

TOOK DANCING LESSONS

Galt Described As Quiet Loner

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two men say they told the FBI that a man identified as Eric Starvo Galt was a shy, quiet man who spent \$700 in three months on dancing and bartending lessons.

The managers of a dancing school and a bartending school told newsmen yesterday they identified a former pupil to the FBI as Galt, who is wanted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

ROD ARVIDSON, 46, general manager of National Dance Studios, said he notified the FBI Saturday after recognizing Galt from a composite drawing in a newspaper.

"He's certainly no mixer," Arvidson said. "He had trouble coordinating one foot with another."

A photograph of Galt circulated by the FBI was obtained Tuesday from the International School of Bartending, the school's director said. The director, Tomas Reyes Lau, said a man called Eric S. Galt was graduated from the Hollywood school March 2 after an excellent record in a \$225 four-week course, which he attended Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

GALT'S APPLICATION LISTED his address as Holly-
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wood and his birthday as July 30, 1931, and stated he was single. The FBI in Washington, D. C., said the wanted man was 36.

As a student of bartending and dancing, not only Lau and Arvidson but two dance instructors agreed Galt was withdrawn and a loner.

"He just didn't show anything but a crooked smile and a fidgety manner," said an instructor, Kathy Nolan, 21.

Another instructor, Andreas Jergensen, 46, also talked with newsmen.

Arvidson said that a man who signed enrollment records as Eric S. Galt took "50 or 60" lessons in social dancing over a 2½-month period ending in mid-February and that the lessons cost him about \$500.



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GALT'S DANCING TEACHERS, KATHY NORTON, 21, an instructor, and ROD ARVIDSON, 46, dance school manager, examine a picture of Eric Starvo Galt at Long Beach, Calif. They said the photo appeared to be of a man named Galt who attended dance school at Long Beach earlier this year. Galt is wanted for conspiracy in connection with the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.