

# A New Ray Case Mystery

## -- There's a Real Eric Galt

tificate as unknown. It sat unclaimed in the registrar's office until the police came after it last week.

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### Toronto

Eric S. Galt, the alias used most commonly by James Earl Ray, is a real person living in a suburb of Toronto.

Galt lives within a mile and a half of the two other men whose names Ray used during the month he was hiding there after the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King.

This revelation is adding further impetus to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police search for three people who were believed connected with Ray while he was here.

### MARKSMAN

And the revealing of the real Galt—who is a crack rifle shot—is making officials think Ray may have visited Toronto before.

Ray apparently used the Eric S. Galt name last July when he signed an apartment lease in Montreal. He has been identified there from photographs.

The real Eric Galt, an inspector at Union Carbide Corp. lives in suburban Scarborough, near both Constable Roman George Sneyd and Paul Bridgman, whose names Ray also used.

Scarborough is about 15 miles from the downtown Toronto rooming houses Ray used during April and May of this year.

The Toronto Galt's middle name is St. Vincent, not Starvo, which is the name Ray used.

### RELIEVED

Galt said he was relieved that Ray had been arrested.

"There were so many similarities between Ray and myself that I was afraid someone might be tempted to think I really was the one and take a pot-shot at me.

"And about the time Eric S. Galt was revealed as one of the names of the suspected King killer I got a lot of crank phone calls," he said.

He also got a visit from the Royal Mounties and the FBI, who gave him a thorough grilling.

Galt is 5-feet-11 and Ray is 5-feet-10. Both have scars on their foreheads just above their noses, and both have scars on the palms of their right hands. Galt is 53 and Ray is 40, but the Toronto man looks to be in his early 40s.

Officials here now suspect Ray may have come to Toronto last fall after his stay in Montreal and picked up the Galt identity at that time.

Toronto police are looking for three people connected with his stay here.

### SUSPICION

The first of these has already been named as a fat man who came to one of the two temporary boarding houses Ray stayed in while here.

The other two are a husky, fair-haired man with whom Ray drank beer several times in a sleazy tavern and a woman who, one source said, applied for one of Ray's phony birth certificates and said she was his aunt.

### HELP

The Mounties say they doubt Ray managed here without some assistance.

The police here point to Ray's knowledge of the loopholes in Canada's passport laws and in the regulations on the issuing of Ontario birth certificates.

Police also revealed yesterday that Ray crossed the border to this country at Fort Erie, Ontario, across the Niagara river from Buffalo.

### DATE

They say the crossing was made four days after Dr. King was shot in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4.

The fair-haired man was seen with Ray at least three times in the Silver Dollar tavern, a hotel bar that features go-go dancers and female impersonators.

The woman who claimed to be the aunt of Paul Bridgman, an earlier Ray alias, went to the provincial registrar's office and asked for a

birth certificate for Bridgman, a source there said.

The source said the certificate was refused because the woman could not prove her identity or a connection with Bridgman. They offered to mail the certificate to Bridgman, and this was done.

But at the Ossington avenue address the woman gave, Ray was using the name Sneyd, and the landlady there returned the letter containing the birth cer-