

Ray's Payoff Men Sought in Europe

By United Press International and The Associated Press
 LONDON — Scotland Yard today hunted London contacts of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The search centered on persons who may have kept the 40 year old escaped convict supplied with money before his arrest at London International Airport Saturday.

The hunt spread to Brussels and Lisbon where, according to unofficial reports, Ray may have been picking up funds funneled through a Swiss bank account.

FACING DELAYS

The detectives hunted while U. S. and British government lawyers cooperated in an effort to extradite Ray to America to stand trial for the slaying of the civil rights leader in Memphis, April 4.

U.S. Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson Jr.,

leading the extradition drive, is aiming for as speedy an extradition as possible — by June 28, legal sources said.

But court observers here said the process could run through the summer if Ray exercises his civil rights to the extent of an appeal to the House of Lords, Britain's Supreme Court.

Vinson yesterday secured from London's chief magistrate a provisional murder-extradition warrant.

That warrant means Ray will be held here pending a full extradition hearing. The U.S. murder case against Ray will be heard in magistrates court Thursday.

CAN APPEAL

If the magistrate decides the case is strong enough he, will grant a full-fledged warrant. The Home Office then could — and probably will — order Ray's extradition to

America. Ray can appeal the magistrate's ruling and that could mean months of court fights.

Frank Milton, London's chief magistrate, granted Ray a court-appointed lawyer, Michael Dresden.

At the same hearing Milton ordered Ray held until June 18 on technical arrest charges of holding illegal passports and a pistol without a permit.

Police sources said Ray was at the airport on the last of a series of a money-fetching trips.

CHEAP HOTELS

The police wanted to know where the money came from and through whose hands. Ray is known to have been in Lisbon May 18-17, living in a cheap waterfront hotel and nightclubbing.

He was said to have lived in cheap hotels here but no sign of nightlife has been unearthed in the London hunt so far.

Ray is said to have been moved from Brixton Prison, a jail for minor criminals and persons awaiting trial, to Wandsworth Prison, a maximum security lockup in the British capital.

Police sources said Ray is not being asked to do prison chores. He could buy extra food, for he has not been found guilty of a crime in British courts.

Granting an extradition order either to Memphis for murder or to Missouri, where he broke prison last year, could change that.

Some legal experts suggested the British government might speed up the process by deporting Ray as an undesirable alien. But other lawyers said there is a strong tradition against using this procedure as a substitute for extradition.

In the two months American authorities searched for Ray after King's assassination, he went from the United States to Canada on April 8, to London May 6 and to Lisbon May 8. He left his Lisbon

hotel on May 17 and surfaced again in London on May 28.

Police in those countries sought anyone who might have known or helped Ray, and authorities in Canada also tried to learn how Ray obtained information on the three Toronto men whose names he used as aliases.

SAME TYPE

All three men have dark hair and are about the same height and weight as Ray.

Ramon George Sneyd, whose name Ray used on his passport, is a Toronto constable. Paul Bridgman, whose name Ray used at one Toronto rooming house, is a consultant teacher with the Toronto Board of Education.

Ray first was sought under the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric St. Vincent Galt, a Toronto warehouse foreman, has a signature that looks like Eric Starvo Galt. He uses the middle initials St. V., but with small zeros instead of periods.

Galt and Ray have similar scars in, the middle of the forehead and on the palm of the right hand.

GALT PUZZLED

"I don't know what to think," Galt said. "It's a bit more than coincidence. The weight is right, the height range is right and the identification marks are there.

"I've wondered where our paths might have crossed, but I just don't know."

Missouri also seeks Ray's extradition from Britain on the prison break charge. If he is returned to the United States, the Tennessee murder charge is expected to be given precedence over the Missouri charge and a federal charge that Ray conspired to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

Canadian police are checking a report by Mrs. Yee Sun Loo, owner of a Toronto rooming house where Ray stayed, that a "fat man" passed an envelope to Ray on May 2, the day he paid \$345 for an excursion flight ticket to London.

A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said investigation indicates the man may not have known Ray and may just have been making a delivery.

"Every effort is being made to trace this man, but so far there is no indication as to who he is," the spokesman said.



SNEYD GALT BRIDGMAN

Stolen Identities

Ramon George Sneyd, Eric S. Galt and Paul Bridgman (l. to r.) have one thing in common beside the fact they all live in Toronto. Their names were borrowed by James Earl Ray, suspected King assassin. Sneyd is a policeman, Galt a factory inspector and Bridgman an educational consultant. Galt has two things in common with Ray—scars on their foreheads and the palms of their right hands.

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