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Alleged assassin used double a

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James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., practised double deception during his month long hide-out in the Montreal area last year.

He registered in a Dorion motel as John L. Rayns on the night of July 17, 1967, but used the alias Eric S. Galt for the remainder of his local sojourn which ended on Aug. 18, 1967.

Ray claimed in a recently published story in Look magazine about his activities here that he used only the Galt name while in Canada.

He said he chose the name while passing the city of Galt, Ont., on his way to Montreal and used it during visits to St. Jovite and Ottawa.

The 40-year-old alleged killer, whose trial is scheduled in Memphis, Tenn., for the middle of November, arrived in Dorion just one day after he fled the United States where he was sought for escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The records of the Bourgarde Motel show that he

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REGISTERED HERE: On the night of July 17, 1967, James Earl Ray registered at Bourgarde Motel on Harwood boulevard in Dorion as John L. Rayns, of 507 Chestnut street, Winnetka, Illinois. The address was that of a restaurant where he worked.

cial notice of anybody. We were packed every night with all sorts of people," said Mr. Richer who has since sold the motel.

After his one night stay in Dorion, Ray reverted to the alias of Eric Stavo Galt.

At the Har-K Apartments, 2855 Notre Dame street east, where Ray signed a six month lease but stayed only until mid-August; and at the Gray Rocks Inn, a resort hotel in St. Jovite, 78 miles north of Montreal, he used the Galt name.

He also gave that name and his Notre Dame street address to a travel agency, located on Peel street, which arranged his reservation at Gray Rocks. The manager of the travel agency requested that their name not be published.

The man who made Ray's reservation and took a \$20 cash deposit from him was unable to recognize or recall anything about him. He added that Ray was probably in the office for about only 10 minutes.

Waterfront haunt

At several other places that Ray is known to have frequented, the story is much the same. He seems to have gone out

of his way to behave unobtrusively and apparently always fit into whatever background necessary.

Along the city's tough waterfront between Place Royale and Place d'Youville where he spent much of his time in hopes of obtaining false identity paper, no one could

west, and that he met a man named Raoul who offered him \$12,000 to complete a mysterious assignment in the United States.

J. M. Charron, owner of the Neptune for the past several years, said it would be almost impossible to disprove Ray's claim.

Peering at a recent photograph of Ray, Mr. Charron commented, "It could be that he was here. Who is going to say otherwise?"

"I might have seen him and maybe even talked to him but it has been a year and two months since he was here. It is very, very difficult to say from pictures. They can be deceiving. And maybe he was wearing a disguise."

"Perhaps if I saw him in person I could say for sure."

As for Raoul, Mr. Charron said that the description of the man supplied by Ray "could be almost any sailor who comes in here every night of the year."

"We get all sorts in here. And especially last year with Expo on... Oh Boy! We had Russians, Englishmen, Americans, Negroes, yellows, whites... everybody."

"No, I cannot say that I recall anyone by the name of Raoul who hung out here." Employees at the Mariner's



James Earl Ray

registered under the name of Rayns and listed his address at 507 Chestnut street, Winnetka, Ill. The address was that of a restaurant where Ray was employed for several weeks prior to his flight to Canada.

He was known to his employers as John L. Rayns, a name he often used after his jail break.

Although motel officials did not take his licence number, the desk clerk at the time noted he was driving a 1962 Plymouth.

The description of that car matches that of a vehicle purchased by Ray for \$2000 in East St. Louis, Mo., just before he crossed into Canada at Windsor, Ont.

The man who owned the Bourgarde Hotel last year, Guy Richer, says he remembers nothing about his infamous client.

"We were just too busy last year with Expo to take spe-



Martin Luther King

place the gaunt, stern-faced Ray.

The alleged killer claims that he spent several nights drinking in the Neptune Tavern, 121 Commissioners street

Shooting suspect surrenders

Willie Pomerleau, 17, the second man sought on a warrant for the Oct. 10 shooting of two men in a St. Michel auto repair shop, surrendered to Montreal police yesterday.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Pomerleau, a local nightclub owner, gave himself up to Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives at police headquarters on Bonsecours street.

Still sought is Jacques "Sonny" Coe, who police say

took part in the shooting with Pomerleau and Rocco Girolamo. Girolamo, described as "practically unknown" with a small criminal record, surrendered to St. Michel detectives on Oct. 21, also in the presence of his lawyer.

Coe, considered extremely dangerous, is believed to have taken refuge in the Laurentian foothills.

Warrants for the three were issued shortly after Richard Blass, 29, and Claude Menard, 33, were shot and wounded as

they sat in a car in a St. Michel repair shop. They were "cut down" when they tried to elude their aggressors.

Menard was released from hospital three days later, but Blass, seriously injured and partially paralyzed, is now reported in "fair" condition at Jean Talon Hospital under heavy police guard.

Once released from hospital, detectives say Blass will face court charges on possession of a loaded .38 calibre revolver which police found on him at the scene of the shooting.

alias

House, 165 Place d'Youville, echoed Mr. Charron's words, as did waiters and barmen at Joe Beef's tavern, some 50 yards down the street.

"Who can tell for sure," a waiter at Joe Beef's men turned. "We had so many people in here during Expo. We have so many in normal years but last year makes it even more impossible to figure."

Ray's chameleonic attributes served him well at the luxurious Gray Rock's resort where he stayed for a full week between July 31 and Aug. 5. Not a single employee remembered his face.

He spent so little time at the bar during the week that his liquor bill amounted to a penny-pinching \$8. He paid that, and the \$155 it cost for his single room with a bath, in cash. It was near the end of that week that he encountered the now famous lady civil servant from Ottawa.

Ray's romantic adventure with his civil servant girl friend who he had hoped would help get him a false Canadian passport, was probably the only close relationship he had in Montreal.

The connection between Ray and the lady whose identity still remains a secret was raised in the House of Commons this week but government officials pleaded ignorance to the existence of a romance and of the lady herself.

Local RCMP spokesmen also disclaimed any knowledge of her and refused comment as to whether they are investigating the matter.

Both the RCMP and the American FBI, however, have been scouring Ray's local hangouts since long before his

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STREET - RUE <i>Quebec</i>		LICENCE NO. DE LICENCE <i>LM-5947</i>	
PROVINCE - STATE <i>Quebec</i>		GUEST'S SIGNATURE D'INVITE <i>Eric Galt</i>	
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SIGNED AS "ERIC GALT": Registration card filled out by Ray at Gray Rocks Inn at St. Jovite was signed "Eric Galt." He paid \$155 for a week's accommodation.

arrest in England on June 8 of this year.

They asked for and received receipts, registration slips, and other material from Ray's lodgings and from the Tip Top Tailors shop, 488 St. Catherine street west, where he bought clothing and had a jacket altered.

Investigators also visited Ray's waterfront haunts but apparently had little success in discovering anyone who remembered him.

One thing which police overlooked was the night spent by Ray in the motel Boscogarde on Harwood boulevard in Dorion where he used the Rayna alias.

Mr. Richer told The Star that he was never contacted by anyone, police or journalists, about the subject until he received a visit from two Star reporters.

Operators of other Dorion motels, including Le Pavillon and the Miss Dorion said that they had been interrogated about the night of July 17, 1967.

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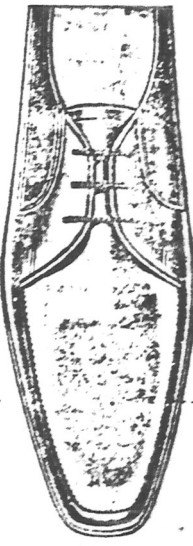
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