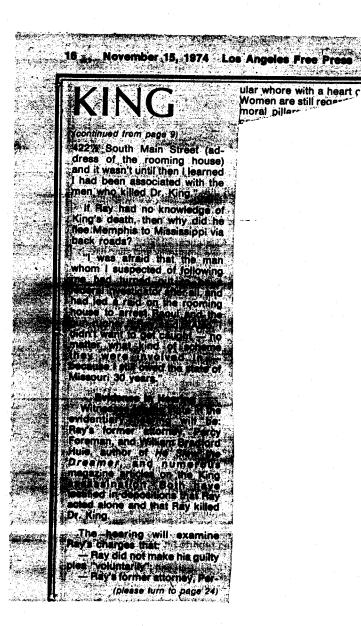


Brewer, said Ray was not the man who rented the room.) "Raoul told me he was going to meet this gun-runner at 6 p.m. and that he would speak more freely if I was not there," Ray said. "Raoul gave me \$200 and told me to go downtown and see a picture show." Ray said Raoul also instructed him to leave the white Mustang parked at the curb on the street below, only a few feet from the foot of the stairwell. "He said the other man and he might want to use the Mustang later in the evening," Ray said. "It was about 5:20 when I reached the street below because I remembered looking at my watch. I saw a low tire on the Mustang and saw L had plenty of time to have the tire filled and be back at the room-ing house by 6:00." Ray said a feeling of relief passed through him as he pull ... ed away from the curb. At first he had thought that the man he had seen in the beer lounge whom he vaguely recalled seeing before — might have been a federal investigator, of some sort, but now he was convinced that this, man was the gun-runner Raoul was supposed to meet. He drove the Mustang to a service station shout three blocks away waiting a long time for service, because attendants were very busy. While a block attendant was filling the jow the Ray said he recalled seeing an ambulance go by. He looked at ing before - might have been a ambulance go by. He looked at his watch and saw that it was about 8:05 a de "I drove back, but when I got to the rooming house, the entire block was sealed off," Ray said. "Police were swarming all over the place. There was a boliceman standing in the mid-dle of the street. He yelled 'Get out of here' as I tried to drive and park somewhere in front of the rooming house.", Attack Ray said he asked the

policeman if he could make a Uturn (Illegal Under traffic ordinances) and proceed north on South Main Street. Ray quoted the policeman as saying: "I don't care what you do, just get out of here." Ray said he made the U-turn and proceeded to drive south out of Memphis toward Mississippi. "It wasn't until I almost got to

Grenada, Miss. (about 100 Grenada, Miss. (about 100 miles away); that I turned on the radio and heard what had happened," Ray said. "The radio broadcast mentioned (please turn to page 16)



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cy Foreman, deliberately compromised Ray's right to a fair trial in order to further Huie's and his own financial successes (Foreman and Huie had an agreement that Foreman's legal fees would be paid by sales of Huie's books and income from a film to which both had film rights;

Foreman withheld exculpatory evidence proving Ray's innocence from both Ray and the state, and insisted to Ray that the state had an "air-tight case" against him and that he would die in the electric chair if he went to trial;

- Foreman continued to deal with Huie even after telling Ray that Huie had compromised Ray's rights to a fair trial by an article published in Look magazine (Huie's dealings with Ray's first attorney, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham Ala., were "legally and ethically improper," Ray quotes Foreman as saying);

— Huie wrote him in December 1968, saying it would be in Ray's financial interest to plead guilty, because this would insure financial success of He Slew the Dreamer (a book about the man who did not kill Dr. King would not sell, Ray quotes Huie as saying);

- Foreman assured Ray he would get a new trial after he pleaded guilty and accepted a negotiated sentence, and promised that if he did not get a America. Chastain was one of new trial, Foreman would see to the first reporters on the scene. it that he got a pardon when John Jay Hooker Jr., son of Foreman's law associate, was

elected governor of Tennessee. "I was browbeaten, badgered and bribed into pleading guilty," Ray told this reporter. "My mental state bordered on insantiy as I was kept awake by lights on in my cell at all times - for 24 hours at a time. I only managed to grab a few minutes of sleep at a time, and my nervous and irritable state prevented me from making any rational decisions about my fate.'

Foreman denies these allegations. In an unsigned deposition taken by the state attorney-general, Foreman says Ray is the assassin, calling him. a "racist who wanted recognition and praise from his old inmates back at Jefferson City (site of Missouri state prison)." Assistant Attorney-General Henry Haille, who opposed the broad discovery powers McRae granted to Ray's attorneys, said Ray's hearing will probably be the longest evidentiary hearing in legal history. McRae replies that a full

review of the evidence is called for: "The appellate court ordered a full and fair hearing on all matters pertaining to whether Ray's plea was volun-tary," McRae said. "The very issue the high court asked to be decided lies at the heart of the evidence Ray's attorneys are seeking to discover.' • 1974 Pacific News Service

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