

'Most Wanted'

FBI Expands Its List For Dr. King Suspect

WASHINGTON — (AP) — What may be the nation's most intensive manhunt gained fresh pressure yesterday when the FBI placed on its "most wanted" list a fugitive convict accused of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

James Earl Ray, a 40 year old habitual criminal, is being hunted by police from border to border and beyond for the April 4 sniper slaying in Memphis.

The FBI always has limited the list of its most wanted criminals to 10 names but yesterday it lengthened it to 11 by adding Ray, a white "loner" known also by the name of Eric Starvo Galt and by six other aliases.

There was a flurry of excitement yesterday in Baldwin Park, a suburb of Los Angeles, when police picked up a man resembling Ray, but released him three hours later after a fingerprint check.

11th NAME

In addition to a Memphis first-degree murder warrant, Ray is wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny Dr. King his civil rights and of flight to escape confinement.

The latter traces to his April, 1967, escape from a Missouri prison, where he was starting his eighth year on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

As to the unprecedented step of adding an 11th name to the FBI list, J. Edgar Hoover announced it was done "to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description" to find him.

On Thursday, when Ray still was being sought under the name of Galt, the FBI filled a vacancy on the list with another name.

When asked why Galt wasn't the nominee at that time, a spokesman explained the main purpose of the listings is "to attract publicity for a guy you're looking for — and in this case there's been plenty of publicity."

PUBLIC APPEAL

As usual, the FBI is appealing to the public for help in spotting its man and — as usual — gives implied warning against any effort by a citizen to apprehend the criminal unaided. "Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous," the bulletin said.

Reportedly a native of Illinois, Ray is described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing from 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair usually worn short. Forehead and right palm bear small scars. His nose is narrow and straight, teeth even. And he has a noticeably protruding left ear, the lobe of which he reportedly tugs at when nervous.

By way of further help in the search which the FBI described yesterday as "massive and intensive," Ray is reported to speak in a "rural" manner and in a fashion indicating limited education. He is described as neat in dress and as an avid dancer with a taste for vodka and beer.

LONG RECORD

In addition to armed robbery, Ray has been convicted of burglary, forgery of a postal money order and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He has been confined in the Los Angeles County jail, two state prisons in Illi-

nois and the U.S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

During nearly three years in the Army he received a three-month sentence for drunkenness and breaking arrest. He was discharged in December, 1948, for "ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service."

Dr. King was killed by a single shot from a large-caliber rifle while he stood on the balcony of his motel room. The bullet reportedly came from a cheap rooming house about 200 feet away. Ray — not so identified until Friday — has been sought since the day of the killing, which sparked racial riots in more than 100 cities.