

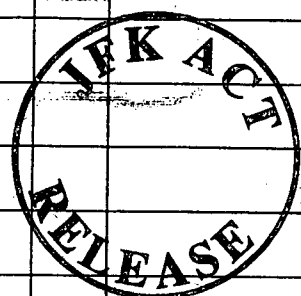
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**'LUCK OF DRAW'
PICKS JUDGE FOR
TRIAL OF RAY**
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —
Judge Preston Battle said
yesterday it was the luck of
the draw that selected him
as the judge to preside over
the trial of James Earl Ray.
Battle said the five Shelby
County Criminal Court
judges were each given a
number. The holder of the
highest number drawn was
selected to hear the case, he
said.
Ray, alleged slayer of Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr., is
expected to go on trial for
murder during the fall.



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