos Of Ray

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The FBI today distributed two newly obtained photographs of James Earl Ray, the ex-convict sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. One was described as "an extremely good likeness."

A candid photograph of Ray, which the FBI said was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California, shows him almost full face in a business suit and tie.

The second photograph, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, also is a candid shot. It shows him in dark glasses wearing what appears to be a white sports shirt.

The FBI declined to say how

the photographs had been obtained. They will be displayed throughout the country along with two other photographs of Ray which appear on the FBI's wanted poster.

One is a photo of Ray at the time he was said to be posing as a man named Eric Starbo Galt, and was taken at the time of his graduation from a bartending school in Los Angeles, early in 1968. The other photo is actually two likenesses of Ray on the same print—prison photographs taken in 1960 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

King was shot by a sniper in Memphis April 4. The FBI announced April 17 it had issued a warrant for the arrest of Galt. Two days later it said Galt was an alias and that the wanted man actually was Ray.

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James Ray's Bitter Youth

Many Who Knew Him Find It Hard to Believe He Is Wanted in Killing of Dr. King

By Frank Leeming Jr.

A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch

EWING, Mo., May 13
FEW PERSONS in this tiny northeast Missouri town who knew James Earl Ray 30 years ago can believe that he is the subject of the largest manhunt in United States history.

Jimmy Ray is remembered as the boy who trailed his unemployed father into town every day. He is remembered as a hapless youth who struggled in abject poverty. He is remembered for his unhappy childhood, his poor start in life.

The man now being sought in the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King came here in 1934 from Quincy, Ill., 20 miles to the east. His family lived in the old Adams place two miles northeast of town.

When Jimmy entered the Ewing school in 1935, he was enrolled as "Jimmy Rayns." His brother was enrolled a few years later as "Jack Raines." Ray's name on the back of a third grade picture is shown as "Jimmy Raines." Residents here say that the family probably couldn't spell, or that they were mistaken for the Raines family that had lived in the community for years.

JIMMY flunked first grade, probably because he was absent 48 of the 190 school days. Although he was absent 47 times the following year, he passed and moved on to the second grade. His absenteeism continued in the third grade when he stayed away from school more than one-third of the time.

In the second grade, Jimmy was given an intelligence test. He received a score of 108, which is about normal. But his home environment was taking its toll. School records show that he "violated all regulations"; that he was dishonest, that he was "seldom if ever polite" and that his appearance was "repulsive."

But the boy was proud and he fought for existence.

Virgil Oscar Graves of nearby Philadelphia, Mo., was the boy's school principal. He recalls the day that Jimmy, in the sixth grade, came up to him wearing a patched pair of overalls. He asked whether the other pupils would laugh at him because he was wearing tattered clothing.

"I told him that he was just as good as any other kid and sure enough, no one said a thing," Graves said.

Miss Ina Kitson, who lives in a little frame house on the edge of town, was Jimmy's fifth and sixth grade teacher. She recalls that he was "rather shiftless, but he never carried a grudge."

"He didn't care too much about things, but I think that was caused by his environ-

ment," she said. "He was hard to understand, but he always had a devilment about him that made you think he was up to something."

Those who remember Jimmy Ray say that his family was typical of the times — struggling in a land that was fighting to come out of the Depression. Jimmy's father worked occasionally as a ditchdigger and sometimes traveled to Quincy to work as a laborer. Although he said he was a farmer, he never tilled the soil.

Jimmy's mother, Lucille Maher Ray, who died at City Hospital in St. Louis Jan. 27, 1961, was a proud woman who rarely was seen away from the family house.

Mrs. Pauline Graves, who worked as a substitute teacher in the Ewing school where her husband was principal, tells of the time that Jimmy broke his leg in a sandlot football game behind the school.

"HIS MOTHER came to me a few days later and asked if I would drive Jimmy and her to Quincy to see the doctor," Mrs. Graves recalled.

"I can still see her carrying Jimmy, who was almost as big as she was, down to the car and putting him in the back seat so he could rest his cast on the seat.

"We made the trip several times and one day she asked me if I liked chicken. I said yes and she said that she had some young ones and that when they grew up she'd fix them for me. She said it would help pay for the gasoline. About two months later she came over with the chicken. She hadn't forgotten." It was in the sixth grade that

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Jimmy got into trouble for the first time. The incident is recalled clearly by Emmet Carlisle Washburn, who was Ray's classmate and is now the postmaster in Ewing.

"Jimmy was a thief," Washburn recalled, sitting barefoot in his comfortable ranch-style house one evening. "He got me in on it in the sixth grade. They discovered that the lunch money was missing and they caught Jimmy. He said he took it, all right, but the rat said I put him up to it. I didn't have a thing to do with it, but that's the kind of individual he was."

JIMMY displayed a mean streak also while he lived in Ewing. He was known to run with a group of bullies and once ran a knife through his brother's ear in the school lunchroom in a dispute over a piece of meat.

Washburn remembered with a chuckle one time when Jimmy pushed a classmate too far.

"He always used to pick on kids," he said. "I remember how he picked on Glendell O'Brien — he lives over in Lewistown now — when we were in the seventh grade.

"One day, when we were all standing out by the flagpole in front of school, Jimmy started messing around and O'Brien just hauled off and smacked Jimmy right in the face — knocked him clear over to the front door of the school. That was the last time Jimmy ever picked on him."

This town, which has a population of 324, has changed little from the days when Jimmy Ray would trudge back and forth to school or throw rocks along Main street. The train tracks

have rusted and the pool hall that Ray's father visited nightly has closed.

Ray completed the eighth grade and started the ninth. But the winter that year was bitterly cold and the family home had no heat and a dirt floor. The children shivered under blankets day and night and ate only potatoes. When the cold became unbearable, they started tearing down the inside walls for firewood. The next spring, the house tumbled down around them and the family moved from Ewing. All traces of Ray's childhood home have been

plowed under in repeated cultivation of the field where the structure once stood.

Ray joined the Army a few years later and was discharged within two years because he was unable to adapt to military life. He drifted for a short time and landed in Alton, the town in which he had been born March 10, 1928. Later he moved to California.

Unable to hold a steady job, Ray turned to petty crime. His

criminal career is almost comical.

In Los Angeles, he stole a typewriter but dropped his savings account passbook and was subsequently arrested. In Alton, while driving the getaway car after a \$2200 robbery, he fell out of the vehicle when he made a fast right turn. In East Alton, his shoes fell off when he was climbing out of a dry cleaning establishment that he robbed

and he had to hobble away on bleeding feet.

Trying to fight St. Louis detectives in his rooming house after a food store robbery, he was hit on the head with a revolver. In trying to escape from an \$11 robbery in Chicago, he ran into a blind alley, was shot and fell through a basement window. And when he tried to escape from a deputy sheriff in St. Louis after he had been convicted of armed robbery, he clambered into an elevator only to forget to close the second door. His escape was frustrated seconds later when the deputy ran up and pulled him out.

Ray's background and his ineptitude in crime have caused law enforcement officials on his trail to conclude that he was hired to kill the Rev. Dr. King as part of a well-planned, well-financed conspiracy.

Officers note also that there is no racial hatred in Ray's background that would cause him to want to kill the Negro leader on his own. Ray's relatives say that he frequently

lived peacefully in integrated neighborhoods and that he never had a chance to develop a racist attitude here because no Negroes lived in Ewing.

a great painter, a great lover of art, a very serious scholarly person." When the actor opened in "Fiddler on the Roof," tickets to the opening night and invitations to the post-performance festivities were sent to his friend in St. Louis.

"I love young people, interesting people, people who do things. I've been lucky, haven't I?" she said. So are those who have come in contact with this remarkable woman.

Herein, perhaps, is the common denominator among the grandes dames; one is touched, honored and reassured to be in their presence. Americans are said to be obsessed with youth.

Let my husband was a marvelous man, such a liberal, so strongly for the vote for women, that I did want to memorialize his support. But then I thought, what if I should die and he married again?" Her handsome face crinkled in a mischievous smile. "No one would know it was me." Stix, who died in 1955, was for 39 year president of Rice-Stix, Inc., a dry goods firm.

Mrs. Stix has been interested in music and modern dance since she was a girl in Pitts-
Mrs. Lowenhaupt took painting again in earnest. She tried to get instruction, but the classes she wanted necessitated taking on a full course load. Instead she joined a group of women in monthly critical sessions under Fred Conway. "His criticism was wonderful — always broad, always including the student's point of view as much as possible. I ought to name things BC, before Conway, and AC. I'm very grate-

By a Post-Dispatch Photographer
then busy pouring coffee for d her. "She doesn't miss a

One can look across a crowded gallery and see painter Belle Cramer, 84, locked in intent conversation with a fellow artist. In the discussion after a lecture, the most penetrating questions often come from Edna Gellhorn, 89, a woman of deep femininity and intelligence. Paddlers on Ozark streams are often startled to see octogenarian Sarah Chambers Polk round a bend, serenely seated on a comfortable chair in mid-canoe, her white hair shaded by a colorful parasol.

Webster defines a grande dame simply as "a stately lady." Mrs. Stix pursuing her many interests with energy and relish, Mrs Lowenhaupt passionately involved with her painting, Mrs. Polk in a lifelong love affair with the sights, sounds and smells of the country, each is in her own way a stately lady. Each is, truly, a grande dame.

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Ray in business suit in photograph taken in California in January or February of this year.

Art, People Keep The

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collector who owns works by Picasso, Braque and Klee displays with pride three modest Lowenhaupt still lifes. "She is a wonder. An American Morandi," the art patron said feelingly comparing her to an Italian painter of monumental simplicity. It is indicative that for Mrs. Lowenhaupt's 1963 show at the Artists Guild, all 50 of the paintings had to be borrowed from collectors.

"PEOPLE BUY THEM and it worries me when people buy something I'm not satisfied with," Mrs. Lowenhaupt said. "There has only been one painting I've liked, but the people who bought it had a fire at their house and the painting burned up with the house. I miss it. I'd give those people another, but that's not it — something is gone that I liked.

"If I have any virtue at all it's insisting on a certain exactness in where I want something in a painting. I can't paint it the way I want to, but I can make sure it's in just the right place."

The right place for Bessie Lowenhaupt, when her children were growing up, was not behind an easel. One son, Henry C. Lowenhaupt, says that he used to believe that painting caused measles: "Every time my mother would start to paint again, one of us would come down with measles." A daughter, Mrs. Gustav Lowe of San Francisco, is described by Mrs. Lowenhaupt as "an excellent critic. She helps me a lot." Another daughter, Mrs. Hyman M. Stolar, lives here; Mrs. Albert Klein makes her home in Sarasota, Fla. The painter's other son, Benjamin Lowenhaupt, lives in Edinboro, Pa.

About five years before the death in 1958 of her husband, an attorney who was an authority on tax and corporation law,



Mrs. Ernest W. Stix's expression makes it clear to friends, she is involved in the conversation going on, "one admirer said.

Kingsbacher Stix, or have Mrs. Mostel, whom Ernest W. Stix put on the table, subscribes as "a remarkable painter."

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