

65-Day Search Spanned

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The break that led to the capture of James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King, came after an examination of more than 300,000 passport photos in Washington and Ottawa, Canada.

Ray's capture came about through the co-operation of police in four countries — the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard and Portuguese authorities.

Before the break came, the FBI had examined well over 100,000 photos on passport applications on file with the State Department, and the Mounties had scanned more than 200,000 pictures of Canadian applicants.

ANOTHER NAME

The FBI's search failed to produce a clue. But the project in Ottawa struck pay dirt within the last few days when the Canadians turned up Ray's picture on a passport form under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

"Project Passport" was initiated in Washington with the photo-by-photo examination of all applications filed after April 5 — the day following the murder.

And since there was evidence that Ray had visited

Canada in 1967, a similar operation was set up by the Mounties. For security reasons, the examination of the photos was conducted only at night, beginning several weeks ago.

The break came early this month. A searcher came across a passport form bearing Ray's photograph filed under the Sneyd name, which had been sent to Ottawa from a Toronto travel agency.

POLICEMAN

Toronto police had no trouble locating the real Sneyd.

200,000 Photos Sifted By Canadian Police

He is a 35-year-old policeman (he spells his first name Ray-

Ray was traced to a Toronto rooming house.

mond instead of Ramon as on the passport) and he knew nothing about any passport application.

He had lived in Toronto for a month, after arriving April

8, four days after the murder.

Police said Ray used two different addresses, one in the Italian district of Toronto, the other on Dundas Street, largely a district of small shops.

The trail then jumped to England from Toronto. It

4 Countries

was learned that Ray, posing as Sneyd, had arranged with a travel agency to get him a passport and buy him a round-trip ticket to London. He flew to London May 6.

TO PORTUGAL

The next day, he turned in the return half of his ticket and obtained a flight to Lisbon instead. He is believed to have left for Portugal the same day.

In Lisbon, he obtained a second Canadian passport from the Canadian embassy May 16. He then dropped out of sight.

But Portuguese and British immigration officials, police and airline personnel were instructed to be on the lookout for a person using a Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd.

About 11 a.m. yesterday, London time, Ray — still posing as Sneyd — arrived at London airport in transit to Brussels, Belgium.

On landing, he had to pass through an immigration check. The authorities spotted him promptly.

The 65-day hunt was over.

RFK Buttons Of Respect

Radio Station KSOL at 150 8th St. is distributing Sen. Robert Kennedy campaign buttons to those who wish to wear them as a sign of respect during the period of mourning.

Lou Geneva, KSOL news director, said 15,000 of the buttons were obtained from Kennedy headquarters here and that 5000 to 6000 are still on hand. The station will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today for those who want one.