

Wanted List

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James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was placed on the FBI's list of "Most Wanted" men yesterday as the FBI enlisted citizen cooperation in the Nationwide manhunt.

Ray, 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Prison, became the 11th man to the list of 10 most wanted fugitives in an effort to give widest circulation to his picture and identifying features.

The action came a day after the Justice Department revealed it had identified Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, from latent fingerprints found at the scene of the April 4 sniper murder of Dr. King in Memphis.

None of the information released by the FBI appeared to shed light on the motive for the slaying that touched off a

period of serious civil disturbances in Washington and other cities. The FBI declined comment on the progress of the search.

It was the second time in the 18-year history of the "Most Wanted" list that an 11th name was added. In June, 1961, when the FBI added the name of the suspect in the butcher knife slaying of a Portland, Ore. housewife, the suspect was picked up the following day.

More than 200,000 flyers will be distributed throughout the country over the weekend, the Bureau said.

Police in the Los Angeles suburb of Baldwin Park, Calif., picked up a man said to resemble Ray yesterday, but he was released when his fingerprints proved to be of an altogether different category from Rays.

In Atlanta—where a car possibly used in the assassin's get-

away was found last week—a landlady said a man bearing a striking resemblance to Ray had lived with a young lady in her apartment complex in January and February and that the woman had moved away on April 1. The landlady, who declined to be named, said the FBI had questioned her and shown her pictures of Ray. But the young woman, located later by UPI, said the picture of Ray was not the man she knew. She also said the FBI had not contacted her.

[The Los Angeles Times reported a new facet of Ray's family background was disclosed yesterday by an uncle, William E. Maher of Alton, Ill., who said that three of the nine Ray children were taken away from their mother and placed in orphanages or foster

homes. The suspect was not one of these children.

[Maher said that Ray was always a "trouble-maker" but said he knew of no racial influence on Ray's life that might have provided a motive for the alleged slaying. He said he last saw Ray about 12 years ago.]

Ray, a drifter with a robbery and burglary record dating back to 1949, is sought on a Tennessee murder charge, a Federal warrant based on his escape nearly one year ago from the Missouri prison and another Federal charge labeled "civil rights conspiracy."

The conspiracy charge was the only basis for Federal intervention when it was filed Wednesday.

The FBI's appeal to the public included the customary warning that the man on the street should not attempt any capture since Ray is considered armed and "extremely dangerous."

He was described as a native of Alton, Ill., and a man with a "rural" accent and a taste for country music. The FBI said Ray is about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing between 163 and 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and scars on the forehead and right palm.

Ray's most conspicuous feature was said to be a protruding left ear and his most noticeable characteristic was said to be the nervous habit of tugging on his left ear lobe.

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