



JAMES EARL RAY JAILED

Sheriff William N. Morris is shown with Ray after he arrived in Memphis under tight security after he was arrested in London June 8. Ray is handcuffed and wearing a bullet proof apron.

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SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS:

The enclosed picture - published in the Press Scimitar of Monday edition, is one like that was published in the newspapers some time in the past. It gave me a feeling ~~xxxxxx~~ of uttermost disgust, at your part of this unfortunate man's predicament. I presume that you feel proud of your part of this. I have a feeling of great sorrow for this James Earl Ray. What prompted him to do that of which he has been accused. He, and he alone knows the true story of the part he took. He may have been a dupe, and he may not - he alone ~~xxxx~~ knows. I feel for him, at the future he has in front of him. And I hope and pray that he will find a loop hole, and it will be large enough for him to walk the highways and byways of Freedom again.

I think that you are very much like the 'GREAT CLAUDE ARMOUR' he and his angelic front, posing to be a great law man, and all the while - he was looking out for Mr. Claude, making sure that he retired, at a great big pension was coming to him, at the tax payers expense, and then being promoted to an assistant to the Governor of the State of Tennessee, at a very lucrative salary, something else the tax payers had to shell out.

I am an exservice man, and the Government does not hand me any large pensions, and also I am on Social Security - we on social security do not receive a large pension (or whatever it is called) The law makers some times decide to make our checks with bigger amounts, and you can be sure it is the minimum that they finally agree upon.

I could go on, and on! But it is a hard way of life to try to make ends meet, on what we are receiving. They could at least make some way to make out lot more easier.

Oh, yes they manage also to make a lot of noise - talking about our predicament, but they are very slow at doing something for our betterment.