

2 Describe Galt: 'Shy, Awkward'

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Two men said today they told the FBI that a man identified as Eric Starvo Galt was a shy, quiet man who spent \$700 in three months on dancing and bartending lessons.

The managers of a dancing school and a bartending school said they identified a former pupil to the FBI as Galt, who is wanted in the slaying of Dr Martin Luther King April 4 in Memphis.

Rod Arvidson, 46, general manager of National Dance

Studios, said he notified the FBI Saturday after recognizing Galt from a composite drawing in a newspaper.

"H's certainly no mixer," Arvidson said. "He had trouble coordinating one foot with another."

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A photograph of Galt circulated by the FBI was obtained Tuesday from the International School of Bartending, the school's director said. The director, Tomas

Reyes Lau, said a man called Eric S. Galt was graduated from the Hollywood school March 2 after an excellent record in a \$225 four-week course, which he attended Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Galt said he lived in Hollywood and said his birthdate was July 30, 1931. He said he was single. The FBI in Washington, D.C., said the wanted man was 36.

As a student of bartending and dancing, not only Lau and Arvidson but two dance

instructors agreed Galt was withdrawn and a loner.

"FIDGETY"

"He just didn't show anything but a crooked smile and a fidgety manner," said an instructor, Kathy Nolan, 21.

Arvidson said a man who signed enrollment records as Eric S. Galt took "50 or 60" lessons in social dancing over a 2½ month period ending in mid-February which cost him about \$500.

Galt told Arvidson he had

operated a restaurant-bar in Mexico, the manager said. But Arvidson, who is taking Spanish lessons, said Galt failed to respond when he asked him questions in Spanish.

Lau, a Mexican-American, said he felt Galt was intelligent. But Arvidson, agreeing with an FBI description, said Galt's grammar "was less than ideal, mixing tenses, double negatives and so on" with a slight Southern accent.

At the bartending school, a

three-room building in an older business district, Lau said Galt, perhaps the best of seven students in his class, turned down a job offer after graduating because he wanted to visit his brother, presumably in the East.

But Lau said Galt promised to return and take a job.

In his application to the school, Galt listed three references. A person answering to one of the names on the application form refused to say if he knew Galt. The others could not be reached.