

Questions Persist About King's Assassination

Earl Ray was sentenced for killing Martin Luther King, Jr. What makes this incident so unusual is the flurry of recent revelations and allegations about the Congressional investigation of the King murder and the peculiar chain of events associated with Ray's incarceration.

Ray's wife, however, says she knows why the stabbing took place. Anna Sandhau Ray said the attack stemmed from a recent trip she made to New York to talk with a publisher about an upcoming book about King's "real killer." I don't believe it.

Why would Ray wait 10 years to spill the beans? He wouldn't. He's a 53-year-old small-time crook doing a 99-year sentence. And why would the former television station artist marry a man doing a lifetime jail sentence? She could be using the attack to build up interest in the book.

But how does one answer some of the other nagging questions about Ray -- going all the way back to the killing? In 1977 he managed to escape from the same prison in which he has now been attacked. And he now

has access to all prisoner-areas. Why? Why did Jesse Jackson feel it necessary in 1978 to visit with and speak out on Ray's behalf? Jackson says he was "compelled" because of a conspiracy.

To take a step as drastic as defending the man convicted of killing his former boss, Jackson should have then -- and should now -- share his conspiracy information. Instead, he has behaved improperly without any public disclosure.

Or does Jackson know something that we don't? Hosea Williams, another one of King's inner-circle, challenged the House Assassinations Committee's conduct of the investigation of King's death and its findings. Williams told me on a television special that he was barely contacted and brusquely interviewed.

He was willing, he said, to explain that there were probably informers among the SCLC insiders prior to King's death.



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This line of questioning was conspicuously absent from the committee's published report and the unpublished records have been "sealed" for 50 years. Another convenience?

Not only have some of us become suspicious of these and other events associated with the King murder, but many are outright defiant towards the official conduct in this case. In a television poll conducted on my program on King's death, 70 percent initially did not believe that Ray acted alone.

Gene Johnson, the Deputy Chief Counsel for the Select Committee on Assassinations, however, reassured us that they found no evidence that there was a conspiracy. "We have not

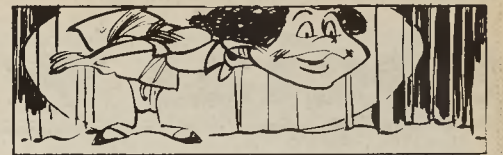
been able during the two years that we investigated the assassination, to come up with any corroborative evidence to support the conclusion that, in fact, there were co-conspirators."

However, Rev. Williams, who was at the Memphis Motel where Dr. King was shot, did not believe that Ray pulled the trigger. Williams said he was certain that Ray did not act alone and thought that "the investigation was a white-wash." Williams also contended that, although the investigation stated that Ray escaped from Memphis in a White Mustang, he firmly believed that Ray's car never left Memphis.

The allegation that a power struggle was going on inside SCLC and that certain members of the organization were guilty of misusing SCLC funds was also discussed. Atty. Johnson responded by stating that he and all of his distinguished colleagues, which included Chairman Stokes, gave the investigation everything they had and that there was no evidence to support the claim.

On the other hand, Rev. Williams again flatly stated that the investigations were not true; that he himself, a top official of the SCLC and a witness to the crime, was not thoroughly questioned. Williams said that he had information which he tried, repeatedly, to get to the authorities but was unsuccessful in his attempts.

After listening to Williams and Johnson and the opposing arguments, the audience was asked the same question again: "Do you believe James Earl Ray acted alone in the shooting of Martin Luther King?" This time, a commanding 83 percent answered "no" to the question.



Actress Rita Moreno made her stage debut at the age of seven, as a dancer in a nightclub.

NAOMI'S VIEW

Do you worry about going by, making old and older - you've realized, a person old, as long as you develop new interests that were established at an early period of his life. Activities and imagination will not forget about the



Naomi C. McLean

activities, although contrary to general opinion, provide opportunities for everyone. It is true that we cannot produce music or compose it, but there are other forms of expression pertaining to creation of an individual. Many people think they need skill to derive pleasure from the point of activity. Many may feel unless they own expensive equipment may not produce the best product. This attitude, of course, is understandable, but not true. Many times an inexpensive camera turns out better than another with high-priced equipment.

It could be your painting may not be hung in a museum or exhibition hall, or sold, or even hung in your own home. Your beautiful gladiolus may not win a prize at a show, that does not matter. The capacity to enjoy something actively rather than to enjoy someone else's accomplishment is the objective of a creative activity.

Engaging constantly on your creative imagination will develop creative activities. The interest and idea is imagination combined with initiative points will solve the situation. Keep your interests up, your mind occupied, you will get the rolling years, and be thankful you lived to enjoy them. An intelligent salesman knows the value of interest. Be on the alert to discern some aspect of behavior conveys to him that his client's interest has been aroused. If this aroused interest can be sustained, it is a sale. The sale will be made. Such is true concerning lives. Aroused interests, new ideas are partially an investment for longer lives. So many people day by day, sit and let their lives away, making themselves sick, when they could be used in a creative way. If you happen to be guilty of such, change the pattern, and soon, you will be well.

You & the Law

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At The Sale And Later

Second of Two Parts

When you buy something on credit, when you sign the contract, be sure to get a copy for yourself. Then keep it in a safe place. This will save you a lot of time and trouble if you ever have to consult an attorney.

Defective Merchandise

When you buy a product and then discover that it is not the quality or quantity that the seller promised, the law gives you the right to reject or refuse to accept the product. If you have a good reason for rejecting or refusing to accept the product, then you can get back any payments that were made to the seller. But if you are going to reject a product, do it right away. The longer you wait, the harder it will be to get your money back. You must be careful to explain to the seller the exact reason why you will not accept the product - that is, something wrong with the product. The best way to do this is to write the seller a letter. Send it by registered mail. Keep a copy of the letter for yourself. Do not give the product back to the seller until he returns your money. Put the product away in a safe place and do not use it at all. If you use the product you will not be able to get your money back. If the seller still refuses to return your payment, contact a lawyer.

Important

When you buy a product on credit you will sign a contract in which you promise to pay by monthly installments. The seller can turn around and sell his right to your payments to someone else, usually a big company. This is called assigning the contract. When your contract has been assigned, the company who gets it must give you written notice of what has happened. From the time you receive this notice, the law gives you thirty days to notify the new company that the product is defective. If you do so, then you may still be able to get your money back. To get the defective product and receive your money back, you should give the notice by a registered letter to the new company. After that thirty day period has passed, your rights change. From then on you must make your payments even if something is wrong. To get satisfaction for what's wrong, you can only sue with the original seller, the one you bought the product from. This is why it is so important to give notice of a defect right away. If you give notice to the original seller, and then later receive a notice that your product has been sold or assigned to another company, you have to give another notice within thirty days to the new company.



Cub Scouts Anthony Mitchell and Kerry Worthy deserve recognition for a job well done.

Scouts Stick It Out

Endurance for a good cause is what motivated Kerry Worthy and Anthony Mitchell in a peanut sale, sponsored by the Kimberly Park Terrace Housing Development last weekend.

The two scouts stood in

front of K-Mart Department Store and sold over \$50.00 worth of peanuts to help raise monies for the general treasurer of the housing development. The monies will be used to expand and improve the

scouting program at Kimberly Park and to help fund other youth organizations for the neighborhood.

Worthy is the son of Mrs. Alice Worthy, of 1421 Oak Street. Mitchell resides at 1427 Oak Street and is the son of Mrs. Robin Mitchell.

Honor Fraternity Elects Searcy

Mildred S. Searcy of 1313 Argonne Blvd., has been elected to Delta Pi Epsilon honor fraternity at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The fraternity honors graduate students in the field of Business Education who have achieved a high scholastic average.

Ms. Searcy is currently working on her masters of Business and Distributive



Mildred Searcy Education at UNC-G.

Eikner Promoted Vice President

Barbara Lee Eikner, Columbia, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Bankers Trust. She manages the bank's Eau Claire office.

Eikner was graduated with honors from C.A. Johnson High School and the University of South Carolina. She has done post-graduate study at Appalachian State University.

Eikner joined the bank's management associate program in March, 1979. She was previously associated with a major North Carolina bank.

A past Toastmasters president, she is a member of



Barbara Eikner

the Bankers Educational Society.

Eikner is also a member of the National Association of Bank Women, the Columbia Urban League, and the National Council of Negro Women.

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On Sept. 17th, we're going to make headlines just for buying only Black newspapers that day. BOCA is asking all Black men and women to show their support for Black media by buying Black newspapers Sept. 17th.

It will be the first time there's ever been a nationwide show of support for Black media. And millions of people are expected to participate in this historic demonstration of Black unity.

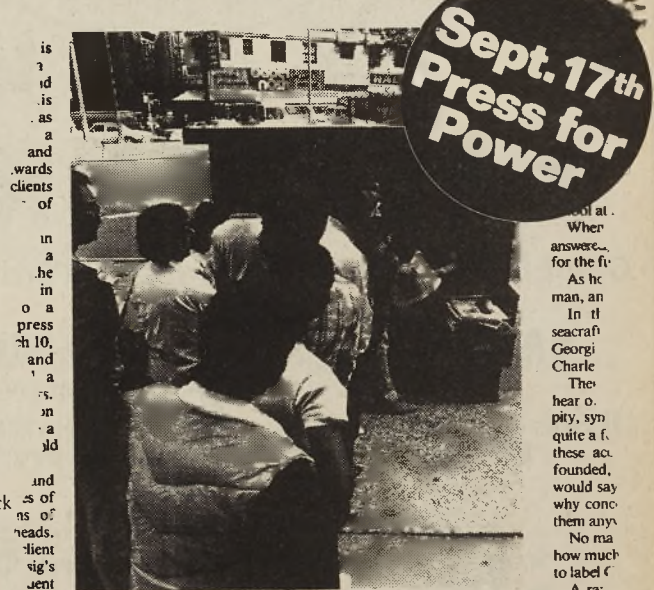
We urge you to be one of them. All you have to do is buy a Black newspaper Sept. 17th. You'll be joining in a massive vote of confidence for your Black media. And you'll be sending a message: that you care about Black newspapers. That you value them as a source of truth in the community.

And that you recognize the historical relationship between Black papers and Black freedom. (One of the very first Black businesses was a Black newspaper - The Freedom Journal - started in 1827 by an ex-slave, John Russworm.)

Just as important, you'll be a part of an opportunity - a chance for a grand scale demonstration of the consumer power that exists when millions of Black people work together. And that's something you can be proud of.

Just as White newspapers across America report news that reflects the interests of Whites, Black newspapers continue to struggle to present the news that reflects Black interests.

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