

Memphis Welcomes Capture

By United Press International
and The Associated Press

MEMPHIS — This river city where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain warmly welcomed the news yesterday that King's suspected assassin had been captured.

"I think the news is great," said Mayor Henry Loeb. "Certainly the administration wants to see justice done, and will fully cooperate in extraditing him and diligently doing our duty."

Police Director Frank Holloman said immediate steps will be taken to return James Earl Ray here to stand trial.

PROCEDURE

Under normal procedure, Ray would be returned for trial in Criminal Court. How quickly the trial could be held or which judge would be assigned to the case could not be determined at once.

It was not immediately clear how Ray will be returned under the U.S.-British extradition treaty, on a federal conspiracy charge, or under a Tennessee indictment for first-degree murder.

Under the latter charge, Tennessee would initiate the extradition proceeding. Gov. Buford Ellington said that "whatever needs to be done will be done" to return Ray here as soon as possible.

Minutes after the news of Ray's arrest, city and county law enforcement officials began making plans. Holloman said maximum security procedure would be observed, and refused to disclose where Ray would be held pending his trial.

SNIPER'S BULLET

Dr. King, the leading civil rights advocate of nonviolence, was shot by a sniper as he stood on a motel balcony April 4. He was preparing to lead a demonstration on behalf of 1,300 striking city garbage collectors.

The long walkout was settled, with the help of a presidential mediator, soon after Dr. King's death — and the workers, most of them Negroes, now are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Fordham Holds Requiem Mass For Senator

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Fordham University, where Sen. Robert Kennedy was commencement speaker last year, added a Requiem Mass for the slain Senator to its graduation exercises yesterday and deleted the commencement address.

The Rev. Leo McLaughlin, president of the Roman Catholic University, was the chief celebrant of the Mass and eulogized the Senator. Kennedy had been scheduled to make an informal appearance this year.