

Announcer: The man who proposed the poor people's march on Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was murdered two months ago today. The killer has not yet been caught. The apparent lack of progress in solving the murder, and the official—apparent official silence on the case, has deepened apprehension in the civil rights movement.

Abernathy: Martin Luther King was shot down in cold blood, and they have not found a suspect, they have not brought anybody into custody as yet.

Shore: This is Daniel Shore in Washington. Dr. King's successor is not the only one asking questions. A delegation of Memphis negroes led by Jesse Epps, an organizer of the garbage strike, has conferred with Vice President Humphry, expressing distrust in the Memphis police and the FBI and demanding an independent investigation. ~~The last statement on the case from the FBI~~ came on May 7th, a one-paragraph description and two photographs of James Earl Ray, escaped convict from the Missouri State Prison and prime suspect in the murder. Since then, official silence and unofficial word that every clue, in the U.S. Mexico and Canada has led up a blind alley. We talked to Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Clark: Say that we have investigated hundreds of leads that proved meaningless. I would say that we will investigate hundreds or thousands more if it is necessary. We will pursue every lead that has any hope. In my judgment, we will find this man.

Shore: Are you convinced that it is a question of one man? how much credit do you give to the conspiracy theory?

Clark: All of the conspiracy theories, and there are as many as the imagination of man can reach, are based upon theory. Our evidence to date is of a man acting alone.

Shore: ~~The word conspiracy arises easily to the lips of those already alienated from society.~~ And every day that passes without a break in the King murder case leaves his followers more deeply distrustful of what may have been behind the assassin's bullet. An independent investigation, or at least a review of the investigation in progress, may not help to solve the case, but it may help to allay the suspicions of official foot-dragging, or worse. Daniel Shore in Washington.