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umps to \$1-a-gallon gasoline, said terbert Hugo, senior editor of

att's Oilgram social tru The energy analyst said many re-meries have been forced to close enuse of a petroleum shortage. om fact be war o be an inv and American driving habits are

chind the shortage, he said. ciety, but The Northwest Petroleum As-

tion reported six of the nation's ineries are closed and those perating are producing only 155,000 barrels per day. That is 19,500 barrels short of the normal ly need.

So there is a shortage," an NPA man said, "and it is predicted the next 10 days.

Some refiners have reported y are experiencing some eeze," a Department of Energy sman confirmed.

"But it is premature to predict what will happen," he cautioned. "All of a sudden, everybody gets

out on the highway again and starts driving like there's no energy crisis," Hugo said. "We motorists have been out on the highway burn-

"Big cars are still selling big. If you drive an old clunker that uses leaded regular, you're okay. There is no shortage of leaded regular. The shortage has developed in no-lead.

Nobody's going to have to stand in line, but there will be spot shortages. There will be no recurr-ence whatsoever of the nightmares

of 1973." Hugo suggested motorists keep their tanks at least half filled at all times, and buy gas during normal in energy policy." working hours. He added the strike of Iran's oil-

may hike prices at the pump.

"We will be experiencing spot shortages and distribution problems for the next week or two," spokes-woman Dixie Diehl said. "If motorists will cut down on driving - not drive any more than neces-sary — it will help the supply situaing it up on record rates. Then you have to expect prices to go up a little gasoline for farmers and industry. The refineries that are open are

operating at full capacity. But there The Energy Department hopes to

push oil pricing controls through Congress when it convenes in January to help limit gasoline con-sumption, the department spokesman said

"In July we consumed a record 8 million barrels a day," the DOE spokesman said. "That is a number that greatly disturbs anyone who is

Working hours. He added the strike or trains on-He declined to predict how much fields "adds another dimension to of an increase in gasoline prices motorists could expect. A Minnesota Energy Agency offi-cial also warned the shortage of oil

comes from Iran

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## King death theory rebutted

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"Cointelpro."

King arrived.

fore King was shot.

United Press International WASHINGTON — The House Issassinations Committee is trying revaluate a widely publicized teory that Memphis, Tenn., police ad the FBI joined in a conspiracy assassinate Dr. Martin Luther is as in 968 — The committee, which ques-tioned Ray earlier, announced it has no plans to take further testimony from him. Ray is now serving a 99-year sentence at a maximum secu-rity prison in Tennessee. — Finally, the Memphis police did not issue an "all-points bulletin" although it was known the suspect was fleeing in a white Mustang. Holloman would have a crucial ng in 1968

Frank Holloman, a key figure in conspiracy scenario as a former I official who was then heading e Memphis police department, mounced the idea in testimony iday as "slanderous" and "ludicr-

The committee will move its attion to other phases of the assastion episode in its remaining rings, but will focus on unanered questions about whether one helped James Earl Ray. y originally pleaded guilty to ng's murder but now denies he the triggerman.

Taken together, these unanred questions weave a sinister y," chief counsel G. Robert ry," chief counsel G. read to key said in a statement read to mittee before Holloman tes-

withdrawals were made at the re-quest of King aides, who did not want police surrounding the civil rights leader during his visit in con-Holloman would have a crucial place in any conspiracy involving the Memphis police and the FBI because he worked directly under nection with a sanitation workers' strike the late Director J. Edgar Hoover in The black detective was removed Washington before he became Memphis police and fire director.

from a surveillance post because police learned of a threat on his life, Holloman testified, and the failure Another part of the scenario hower made King a target of the to issue an all-points bulletin was an innocent mistake.

Holloman also said Hoover never confided in him; he was not aware Hoover had negative feelings to-ward King; and that in his long FBI career, he never heard of the FBI's Cointelpro activities.

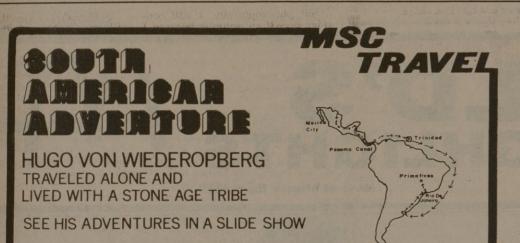
Other elements of the theory: —A security unit assigned to guard King was disbanded the day After his testimony, Holloman read a statement denouncing the conspiracy theory itself. conspiracy theory itself. "It is unbelievable to me that the FBI would even entertain such an

blocks away. —A black detective on surveil-lance duty was removed an hour beidea," Holloman said. "It is ludicrous and preposterous that I would be a party to such a thing either directly or indirectly.



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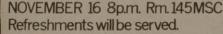
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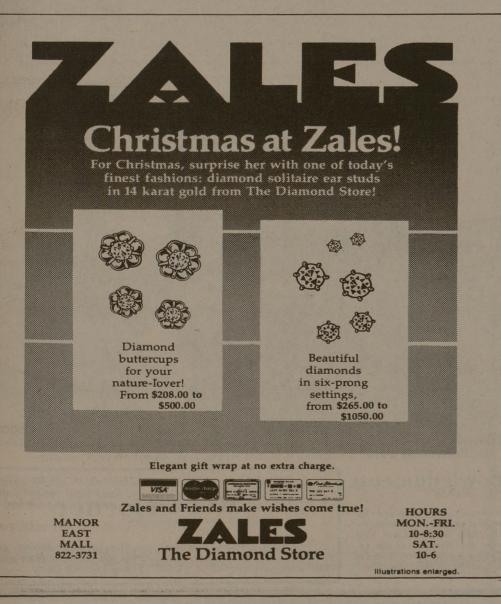


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