

Notes on People byline, Albin Krebs

James Earl Ray, the convicted sniper slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has made a second attempt to escape from the Brushby Mountain Prison in Petros, Tenn. The escape attempt occurred Feb. 7, when Ray tried to make his way to a ceiling in the prison gymnasium. "We had reason to believe he was trying to cut an opening through the roof," said a corrections official. Last spring Ray tried to escape through a ductwork, but taking a wrong turn, encountered scorching steam and was forced back into the prison compound.