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## Canadians Checking Ray Say He Had 'Help Of Some Kind'

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TORONTO, June 10. — Toronto thinks James Earl Ray hid here 28 days — with help.

That's what the police in this city say, as well as the people. And, as a few facts fell into place Monday, that's what the Royal Canadian Mounted Police began saying.

"He didn't just come cold into Toronto and make all his own arrangements for the passport and fictitious identifications," said a spokesman for the RCMP. "There was help of some kind, although we have not got all the answers yet."

Near hysteria all day Sunday, Ray's Chinese landlady, Mrs. Sun Loo, told several different versions of how her boarder spent the time from April 19 until May 6 when he boarded a plane for London. Sunday night, she said she remembered Ray did have one visitor, a "fat man."

The man, she said, came May 2 and told her he had an envelope for Ramon George Sneyd, one of the aliases used by Ray. She said Ray came down the stairs, spoke to the

man and returned to his room with the envelope.

The envelope may have contained money, police say, but there is no evidence. Both Toronto police and the RCMP say they are not totally discounting the theory that Ray's money may have come from an Alton, Ill., bank robbery soon after he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary. The robbery netted \$27,000.

Toronto newspapers jumped on the conspiracy bandwagon Monday. "Who aided him and

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who is the fat man?" said an eight-column headline in one newspaper. "Police suspect international plot in King killing," said the front-page headline on another. The story said investigators are "urgently checking" the possibility of a conspiracy.

And police here spoke of one "interesting piece of evidence" Monday morning. There is an Eric S. Galt living in a nearby suburb. This brings to three the number of Toronto men whose identity Ray has assumed. He used the name Eric Starvo Galt in a motel in Memphis at the time of King's assassination and in a boarding house in Birmingham.

The Toronto man signs his name Eric S. Galt. His full name is Eric St. Vincent Galt. He is a supervisor with Union Carbide and he says he is "at a loss" to explain how Ray would know about him.

"I was very much relieved when Ray was arrested. I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and take a pot-shot at me.

"About the time Eric S. Galt was revealed as one of the names of the suspected killer, I got a lot of crank calls."

Other items too coincidental for the Mounties:

The aliases Ray chose — Galt, Sneyd and Paul Bridge-

man — are the names of men who live within a few blocks of each other. And they all bear certain physical resemblances to Ray — color of hair, height and weight.

They note that the loopholes he used to get a passport are those known to underworld and espionage figures to enter and leave the country.

And they said Monday they know he intended to get his passport in Bridgman's name, but after getting the necessary birth certificate he learned Bridgman already held a passport, and switched to Sneyd's name. How he learned this, and how the RCMP learned he knew it, were not disclosed.

"Too many things point toward the fact that Ray knew someone here," said Deputy Chief B. J. Simonds. "It looks like someone gave him a little help in finding out the information on all these people whose names he used."

The RCMP is presently concerned with the fat man, if there is such a person, and a man who was seen drinking with Ray in a bar in the West End.

And the West End: not slummy enough for the police to bear down hard, not good enough to keep a high-living criminal happy. "The perfect place for a careful nobody to hide," said one local policeman.

On April 29, Ray was seen in the Silver Dollar Bar, a workman's hangout in the Waverly Hotel on Spadina Avenue. He sat at a front row table just inches from the bar's writhing go-go dancers, and pulled on a mug of Molson's Canadian.

"It was him," said dancer Fatti Stanford. "He came in here two or three nights in a row with another man. He looked at me sort of like he didn't approve. The first night I smiled at him. He looked sort of disgusted."

The man with Ray each night, she said, was fair-skinned, not fat but husky, and he wore a BanLon yellow T-shirt.

Ray paid \$345 in Canadian cash for his 21-day excursion trip to London. However, during his nights at the Silver Dollar Bar he paid for beers with American \$20 bills.

"Ray had extensive knowledge of the loopholes in obtaining a passport and a birth certificate here," said the RCMP spokesman. "That plus the fact that he did have lots of money does give a little meat to the theory that he must have had help from someone. We want to know who."

"I just don't think Ray knew all the angles about getting another person's passport," said Chief Simonds. "I think someone else was the mastermind in setting it up. We just have to check and keep checking until we turn something up."

One of the checks being made is at the Kennedy Travel Bureau, where Ray took advantage of a little-known Ca-



**USED NAME** — James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., used the name of Toronto policeman Raymon George Sneyd to obtain two passports. When arrested in London, Ray had both passports with him.

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**INVESTIGATION HEAD** — Superintendent Carl R. Dooy of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is in charge of the investigation into the presence in Toronto of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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