

2 U.S. Lawyers Meet Attorney for Ray in London

LONDON (UPI) — Two American lawyers for James Earl Ray arrived today and conferred immediately with his British lawyer.

Arthur J. Hanes, former FBI agent and ex-mayor of Birmingham, Ala., and his son, Arthur, Jr., were met at London Airport by a member of the London law firm of Dresden and Co.

Hanes, Jr., said his father spent the morning "getting acquainted with this case" which they agreed to handle if and when Ray is returned to the United States to face a jury for the April 4 assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray will appear in Bow Street Magistrates Court June 27 for a hearing on a U.S. demand for his extradition. Hanes, Jr., indicated the American attorneys were not involved directly with the extradition hearing when he said, "We would not presume to intrude into the British legal aspects of the case."

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might have come from robberies. Several newspapers have quoted F.B.I. "sources" as saying one of these may have been the robbery of a bank at Alton, Ill., on July 13, 1967, during which \$20,000 was stolen.

A woman in the bank was quoted as having said that one of the two robbers resembled photographs of Ray.

However, other evidence indicates that Ray may have been living in Toronto at this time, staying in one of the numerous rooming houses he called home for more than a year.

No official theory to explain Ray's aliases has been advanced. He has used the names of at least four residents of Toronto. Three of the men have a close resemblance to Ray's physical appearance, while the fourth is a couple of inches shorter.

The aliases used by Ray, the F.B.I. said, were Ramon George Sneyd, Eric S. Galt, Paul Bridgman and John Willard.

Mr. Sneyd, Mr. Galt and Mr. Bridgman are all about 5 feet 10 inches in height and have dark hair. Mr. Willard is 5 feet 8 inches tall and also has dark hair. Mr. Sneyd is a Toronto

police officer, Mr. Galt a supervisor for Union Carbide of Canada, Ltd., Mr. Bridgman a consultant to the Toronto board of education and Mr. Willard an insurance appraiser.

Although their ages range from 35 years to 54 years, all four men appear to be in their thirties, as does Ray, who is 40.

Different City; Different Name

The F.B.I. said Ray used the Galt alias in Birmingham, Atlanta and Los Angeles, the Willard alias in Memphis and Bridgman and Sneyd in Toronto.

When Ray was arrested in London, he had a fraudulent passport in Mr. Sneyd's name.

The Canadian police believe that the use of the name of John Willard was a coincidence. But they believe that the three other names were chosen because of the physical resemblance between Ray and the three Toronto residents. Although Mr. Sneyd, Mr. Galt and Mr. Bridgman all live in north-east Toronto within a few miles of each other, the three men were not acquainted.

The Canadian police are investigating the possibility that Ray had help in picking the aliases.