

Payoff To Ray Probed

Extradition Plan Rushed

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LONDON — As Scotland Yard hunted contacts of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King, James Earl Ray was transferred under heavy security today to Wandsworth Prison.

Wandsworth, where security has been tightened since one of Britain's Great Train Robbers went over the walls four years ago, is considered a safer place than Brixton Prison where Ray has been held since his arrest Saturday.

U.S. legal experts worked on plans to take Ray quickly and safely back to the United States for trial.

PAPERS SIGNED

In Nashville, Tenn., Gov. Buford Ellington signed "all necessary papers" required for Tennessee's request that Ray be returned to stand trial for murder.

The extradition papers were forwarded to the U.S. State Department.

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

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

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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.

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.

CHEAP HOTELS

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

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.

Wandsworth is used for Britain's long-term prisoners and Ray will have two British police officers in his cell around the clock.

American authorities have not yet interrogated Ray and legal experts say he can veto any attempt to do so as long as he is in British custody.

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.

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.

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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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