

The FBI, reportedly acting on a tip from an informer, apparently thought it had a good chance of catching Eric Starvo Galt, suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in California Wednesday.

On the strength of the tip, the FBI rushed to obtain a consistracy warrant for Galt. Tennessee authorities at the same time issued a murder warrant.

Typ either was wrong or Galt eluded authorities sources disclosed yesterday. A good part of the investigation apparently still centers in Califormin, where Galt attended a bartending school in February and March.

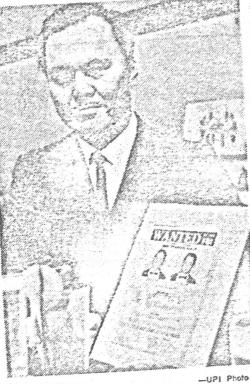
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Meanwhile an interesting twist in the case comes from Kansas City where the U.S. Attorrey's office revealed yesterday that an informant of "apparent reliability" reported some time ago that Minuteman chieftain Robert B. DePugh had entered the assassination of several persons, inclocking Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., if he ever went to jail.

DePugh disappeared late last year. His rightwing guerilia group believes the government is being taken over by communists.

Anthony P. Nugent Jr., assistant U.S. Attor-rey, fsaid, however, that "nobody to my knowlreise considers DePugh a suspect in the King murder."

The FBI in Washington yesterday said it "has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's



Thomas R. Lau, head of the barlenders' school, attended by the suspect, holds FBI poster on Galt.

slaying," but a reliable source said agents either were in communication with or questioning Galt's

in the warrants.

The FBI has traced Galt's activities to B mingham, Memphis, Atlanta and Los Angeles. lived in a South Brimingham Rooming house Birmingham, apparently on the theory Galt m have returned to Alabama after the killing.

A picture of Galt, 36, described as "armed a extremely dangerous," was obtained by the I from the International School of Bartending Los Angeles, where Galt graduated March 2.

"He was a nice fellow with a nice personal very intelligent," said Mr. Lau of Galt. "I d believe he did this. There must be some mis somewhere."

There were reports from Los Angeles t that added more dimensions to the profil Galt

WALLACE MAN

He is believed to be a strong supporter o presidential bid of former Alabama gov George C. Wallace. His strong anti-Negro fe once led to a violent argument with a girl Hollywood cocktail lounge.

The FBI seems very interested in the ev that he made at least one mysterious trip t Orleans recently.

It's known that he's a sleady drinker, alt ly moody and quarrelsome in public.

A devotee of hillbilly music and an avid he took lessons at several dance studios

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