

His Lisbon Log

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LONDON, June 16—A de-

tailed dossier on the movements in Lisbon of Ramon George Sneyd, 40, who seemed during nine days there to be a quiet, lonely Canadian with little money, is being prepared for the FBI by Portuguese authorities.

Bar girls, hotel staff and agents for undercover mercenary recruiting organizations are among those who have been questioned about Sneyd, believed to be James Earl Ray, the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

According to reliable sources in Lisbon, FBI agents suspected Sneyd when he flew there from London by an afternoon flight on May 8. He is said to have been followed during the next nine days. Information officials at the American Embassy say they were not told anything about Sneyd during his visit.

He went straight from the airport to the Hotel Portugal, one of the cheapest in the city and tucked away along a narrow cobblestone road off the Rossio Square.

There he booked a single room for 50 escudos (about \$1.88) per night. The room, No. 2 and on the first floor, overlooks a dingy back street.

The entry in the hotel register is in a desk clerk's handwriting as is usual in Portugal, and is unsigned. It gives the name "Raymond George Sneya," nationality Canadian. The word "None" is written under occupation.

There are 46 rooms in the three-story hotel, but Sneyd did not mix with any of the other guests. He kept to himself and had no visitors. He spoke no Portuguese and sometimes addressed the staff in English or broken Spanish.

Louis Gentile, an employe at the hotel, said Sneyd would stay in his room for days and then go out for long periods, staying out overnight.

Patron of Bars

Sneyd visited a number of inexpensive bars during his stay, including the Vienna Bar, the Bar Bohemia and the Palero. He ate and

ances with several bar girls or "hostesses." Dina Dorez, 25, who talked with him at the Bohemia, is among those who have helped the author-

ities. Interpol, working with the Portuguese national police, have been investigating to try and distinguish whether Sneyd went to Lisbon to seek employment as a mercenary soldier in Africa.

Lisbon is known as a recruiting center for mercenaries. Organizations in the city include an agency connected with the French O.A.S., and there is also an unofficial legation from the breakaway Nigerian territory of Biafra which has sought help from mercenaries.

One of the best known mercenary contact men in Europe can be telephoned by the switchboard staff at a leading Lisbon hotel.

Inquiry Received

A spokesman at the Biafran offices said that an inquiry had been received about the time that Sneyd was in Lisbon from a man who wanted to fight in Biafra, but he had been turned away. The official added, "I do not know of anyone who looks like the picture of Sneyd."

A man giving the name Raymond Sneyd later telephoned a London newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, and asked where he could enlist as a mercenary for Africa.

Interpol also believes that if Sneyd is Ray he may have traveled to Portugal because extradition laws are more difficult there than in other European countries.

This could have been the

reason why the FBI did not seek his arrest in Lisbon. They were also concerned to locate anyone contacted by Sneyd.

On May 16, Sneyd went to the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon and said his name had been misspelled as "sneya" on his passport. The Embassy's immigration department issued a new passport after Sneyd had produced a birth certificate.

Embassy officials, embarrassed by the news of his arrest, have now sent a full re-

port to Ottawa on the incident at the Embassy. Security precautions in the Immigration Department there have now been tightened.

Sneyd flew out of Lisbon to London May 17 and remained in London until his arrest June 8 at Heathrow Airport.

Earlier reports that he had returned again to Lisbon before the arrest have now been discounted. State police say there is no record of his having re-entered Portugal.

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