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# The Hunt for Ray's Pals

## Toronto

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are searching for three people who allegedly were connected with James Early Ray during the month the fugitive stayed here, after the killing of Martin Luther King.

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.

"He didn't do all this without help," a Royal Montie in-

spector said. "We know he had help, but we don't yet know much about it."

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 say Ray probably had someone go through back newspaper files before he arrived here, to pick out the names he would use.

Police also revealed yesterday that Ray crossed the border to this country at Fort Erie, Ontario, across the Niagara river from Buffalo. They say he came in a car but won't say if he was alone or accompanied by someone.

### DATE

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

The fat man in the case came May 2 to the Dundas Street West boarding house

of Mrs. Sun Loo, where Ray was staying under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Mrs. Loo, whose English is not good, went to get Ray Sneyd from his locked upstairs room. He went to the front door, exchanged a few words with the fat man, took an envelope from him, put it in his pocket and returned upstairs.

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.

### DANCER

A Negro go-go girl there remembers Ray stared at her "the way some white men stare at a colored girl dancing."

Waiters remember that Ray paid for his beer — he always drank Molson's Canadian — with U.S. \$20 bills.

The husky man, they say, wore bright-colored, tight-

fitting T-shirts, and rarely spoke.

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.

### REASON

She said Bridgman was tied up with work and could not apply in person.

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

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