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'Neat, Clean' Man Sought In King Death

By AP and UPI
Memphis — A neat, clean man with a long, sharp nose, the type of man who seems out of place in a flophouse—was the object of a widening search today as the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Spokesmen said they anticipated that as many as 40,000 persons from 11 states would take part, following guidelines laid down by a federal judge. King had termed the strike by the Memphis garbage men, 98 per cent of them Negroes, as the second phase in the fight by Negroes for equal rights. He said his Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 started the first phase, the fight for desegregation, and that the garbage collectors were now engaged in the battle for economic equality.

The bullet that killed King came from a communal bath room in a flophouse behind the motel. Police were looking for the man who had checked into the place, paying for his \$8.50 a week room with a crisp \$20 bill. Bessie Brewer, manager of the rooming house, told police the man gave his name as John Willard. "He was a clean, neat man," about six feet tall, she said.

Charlie Q. Stephens, who had the room between that taken by

Willard and the bathroom, described them as "clean shaven" and that he had a "long, sharp nose. He had normal eyes and a square chin, thick hair at the front and receded on each side."

Others said they saw the man walk away after the shot was fired.

Clark, who made an eight-hour visit Friday, said evidence "indicates a single individual" was involved in the assassination. "There is no evidence of a widespread plot."

Several States

The investigation already has widened to several states, he said, and "will spread as far as the evidence takes us. It has already spread several hundred miles from the boundaries of Tennessee now."

Clark also said that evidence in the case was considerably more than police "usually get in cases like this," but he refused to elaborate.

"A number of studies of prints that may establish the identity" of the sniper are being made by police and FBI agents with the aid of the FBI laboratory in Washington, he said.

It appeared that the rifleman had fled Tennessee with a big price on his head.

FBI agents, Clark said, were following leads in "several parts of the country."

Clark announced Friday that "we are very close to making an arrest." But a day and a half after the 39-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner fell dying on the balcony of his hotel room, his spinal cord severed by a bullet, there had been no arrest.

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Memphis Police Chief Frank

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Feb. 12. There were
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The Shelby County
jury returned indictme
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garbage dispute. One of
dictments was the first
under the state's new
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Meanwhile, Dr. J. T.
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King died when a bullet
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Francisco, reporting
autopsy he performed,
King received "a gunshot
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The autopsy was perf
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"The bullet was unde
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left shoulder blade," Fra
said. "It entered at app
imately the jawbone." He
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The doctor said the
was delivered to the police
oratory.

L. Holloman said he, too, was
optimistic about an arrest but
he used the phrase "eventually."
Rewards totaling \$155,000 were
posted in Memphis for King's
killer.

The Memphis City Council
met Friday and guaranteed a
minimum reward of \$100,000.
Earlier the Memphis Com-
mercial Appeal offered a \$25,000
reward. Other Serious-Howard