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King's Slayer Hunt Settles Into Routine

MEMPHIS (AP)—The task of finding the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. apparently has settled down to the grueling police routine of sifting every clue and checking every lead.

There was no talk of an early arrest, as there had been shortly after King was assassinated last Thursday night. Robert G. Drewry and John C. Moore, the two U.S. commissioners here, said they had not been approached to issue a fugitive warning by either the FBI or the U.S. attorney.

AS FEDERAL OFFICIALS pressed their manhunt, there were reports of arrests in various parts of the country and of a widespread search in Mexico.

The Mexican rumor started after Rolando Veloz, the Mexican counsel here, told authorities there was a resemblance between a composite sketch carried in a local newspaper and a young man who applied for a tourist card the day before King was shot.

The young man turned out to be a 19-year-old student at Memphis State University, Memphis police said. They said what was thought to be a false address and phone number were those of his father in Park Ridge, Ill. They dismissed the possibility that he was connected with the case.

IN WASHINGTON, the Justice Department denied that the investigation had extended into Mexico. The Memphis

Commercial Appeal said, however, it had learned that the FBI had contacted the central police office in Mexico City.

It was learned that the gun found abandoned in a doorway next to the building from which police say the shot was fired was not among those stolen from a sporting goods store two days before the slaying.

All but 2,000 of the 5,000 National Guardsmen who had been helping keep the peace were withdrawn today. The strict 7 p. m. to 5 a. m. curfew also was lifted completely, including the ban on sale of alcoholic beverages.

Preacher Gets Term On Vagrancy Plea

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—A man who identified himself as an itinerant preacher entered a plea of guilty to a vagrancy charge in magistrate court today and received a three-day sentence in jail with the further stipulation that he would be released to his father for return to Texas.

The man had been questioned briefly last night as to his whereabouts on the day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

But Police Chief Adrian Mechem said questioning by the FBI cleared the man of any connection with slaying of the civil rights leader.

The man identified himself as Lynn R. Cleveland, 33. He was picked up at the edge of Joplin and said he was hitching a ride from Springfield, Mo., to Tulsa, Okla.

Judge Stewart E. Tatum passed sentence today, stipulating the man's release upon the arrival of the father. Det. Capt. Walter Flenner told the judge Garland Cleveland of Palmer, Tex., was expected in Joplin tonight to pick up his son.