

Notes on People

Ray Ends Prison Hunger Strike

James Earl Ray, the convicted slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., ended a four-day hunger strike in the Tennessee state prison in Nashville yesterday, after prison officials warned him they had no intention of "going overboard" to make him eat.

Mr. Ray had gone on the strike to protest a decision to put him in "administrative segregation," a form of solitary confinement, to protect him from his fellow inmates. He was confined to a cell alone and not allowed to mingle with other prisoners.

Officials said he pretended to "pass out" in his cell Sunday night, and was sent to the prison hospital, where examination revealed there was nothing wrong with him. They said they suspected he was eating stored-up snacks when no one was looking.

Mr. Ray ended his hunger strike when he ate lunch yesterday. He will remain in the hospital for a day or two of observation.

A veteran State Department official, **Rodger P. Davies**, will be nominated by President Nixon to be Ambassador to Cyprus, the White House announced yesterday. Mr. Davies, who has been Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs since 1965, has been in the Foreign Service since 1946. On Cyprus he will succeed **Robert J. McCloskey**, who is now an ambassador at large.

In Dublin, it was reported that **Sean MacStiofain**, the former head of guerrilla forces fighting the British in Northern Ireland, is being "shunned" by his former comrades in the Irish Republican Army. "I am no longer active in the republican movement," he said. "I would like to be, and it is not my fault that I am inactive, but I will remain a republican revolutionary to my dying day." Mr. MacStiofain, who is 46 years old, said that his shunning by the I.R.A. began after he ended a hunger

strike in a Dublin jail over a year ago.

Sometime during the next six weeks, **Emmet James Kay**, the last known American prisoner of war in Indochina, will be set free by the Pathet Lao in Northern Laos. A Pathet Lao spokesman in Vientiane said that Mr. Kay, a civilian pilot with Continental Air Services, will be released within the 60-day period specified in the Laotian cease-fire agreement for the exchange of all P.O.W.'s held by the two Laotian sides. That period expires June 3. Mr. Kay was captured last May 7 when he made a forced landing in Laos.

In Paris it was reported that **David de Rothschild**, of the banking family, would marry **Olimpia Aldobrandini**, of an old Venetian family, in June. The bridegroom is the son of **Baron Guy de Rothchild** and his first wife, the **Baroness Alix**, while his prospective bride is the daughter of **Don Francesco** and **Donna Maria Aldobrandini**. The 30-year-old David de Rothschild is said to have met Miss Aldobrandini at her coming-out party last October, given in the 16th-century Volpi Palace in Venice by her uncle, **Count Volpi di Misurata**, for her 18th birthday. It is expected that the wedding will be small.

In Tacoma, **Senator Warren G. Magnuson**, the Washington Democrat, announced his intention to seek another six-year term. The 69-year-old Senator's announcement came as no surprise, since a campaign committee was set up last year and it has already raised \$270,000 for his race. Mr. Magnuson, who has been in the Senate since 1944, is not expected to have competition in the Democratic primary.

The Mayor of Dearborn Heights, Mich., **John L. Canfield**, invited 250 friends and supporters to a hot dogs and

soft drinks party. After everyone had settled down to having a convivial time, Mr. Canfield made an announcement. "A lot of rumors have traveled around the community," he said, "and in order to put them to rest once and for all, I decided to have this little party. Doctors give me maybe one year."

Mr. Canfield went on to say he was suffering from cancer of the right lung, and that since his other lung was removed because of cancer 15 years ago, his doctors cannot operate. Radium treatments have not helped, he went on, but he intends to stay in office as long as he is physically able.

Self-described pool "hustler" **Minnesota Fats** was reported in satisfactory condition in a hospital in Carbondale, Ill., following emergency abdominal surgery. Fats, whose real name is Rudolph Wanderone, was the prototype for the character played by Jackie Gleason in the movie "The Hustler."

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, an editorial by **Dr. Hugh H. Hussey** considers the streaking phenomenon. "Maybe all that streaking needs is the physician's frequent advice, 'Let it alone and it will go away,'" writes Dr. Hussey. "Should the medical profession pass judgment on streaking? Done as it usually is in the bright sunlight, it may represent healthy, unencumbered exercise. Or is it possibly a signal of some serious emotional aberration?"

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