

# Ray Traced in London To Bars of Portugal

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LONDON — From a walk-up hotel in Pimlico to a bar in Portugal the FBI and Scotland Yard today tried to uncover the mysterious weeks in the life of the man accused of killing Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, the accused assassin, sat in a Wandsworth prison cell with two guards and awaited extradition to stand trial in the United States.

In Pimlico, a district that lies next to the glittering London West End but has not seen major development since Charles Dickens wrote of its pest houses, Mrs. Anna Thomas talked of the boarder in May who may have been Ray on the loose.

"He kept the door of his room locked at all times and when I brought his breakfast up he told me to leave it outside," the hotel keeper said.

## BAR BIRLS

Her boarder paid Mrs. Thomas \$10.80 for three days' stay. His luggage was an airline bag. He refused to sign the register.

In Lisbon, a red-haired bar girl — "just call me Gloria" — remembered the face in the newspaper but not the name.

Gloria said she shared drinks with the man in the Galo bar. Other girls in other bars remembered the face.

Scotland Yard and the U.S. lawyers and diplomats here were keeping mostly silent about their hunt for the missing days in Ray's life since the April 4 assassination in Memphis, Tenn. They do not want to offend British judges.

## ANYTIME

The judges rule heavily against those who talk out of court before trial or hearing. And U.S. officials wanted nothing to interfere with their declared intention of getting Ray, 40, back to America as soon as possible.

A British deportation order

could come anytime. More likely, a legal fight with his court-provided lawyers could stretch until August the time before Ray is bundled aboard a New York-bound plane.

Detectives sought to learn exactly what Ray, who last year escaped from a Missouri prison while serving a 20-year term for bank robbery, was doing in the London airport when arrested Saturday.

## TORONTO HUNT

Some reports said he was en route to Brussels. Some said he had been in London most of the time. Other reports said he spent much time in Lisbon, with Gloria and the other girls.

The detectives appeared most interested in how he financed his flight, who his contacts might have been.

Meanwhile, police in Toronto were searching for a

short blond man who reportedly came looking for Ray in a rooming house three or four days after the suspect flew to London.

The landlady, Mrs. Fela Szpakowski, told police about the caller. She said he presented a police identification card, but both the Mounted Police and the Toronto police said he was not a policeman.

The Atlanta, Ga., Constitution, in a copyright article, said an apartment manager in the Southern city's hippie district reported a man using the name Eric Starvo Galt stayed in his building for more than a week prior to the slaying of King. The name is one of the aliases under which Ray was sought by the FBI.

The manager said the man "looked more like a preacher than a convict."