CIA Role Charged in King's Death

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 4 (UPI)—Black leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, in Memphis for a memorial march on the seventh anniversary of the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said today he believes the CIA and the FBI were involved in the assassination.

"James Earl Ray (the convicted assassin) said that he didn't act alone and I believe him," said Jackson, president of Operation PUSH (People united to Save Humanity). Ray is currently serving a 99-year sentence.

The FBI declined to comment tonight on Jackson's charges, and a CIA spokesman said of them, "Balderash."

About 2,000 persons took part in the King memorial march. They made their way through many of the same neighborhoods from which King drew his followers in his marching days, their voices raised in the anthem of the civil rights movement—"We Shall Overcome."

Jackson said he will ask Attorney General Edward H. Levi to reopen an investigation of the April 4, 1968, slaying.