

Mr. EVANS. The committee also found indication that while in London Ray hoped to lose himself in the ranks of a mercenary army.

According to Janet Nassau, the landlady at the New Earls Court Hotel, Ray called the London Daily Telegraph twice on the day of the bank's robbery.

Scotland Yard later determined that Ray called Daily Telegraph reporter Ian Colvin, to obtain information about Maj. Alistair Wicks, a former British Army officer who recruited mercenaries to fight in the Congo.

Scotland Yard officers told the committee staff that Ray moved to the Pax Hotel on June 5 and on the following day again called Ian Colvin and pleaded with the reporter to give him information on mercenary recruiters.

Colvin did suggest that Ray might find the remnants of a mercenary force in Brussels, Belgium. Thus, Ray booked a seat on a June 8, 1968, British European Airways flight to Brussels.

Former Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson told committee staffers that Pax Hotel proprietress Anna Thomas, contrary to some accounts, was a cooperative witness who provided a good description of Ray.

During his stay at the Pax Hotel, Ray received four telephone calls. According to Thompson, two were from the British European Airlines and two were from the Daily Telegraph.

Ray checked out of the Pax Hotel on the morning of June 8, 1968, and went to Heathrow Airport, where he planned to catch his 11:50 a.m. flight to Brussels.

Unknown to Ray his apprehension was close at hand as a result of cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of three nations—the FBI, the RCMP, and New Scotland Yard. This developed in the following manner:

On or about May 11, 1968, the FBI forwarded a photograph of James Earl Ray to the RCMP and requested that they conduct a search of passport application photographs to seek an application by Ray.

RCMP Staff Sergeant Tetun, with 6 to 10 other RCMP officers, examined approximately 300,000 passport applications and on June 1, 1968, discovered that Ray had obtained a Canadian passport under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

On June 4, 1968, the assistance of New Scotland Yard was requested by the FBI after they learned that Ray used the name Sneyd to book a flight to London.

When Ray presented his two Sneyd passports at the immigration desk in terminal No. 2, Heathrow Airport, he was the subject of an all-points bulletin.

He was arrested by Detective Sergeant Philip Birch of Scotland Yard's Special Branch. Birch detained Ray, searched him, and found that he was carrying a loaded revolver.

Ray was fingerprinted at the airport and positively identified. In England, the committee talked with the fingerprint officer who handled the case and other officers who were involved.

As well as investigating Ray's movements in London, the committee learned that Scotland Yard also canvassed banks, car rental

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