

Ray's Landlady in Toronto Had a Suspicion of Him, But—

LONDON — (AP) — The story began to come out today where James Earl Ray was during the manhunt that followed the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis April 4.

Four days after the slaying, Ray went to a Toronto rooming house and rented a \$10-a-week room under the name of Paul Bridgeman.

The landlady, Mrs. Adam Szpakowski, said she thought she recognized him from a newspaper sketch of the man wanted for King's slaying, but her husband told her she was wrong and they forgot it.

Later, she said, when she was cleaning Ray's room, she found a newspaper folded open to the sketch. She said her suspicions were not aroused because "he was such a gentleman. How was I to know he was a bandit?"

REGISTRAR

That same day, about two weeks after Ray came, a letter came to Bridgeman from the address of the provincial registrar's office, which issues birth certificates. The man left that day and never returned, she said.

From the bleak 15-by-12-foot room with a TV set, a "Home Sweet Home" design and a religious picture, Ray moved to a \$9-a-week room under the name of Sneyd, his landlady there, Mrs. Yee Loo, said.

The man "never spoke to anybody," she said. "He came about four weeks ago with only a suit on his back and a newspaper in his hand."

Mrs. Szpakowski said Ray described himself as a real estate salesman. Mrs. Loo said he told her he was a hospital worker.

GOT INFORMATION

Deputy Chief B. J. Simmonds of the Toronto Police said Ray somehow was able to obtain enough information

on a Paul Bridgeman living in suburban Don Mills and Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, to apply for passports by mail in both their names.

"Our job now is to ascertain how Ray got that information," Simmonds said.

Canadian Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp said Ray also was able to obtain a birth certificate, but he did not say under whose name. Ontario's deputy registrar, H. F. C. Himphries, said enough information for a birth certificate application could be obtained from birth notices and telephone directories.

Ray used the name Bridgeman when he had passport photos made at Mabel Agnew's photographic studio April 11.

The real Bridgeman, a consultant teacher with the Toronto board of education, said he was "shock up" when he found out about the alias. He said he had no idea why his name was used.

PHOTO SEARCH

It was under the name Sneyd that Ray flew to London May 6 and then to Lisbon.

His identity was uncovered after Canadian authorities spent a month searching through 200,000 to 400,000 passport photos. The word was passed to the FBI and authorities in Europe.

From Lisbon, Ray's trail becomes less clear. A member of the Canadian Embassy staff in Lisbon said a man by the name of Ramon George Sneyd had approached the embassy for a passport. He refused to elaborate. He said the FBI had a full report on the matter. Reports from Ottawa said the embassy issued him another passport under the name Sneyd May 16.

The London Daily Mail said Ray had received his passport in Canada April 25

under the name "Sneya" and called at the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon May 16 to correct the spelling to Snex. This, it said helped alert Canadian authorities the passport was false.

First reports said Ray had stopped over at London Saturday on a British European Airways jet from Lisbon to change planes for Brussels.

But police and airlines at the Lisbon airport said no man with a Canadian passport issued in the name of Sneyd passed through the airport Saturday.

AFRICA LEAD

The Daily Express said Scotland Yard detectives traced four London addresses where Ray is believed to

have lived since mid-May, including one where he stayed with another unidentified man.

Daily Telegraph reporter Ian Colvin said a man who identified himself as Raymond George Sneyd phoned the paper several times last week to inquire about joining mercenary troops in Africa.

Colvin said the caller claimed to have a brother missing in Portuguese Angola. The reporter said he gave the caller an address in Brussels at which to pursue the matter.

Interviewed on a TV program yesterday, Attorney General Clark was asked about the possibility of conspiracy in King's slaying, particularly in view of Ray's extensive travels without known financial means.

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dence and facts," said Clark. "There was one, it will be discovered."