—Stokes grills Ray

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As for other statements that ran contrary to his present testimony, Ray said, some were accidental mistakes, some were outright falsehoods and some were simply jokes that got reported as if they were spoken seriously.

"The truth is the statement I just gave you," Ray said after spending 90 minutes reading 38 pages of prepared testimony. "I don't know about those other statements."

Trying to determine what was supposed to be fact and what was fiction Rep. Stokes, the committee chairman, questioned Ray extensively on individual stories.

Ray said statements he made to author William Bradford Huie contained many falsehoods especially when he became convinced Huie was feeding material to the FBI.

An interview with CBS-TV newsman Dan Rather was "essentially the truth," he said, although may have contained some inaccuracies.

An example of one of his "jokes," Ray said, was the story he has told about how his mysterious companion "Raoul" ran out of the rooming house from which King was shot, jumped in Ray's car, pulled a white sheet over his head and ordered Ray to drive away.

Ray admitted Thursday he has given conflicting stories to house investigators, but said these "small errors" do not dispute his denial that he shot Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray said the initial testimony he gave to committee staff members at Brushy Mountain Prison in Tennessee was not based on a thorough review of the case.

"It was my intention to tell the truth," Ray said. "I wanted to be as factual as possible because of the problem of (my) credibility. There have been some small errors in details. Some confusion in dates."

Under intensive questioning by Rep. Stokes, Ray said he had told two stories about how Raoul, inspected and approved the King murder weapon when it was purchased in Birmingham, Ala., several days before the killing.

Ray told investigators in Tennessee that he returned the first rifle to a sporting goods store and bought a second one which Raoul inspected. But in his initial testimony, Ray said Raoul inspected the first rifle, but never approved the second one.

"Where I had the problem was that I thought I had purchased the second rifle the same day as the first," he said. "When I saw government documents that I bought the second rifle the next day, I realized I had made an error."

Ray testified earlier he drove from Birmingham to Memphis, gave Raoul the rifle the day before King was shot and after that never saw the gun again.

The thrust of the panel's questioning Thursday was aimed at challenging Ray's credibility by spotlighting contradictions between what he is saying now, what he has said before and the evidence turned up by investigators.

A key issue was his whereabouts just prior to the assassination.

In a 38-page statement he typed out at Brushy Mountain, Tenn., State Penitentiary for his appearance in Washington, he said, "I did not return to Atlanta, Ga. after departing Birmingham, Ala., March 29, 1968 until April 5, 1968"—the day after King's murder.

In an interview some time ago with reporter Dan Rather, which was read aloud to Ray and the hushed hearing room, Ray volunteered it "would have been very damaging" if it could be shown that he intended to go to Atlanta just before the slaying.

Why did he say that? Rep. Stokes asked in a soft voice.

"I can't really explain why I told Dan Rather that," Ray said. "He was looking for details that he knew about and that I didn't."

The day's session—the first in which Ray endured sustained questioning—became a battle between him and Stokes, with frequent, loud objections from Lane, the assassination investigator who claims the murder was carried out with the complicity of the FBI.

Stokes, quietly addressing the witness as "Mr. Ray," established that in the days preceding the murder, Ray—for no apparent reason—went to Selma, Ala. the night after King had been there, then drove on to Atlanta on April 1, 1968.

"I'm sure I never returned to Atlanta," Ray said. "If I did, I'll just take responsibility for the King case right here on TV."

At that point, Stokes produced laundry and dry cleaning slips dated April 1, 1968 showing "Eric S. Galt"—one of Ray's aliases—had deposited a jacket, trousers, shirts and underwear with the Piedmont Laundry that day.

Stokes also produced a staff memo in which Jimmie Garner, proprietor of an Atlanta rooming house, said Ray had been there that Sunday, helped him repair a lock and paid him $10.50 for a week's lodging.

A second piece of evidence damaging to Ray's case was a change-of-address form he filed with the Los Angeles Post Office before leaving for a meeting in New Orleans with "Raoul."

The change of address card directed that his mail be forwarded to Atlanta. Ray expressed surprise and said he was "positive" he filed no such card.

In recanting his guilty plea, Ray's line of defense is that he went to Memphis to participate with the shadowy Raoul—a man whose true identity he says he does not know—in an illegal gun-selling caper.

He says that, at Raoul's instructions, he bought in Birmingham, Ala., the .30-06 high-powered rifle that proved to be King's murder weapon, took it to Memphis and turned it over to Raoul on April 3, the day before the assassination.

Stokes chided Ray for providing so little to help locate Raoul and support Ray's story. Ray said such evidence was in FBI files.

"This committee has reviewed every FBI document in this case and none lead to Raoul," Stokes said.

Ray gave precise details on some incidents to back up his story, but was hazy on others.

Some of his replies began:

"I don't think . . ."

"I'm really not certain . . ."

He was very precise, however, in arguing that the existence of his fingerprints on the murder weapon do not prove his guilt but rather suggest the opposite—that he, a professional criminal, would never have left such an obvious clue.

"I would have wiped my fingerprints off the rifle if I knew it was going to be used in a serious crime," he said.

—AFRO's expose

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"I want you to know that outrageous activity such as this will not be tolerated by our Administration.

"The chief of police has been instructed to take personal charge of a full-scale investigation to determine if the charges are true, and if they are, to find out exactly who is responsible.

"We expect swift, strong disciplinary action to eliminate this isolated incident and to prevent its occurrence ever again in this county."

Thursday afternoon, the public information division of the county police department refused to comment on the progress of the probe. A female employee who answered this reporter's inquiry would only say: "Mr. Jay Miller (he is the public relations officer), is out for today. You may call him tomorrow."

Pressed for details on the state of the investigation, the female who wouldn't give her name, consulted with their legal adviser and came back to report: "At this time the investigation is still continuing. And that is all about it."

Meanwhile, the world is waiting to know the identity of the two officers who originally told the youth and his friends about the "green card" as well as the mysterious regular officer behind the counter who typed out the card for young Copeland.

Copeland, a high school graduate, told the AFRO last week he and two other friends were jogging not far from his home one midnight in July when two officers in a marked police cruiser stopped them. He said the officers asked for an identification.

When they said they had none, the officers allegedly told them to go to the Woodlawn station to get "green cards" so they could walk the street.

Copeland said about three days later he went to the station for the "green card" but the sergeant behind the counter sent him away saying someone might be pulling the youth's leg. He said the officer told him there was no such thing as a "green card."

When he returned to the station a few days later, he met a regular officer who sat down and typed: "This card gives Derek R. Copeland b-m dod 2-26 right to walk the streets of Woodlawn."

County police officials explain the "green card" actually was an official form which officers use to record outstanding arrest warrants.

The green card affair has kicked off a rash of in-house investigations by the County Police Department, a force that only employs 10 black officers out of a total of 1,200.

Last May, the Justice Department filed a suit against the Venetoulis administration charging discrimination against blacks and women in hiring and promotion in county government jobs.

The suit which named Venetoulis, the seven-member County Council and other officials as defendants, charged that county officials have failed to recruit, hire, promote and evaluate blacks and women on equal basis with white men and used tests and other employment qualifications that have had adverse impact on blacks and women.

The suit alleged that the county violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the LEAA Act of 1968 and the Revenue Sharing Act of 1972 "by pursuing policies that discriminate against blacks and women."

Venetoulis replied by simply calling the suit "irresponsible."

The green card story was broken by AFRO staff writer Fred Hines and following publication the incident was reported by local daily media and the national networks as well.

Barry Serafin, CBS news, Washington, called the AFRO for the background Tuesday saying: "Whatever the outcome, you've got some good reporters on board."

—Teachers on welfare

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Dr. Crew told the AFRO the ruling is according to state law.

He said, "We are starting this year with 1,500 substitutes on the list. Some of them will be called. Some will not. Many of those on the list last year got off because they were not being paid enough. They get $18 a day for teaching less than five days and $22 a day for straight teaching five days or longer.

"We did ask for $25 a day in this year's budget but we did not get it.

"Actually, substitutes do not have a job. They are not regularly employed."

At this point Dr. Crew revealed some 447 teacher-level employees each received earlier this spring a letter stating their services would no longer be needed. The layoff was for budgetary reasons.

He states there are no further layoffs anticipated.

Both he and Del. Brailey said the record shows that paraprofessionals such as the substitute teachers are not eligible for any employee benefits at all much less state unemployment benefits.

To apply for public assistance, the person may go to the Department of Social Services, 1510 Guilford Ave.

Food stamp application information may be had by calling or going to 1500 Greenmount Ave., 234-2762.

The address of the Social Services Center nearest the applicant's home is listed on Page 90 of the telephone white pages. For all other information, call 234-2913. The Emergency Services Center is 234-2412 or after 6 p.m. and weekends, 235-5500.

—Wrenn

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getting his job back.

In a letter to Lee dated Aug. 13, Wrenn requested that the acting governor take action "as soon as possible" in ordering a hearing to study all the facts surrounding his dismissal and restoring him to his former position with "all the rights and privileges previously enjoyed."

Wrenn, who is presently administrator of the Anoka State Hospital in Anoka, Minn., vacated his job June 30 apparently over a salary dispute with G. Bruce McFadden, the hospital's director.

It was later learned however that Wrenn was fired July 11, 1977 the very same day Wrenn received a letter from McFadden rejecting a June 27, 1977 salary increase request.

The State NAACP officials in a meeting with Dr. John Toll, the university's new president, requested that Toll investigate the matter charging that the termination under pressure violated the institution's commitment to affirmative action.

Since the meeting with NAACP, university officials offered to meet with Wrenn expressing a willingness to discuss the matter.

But Wrenn refused pointing out he did not see where it could do any good.

"I got a letter from the chancellor of the university (Dr. Albin Kuhn) offering to meet with me but pointed out that he could find no basis for reconsideration of my termination."

—Stanback indicted

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Lt. Kearney said he could not by law give all the details.

When asked for the reaction of the husband to the murder indictment he replied: "He just keeps quiet. He won't say anything. If he would tell us what happened and where his wife's body is, it would certainly help us and relieve the family. Unfortunately. It is always the family that suffers."

Assistant State's Attorney Leslie Stein who refused to detail the facts of the Stanback case said, "Usually in order to convict a person of a crime, you must prove corpus delecti (the body of the crime). You don't have to have the body as long as you can provide evidence."

Stein stated a defendant may confess to a crime or relatives and friends can prove they have not seen the person. "It can be a very difficult case and defendants have been convicted in other jurisdictions for the crime of murder where a body was never produced.

Lt. Kearney recalled the case of a man who was found guilty and is serving time for the murder of a child. He said the body has never been produced. The body was placed in a sewer and floated away and has never been located. Nevertheless the man is confined to prison for murder.

The case of Mrs. Shirley Parker, whose body was found in the Druid Hill Lake fountain, is still open and no one has been charged. Police reports show the body was so badly decomposed no determination could be made that she was murdered.

Stanback did not have a preliminary hearing. The case went straight to the grand jury, Aug. 14, the same day the indictment was handed down.

Up until the Aug. 14 indictment and revelation of police investigators that they had enough evidence to prove Mrs. Stanback dead, the matron's family still held hope she was alive somewhere.

Stanback was arrested July 14 on U.S. 29 near Rte. 108 where he ran out of gas driving his wife's 1971 Buick.

The couple had been married seven years and separated three years. Stanback, a 37-year-old paraplegic, resided in the 400 block Aisquith St. Mrs. Stanback lived with her father and was member of a highly respected family, longtime residents of Arbutus.

Police reports show in addition to the blood stained car they discovered in the trunk her white purse, identification cards, a canvas shoulder bag and a red leather wallet containing $20.

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Photo by Steve Miller

100 workers suspended for walkout

(UPI) — The Bethlehem Steel Corp. suspended 100 workers from its Sparrows Point shipyard for five days for allegedly participating in a walkout three weeks ago, a company spokesman said.

Spokesman Hamilton Whitman said 75 workers were suspended Tuesday and another 25 Wednesday for participating in a July 28 walkout that stemmed from the firing of a shop steward, who was later reinstated and placed on a six month probation.

"The action taken with respect to those employers who participated in the illegal walkout July 28 is in keeping with yard policy," a company statement said.

The suspension notices issued to 100 welders were five days.

A spokesman for Local 33 of the industrial union of marine and shipbuilding workers said the employees left because it was raining that day.

Several of the workers denied that they were involved in the walkout and told a union grievance committee that the firm used "gestapo tactics to harass employees."

The shipyard employees said they were questioned during a three day period by Bethlehem attorneys and officials.

"They wanted to know where I went after I left work (July 28), whether I went to the union hall or not," said "there was never any walkout."

"It was raining that particular day and we can't be doing any welding because of possible shocks from the equipment," he said.

However, the National Weather Service said no precipitation was registered in Baltimore on July 28.

Walter Bennett, another suspended welder, charged the firm with "stabbing workers in the back."

"We are [illegible] citizens," he said. "Most of us come to work every day."

John Harmon, union secretary, said the union will file grievances against the company.

Burch plans to retire

By Peter Vandevanter

UPI — Francis Burch has decided that, at 59, it is time to enjoy some of life's pleasures.

So, at the end of his third term as state attorney general in January, Burch will retire from politics.

"I plan to go back to private law practice, make a few business deals and generally enjoy some of the nice things in life," Burch said. "Since I decided to drop out of the race for governor three weeks ago, I think I've spent more time with my family than during the past 12 years as attorney general."

Burch also took the occasion to endorse Acting Gov. Blair Lee III in the Democratic primary for governor.

Citing Lee as the candidate "who is most consistent with my own ideas of how to run the state," Burch chose him over Theodore Venetoulis, Walter Orlinsky and Harry Hughes.

Burch said Venetoulis "made overtones" about an endorsement, but Burch said he does not feel the Baltimore County executive has enough experience for the job.

"The polls show that Baltimore County residents have not been ecstatic over the way he has done the job," he said. "If he is not respected in his own home, then he probably does not have the experience to be governor."

Appointed to new 10 man commission

Young sees Chesapeake Bay important to black watermen

• The only black member of a new 10-person legislative commission to manage the problems of the Chesapeake Bay says the future of the bay has serious implications for blacks in the area.

"Although I am an inner city resident," said Del. Larry Young, of Baltimore city's 38th legislative district, "I recognize the vital importance the Chesapeake Bay has for the rural black person."

The bay has numerous job opportunities for rural blacks in general and black watermen in particular and while I'm on the commission I'm going to see they are protected."

Young was appointed to the Joint Maryland Virginia Legislative Advisory Commission this week by Steny Hoyer, president of the Senate and John Hanson Briscoe, speaker of the House.

According to the legislators the commission would not so much attack specific problems of the Bay as to develop "a framework for solving problems."

The commission's duties would be:

— Review current state and federal roles within the bay region and try to ascertain the public interest in appropriate management and coordination.

— Examine alternative proposals to govern by management and coordination.

— Compare and review present law in the Maryland and Virginia concerning the bay.

Other members on the commission include Dr. L. Eugene Cronin, chairman; Sens. Peter Bozick, Prince Georges County, Frederick Malkus, Lower Shore and James Simpson, of Charles - St. Marys County; Dels. Catherin I. Riley of Harford County and Elizabeth Smith of Ann Arundel; Merilyn Reeves of the League of Women Voters; A. F. Cherney, assistant vice president of Bethlehem Steel's marine division and James Coulter, secretary of natural resources, appointed by acting Gov. Blair Lee III.

Del. Larry Young

Woman found guilty of welfare fraud

An unemployed mother of a 9-year-old boy has been convicted in Wicomico County Circuit Court on 13 counts of perjury, false pretenses and welfare fraud.

Bernice Collins, 37, was convicted of fraudulently obtaining more than $10,000 in public assistance payments, food stamps and medical aid from April 1973 to October 1977.

The jury ruled Tuesday that Mrs. Collins falsely stated on her welfare application that the father of her son did not live with her. Mrs. Collins could be sentenced to a maximum of 115 years in prison on the charges.

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