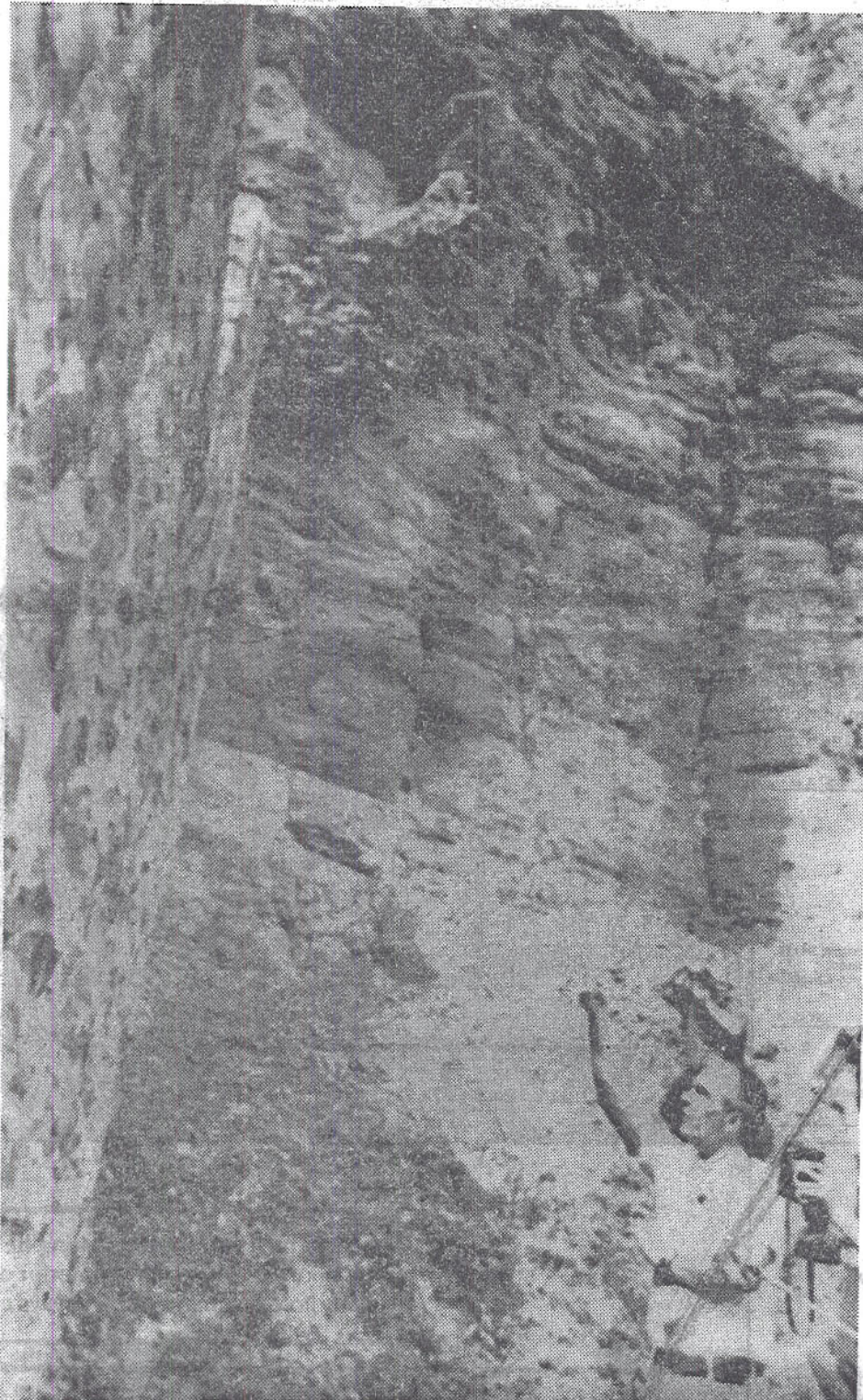


2 down — Ray, 3 others to go

Massive man

hunt is on



PETROS, Tenn. (AP) — Searchers early today picked up a second prisoner who escaped Friday night with James Earl Ray from the Brushy Mountain State Prison.

He was identified as Larry Hacker, considered the ringleader of the seven men who went over the wall Friday. He was picked up in Beech Fork, a small community about five miles due west of the maximum security prison.

Hacker, 32, was serving a 28-year-term for robbery with a death. His capture leaves four of the seven, including Ray, the convicted killer of Martin Luther King Jr. still at large.

One of the inmates was wounded and captured at the time of the escape. A second man was picked up yesterday afternoon.

Hacker was brought back in handcuffs at about 2:45 a.m. (EDT).

Earlier, Warden Stoney Lane said the search had shifted to new locations, Beech Fork — which is near Wartburg, the county seat — and the New River area, six miles east of Brush Mountain. "I feel confident they are in the 10-mile radius," said Lane, who cut short a vacation in Corpus Christi, Tex., to return here after the escape.

The shift in location indicated the prisoners had managed to move some distance on foot during the day but probably had not been able to leave the rugged, snake-infested Cumberland Mountain area.

Searchers using a helicopter tracked down one of Ray's fellow escapers, identified as David Lee Powell, 27, earlier in the day. Two others were spotted, but officials said later they disappeared again — and none had been seen since the capture of Powell, also a convicted murderer.

A state police helicopter spotted Powell and two others on a road near the prison. When ground units reached Powell, he was standing in the road waiting to surrender, but the others fled into the woods.

Ray, the convicted assassin of King, scaled the rear wall of the maximum-

Warden points out escape route over prison wall and near cliff

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One escapee caught, but Ray eludes net

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security prison Friday night with five other inmates and fled into the east Tennessee hills.

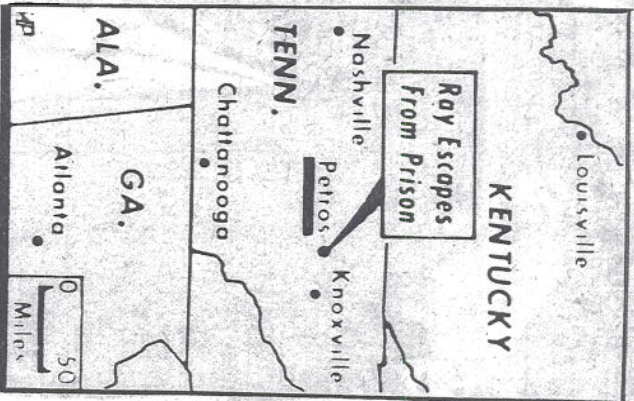
As the escape became nearly 24 hours old, Herman Davis, deputy warden of Brushy Mountain State Prison, characterized the search as going well.

"We'll bring back some more between now and daylight in the morning," Davis said.

In Nashville, Gov. Ray Blanton issued a statement saying he had directed "that extreme caution be used . . . in the massive effort to recapture Ray and the four others still at large."

The governor said the investigations of the King assassination by a congressional committee and others "make it imperative that he be returned to custody safely and at the earliest possible moment."

In late afternoon, prison authorities cleared inmates from the huge dirt yard and Davis led more than 100 reporters and cameramen to the spot where Ray, and the others climbed over the wall Friday night, using a 10-foot ladder made of scraps of gas pipe and pipe fittings.



Davis, asked how many shots prison guards had fired during the escape, replied, "I don't know." One of the inmates was hit twice as he attempted to scale the wall and captured. He was treated at a nearby hospital for minor wounds.

Later, Corrections Commissioner C. Murray Henderson discounted any "hail of gunfire" from guards, as first reported.

At a late afternoon news con-

ference, Henderson said, "I think when they (guards) noticed it, they noticed the last man going over the wall and they shot at him. I think there was a hail of gunfire at the last man on the wall but I don't think there was any hail of gunfire at the first man who went across."

Asked whether the FBI had taken charge, Henderson said, "You're looking at the two people in charge." FBI agent Harry Swanson, in charge of the Knoxville FBI office, said, "The FBI is coordinating the search activity," but "we're all working together."

He said he has 40 agents committed to the search and five helicopters are being used by FBI agents. Officials said none of the prisoners had been spotted since Powell's recapture.

With the FBI in command, searchers tracked through a snake-infested mountainside where a tennis shoe print was their most tangible clue to the whereabouts of James Ray and the other escaped convicts.

"This time of year, someone who knows how to live in the woods could make out very well," said Henderson, adding there are berries to eat. "They could hide out for 10 days and not move."

Henderson virtually ruled out

the possibility that Ray had outside help in the escape.

As helicopters equipped with infrared sensors and fresh teams of tracking dogs were brought in, more than 150 searchers concentrated on the thickly-forested hills above the forbidding prison.

Residents of the area were alerted by telephone that the fugitives were at large, but there were no reports of break-ins.

In the nearby town of Petros, most residents were reported staying home with firearms close at hand for protection.

Mabel Farmer, an elderly woman who has lived in Petros for 19 years, said prison breaks are "just one of those things when you've been here as long as I have."

In Washington, the FBI announced yesterday that it had taken over the search and had placed Ray on its list of 10 Most Wanted Fugitives. All six fugitives were charged with conspiring to violate a 1946 federal law against flight to avoid confinement.

The White House said Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell telephoned President Carter yesterday morning to give him a progress report on the search.