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Mysterious Pickup Order for Hunted Galt

TALLAHASSEE (Fla.) — (UPI) — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist toward Florida today.

The FBI issued a pickup order for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida.

The order said Galt is wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40 year old escaper from the Missouri state prison whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said said fingerprints had

proved was the same person as Galt.

"Ray and Galt are identical," Hoover said last week.

MOST WANTED

The FBI has clamped a lid on any public progress report on the manhunt.

Ray was placed on the list of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, and alerts have been issued in Canada and Mexico as well as the United States.

The Florida alert was the state's second in 12 days for Galt. On April 11, the day a white Mustang car registered to Galt was found abandoned in Atlanta, the FBI issued a "locate and observe" order for Galt in Florida. About five hours later, it was can-

celed and the FBI indicated later the order was a mistake.

SKEPTICAL

A Miami police official was skeptical of the current alert's failure to mention Ray's name.

"Maybe in about another week the correction will catch up with the message," he said.

A federal warrant charging conspiracy has been issued against Galt and police in Memphis, Tenn., where King was slain by a white sniper April 4, have charged Galt with murder.

In Los Angeles, the FBI was reported trying to find a blonde who was dating James Earl Ray before Ray disappeared from Southern California.

The woman was known to have been with Ray in a Hollywood bar one evening during the second week in March — one of the last times Ray was seen in the area before King's assassination.

FBI agents have been making inquiries about her in Los Angeles, giving rise to conjecture she might have traveled with Ray when he left.

New Step on D.C. Home Rule

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Johnson has taken another step toward giving Washington complete home rule on local affairs by providing for election of the District of Columbia school board.

The President signed the legislation yesterday, saying, "Education in this city has long been the direct concern of the people. How it be-

comes their direct responsibility."

Gunpoint Shaves

MADISON (Wis.) — (UPI) — Stephen Somerville and Richard Hoffmaster, students at the University of Wisconsin, reported today two gunmen invaded their apartment, forced them to shave off their mustaches, and left.