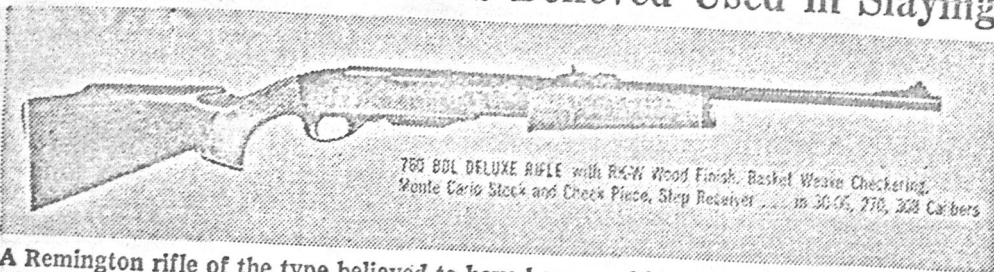


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30.06 Hunting Rifle Was Believed Used in Slaying



A Remington rifle of the type believed to have been used in slaying. Its range is limited.

The weapon believed to have been used in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a 30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle. It may have been one of several stolen from a Memphis sporting goods store a week ago.

A spokesman for the Remington Arms Company, Bridgeport, Conn., said yesterday that the weapon was "a standard game rifle used by people to hunt such things as deer, bear, mountain lions and moose." To maintain accuracy, hunters cannot expect to use it at more than 200 yards.

The 30.06 is a popular rifle that retails for \$139.95 to \$159.95, depending on how fancy a finish on the stock and metal surfaces the purchaser wants.

When it is fired, the rifle ejects a spent empty case on the rear move and automatically shifts a fresh round into firing position in the chamber. This occurs on the forward move. All models of the 30.06 have capacity for the four-cartridge clip except one, Model 223, which has a five-cartridge clip.

The rifle has simple iron sights — a blade atop the muzzle and a notch on top of the breach. In taking aim, the object is to line up the target, sighting through the notch and blade. It is possible to attach telescopic sights for the weapon.

No such sights were attached to the Remington 30.06 believed to have been used to kill Dr. King. The Memphis police found a new 30.06 two doors away from the rooming house from which the fatal shot is believed to have been fired.

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