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Electrical Blaze Disrupts Power to Ray's Jail Cell

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—A minor electrical fire in the basement of the Shelby County jail yesterday knocked out the air conditioner and television monitor in the cell where James Earl Ray is awaiting trial on charges of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Power was restored to the third floor cellblock about 3½ hours later and authorities said Ray remained comfortable despite the lack of air conditioning in the suite of cells, which have little ventilation because thick steel shields were installed over the windows as a security precaution.

The blaze erupted as electrician Edward Bryeans, 22, was working on a panel. Bryeans, who suffered minor burns, said his wrench brushed a hot wire which cut off the electrical power to Ray's area.

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We are well aware that pre-trial publicity can undermine the working of law and that courts should try to prevent such miscarriages. However, despite its legitimate purposes, we believe that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle's order goes beyond the proper and considerable power of a judge to control pre-trial statements and as an unenforceable order undercuts the authority of the court.

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The exceptional nature of this case is evident to all, but courts, for very sound reasons, cannot do some of the things that they and most of us would like to see done. Judge Battle is correct to take all permissible steps to insure a fair trial and we join him in urging all parties, including lawyers and press, to use restraint in public statements. But the rights of one man do not completely overcome the free speech of others.

Judge Battle simply cannot go as far as his order indicates, and his pretending that he can is not in the best interest of upholding an effective but properly limited judiciary.

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CHARLES GUTMAN STEPHENS, WHO REPORTEDLY SAW MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ASSASSIN FLEE THE ROOMING HOUSE FROM WHICH THE FATAL SHOT WAS FIRED LAST APRIL 4, WAS ORDERED JAILED TODAY AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

SHELBY COUNTY ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE ASKED FOR THE WARRANT. STEPHENS, 46, OF MEMPHIS, WAS PLACED IN JAIL UNDER \$10,000 BOND.

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CANALE SAID NO MOVE HAS BEEN MADE TO HOLD TWO OTHER KEY WITNESSES, MRS. BESSIE BREWER, WHO OPERATED THE ROOMING HOUSE, OR WILLIE ANCHUTZ, ALSO A REPORTED WITNESS TO THE FLIGHT OF THE ASSASSIN.

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Jaunty And Confident Ray Enters Plea Of 'Not Guilty'

Suspect In King Slaying Admits Real Identity
For First Time At Arraignment;
Trial Is Set For Nov. 12

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Admitting to his real identity for the first time since his arrest in London June 8, James Earl Ray, accused in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., pleaded not guilty yesterday when arraigned before Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle. His trial was set for Nov. 12.

Ray walked into Judge Battle's courtroom on the second floor of the Criminal Courts Building with a confident, almost jaunty step. He sat mute as his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, pleaded him "not guilty."

Mr. Hanes made no objection to his client's indictment under the name of James Earl Ray. He later told reporters this was the defendant's real name. Ray had traveled to Portugal and England using a passport issued to "Ramon George Sneyd" and had insisted on using this name as late as a week ago.

With the defendant arraigned and the trial date set, Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale had Charles Quitman Stephens, 46, said to have seen Ray fleeing the room from which the fatal shot was fired, placed in jail under \$10,000 bond as a material witness.

"Rather than continue with voluntary protective custody, we decided we'd ask Judge Battle to issue a material witness warrant," Mr. Canale said.

Mr. Stephens was arrested June 16 in a condition described by officers as "staggering drunk." He was then placed under the chaperonage of officers who reportedly took him on a fishing trip and otherwise tried to keep him occupied.

Mr. Canale said no move has been made to hold two other key witnesses under material witness bonds.

Ray, the prosecution will contend, shot Dr. King with a deer rifle aimed from the second floor rear of 422½ South Main at his victim on the walkway of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry. That was a 6 p.m. April 4.

Ray was ushered into the courtroom by Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and two deputies, using a corridor leading directly from the jail to Judge Battle's courtroom. He was clean-shaven, his black hair neatly combed. He had what known as a "jailhouse" or "poker" tan, but was not unusually pale.

His eyes were bright and he seemed to enjoy thoroughly starring in the courtroom drama. He did not wear glasses, which he has worn in some photos seen in the press. Most of the 27 news media representatives in the courtroom showed difficulty distinguishing him from others who sat within the courtroom's chancel rail.

Although the script did not call for it, the entire courtroom rose spontaneously as Ray was ushered in.

Judge Battle entered the courtroom a moment later, at 9:57 a.m. Twelve minutes later the arraignment ended.

Mr. Hanes entered not guilty pleas to indictment 16-645, the murder charge, and indictment 16-189, the charge of "bearing a rifle with intent to go armed." The defense reserved the right to amend the pleading later, if it desires.

Mr. Canale told the court he and Mr. Hanes had agreed on Nov. 12 as the date to begin the trial, but Mr. Hanes reserved the right to ask an extension if he deems it necessary.

"We do not want the trial to conflict with the right of jurors to vote in the Nov. 5 election," Mr. Canale said. "We are agreed that the trial should not take more than six weeks." This would permit the trial to end before Christmas, it was noted.

Although Ray himself alleged neurotic symptoms when examined two years ago by a Missouri State Prison psychologist, his counsel yesterday did not ask for him to be examined by a psychologist or psychiatrist. From the Missouri prison Dr. Henry V. Guhlman Jr. reported, "There is no evidence of delusions, hallucinations or paranoid ideas... This is not psychotic in nature, but severely neurotic."

Mr. Hanes conferred briefly

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with Judge Battle and Mr. Canale after the arraignment and then spent an hour again talking to his client. He then met reporters. He said Ray was pleased with conditions in his airconditioned cell suite and found the food satisfactory — “better than that in Wandsworth Prison (London).”

The former ex-FBI agent and former mayor of Birmingham was vague when asked how trial expenses, including the fee for himself and his son, Arthur Jr., will be met. Informed by Judge Battle that Ray could have a transcript of this trial at state expense by pleading indigency, Mr. Hanes said, “Arrangements have been made for a transcript.”

This means the defense will pay shorthand stenographers to make a transcript, which could run to more than \$1,000, rather than accept a less prompt report made on phonograph records and transcribed by assistants to Criminal Court Clerk J. A. Blackwell.

Every person at the arraignment, from Judge Battle down, was searched from head to toe. Men were searched by sheriff's deputies, women by prison matrons. Photographic and voice identification of each visitor was taken on tape.



Arthur J. Hanes
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Arraignment Lasts Only 12 Minutes

**He's Calm, Silent
On First Trip
To Courtroom**

By ROY HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

James Earl Ray today pleaded not guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis last April 4 and his trial was set for Nov. 12 by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

The 40-year-old prisoner, wearing a dark blue suit with pin stripes and looking calm and composed, made his first courtroom appearance since he was spirited into Memphis under cover of darkness from London last Friday.

BRIEF HEARING

The arraignment lasted just 12 minutes and was announced to the press by the sheriff's office only about an hour before it was held.

Newsmen were subjected to a thorough security check, including being searched by deputies and video taped, before they were allowed in the courtroom.

Ray made no statement in court. His pleas to the charges against him — first degree murder and carrying a dangerous weapon — were

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entered by his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes Jr.

GUARDS

Ray was escorted into the courtroom at 9:56 a.m. by Sheriff William N. Morris Jr., chief jailer Harry Parker and an unidentified guard.

He took a seat at the counsel table between Hanes and Hanes' son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., who is assisting his father in Ray's defense.

At the senior Hanes' request, James A. Blackwell, Criminal Court clerk, read both indictments against Ray. After the murder indictment was read, Judge Battle informed Hanes that he could reserve a plea at this time. Hanes, however, said he would enter a plea so long as he would not be waiving his right to make motions later on. Judge Battle assured the lawyer that he would not be giving up any such right.

To both indictments Hanes said:

"The defendant wishes to enter a plea of not guilty."

Judge Battle then asked if the defense was in a position to state when it would be ready for trial.

"We want to give you adequate time," said Battle.

At this point Atty. Gen. Phil Canale arose and said he and Hanes had already discussed the matter and Nov. 12 was acceptable to both sides.

Nov. 12 is on a Tuesday. Canale pointed out that Nov. 11 is Armed Forces day and courts are not in session. Canale also indicated they had considered starting earlier in November but Nov. 1 is election day and jurors might not get to vote.

"We don't want to take anybody's voting privileges away from them," said Canale.

TIME ESTIMATE

Battle then asked if both sides felt they could finish the trial in six weeks, so the trial would not interfere with Christmas holidays for jurors.

Canale and Hanes both replied they thought six weeks would be sufficient.

The hearing ended at 10:08 a.m. When court adjourned Hanes spoke briefly to Ray and patted him on the back. Ray said something in reply but his words could not be overheard.

Hanes made no effort to have a bond set for Ray. Under Tennessee law it's within the judge's discretion to set a bond for defendants charged with first-degree murder or other capital offenses. However, Ray's chance of getting out on bond are considered remote.

SPECULATION

The hearing was attended by about 50 press representatives who were assembled in the courtroom before Ray was escorted in. The fact that the arraignment was held in Judge Battle's courtroom gave rise to speculation that the trial would also be held there, although no official announcement was made.

The courtroom, about 40 feet wide and 68 feet long, is on the second floor of the Criminal Courts Building. The jail is on the top three floors of the building. Ray entered from a door in the back of the courtroom.

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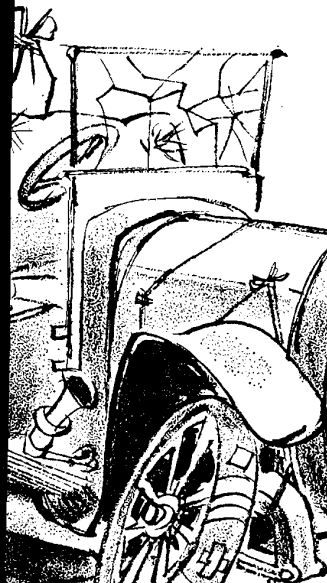
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AT THIS POINT there is not much the
Czechs can do. If the Russians want a provoca-
tion, they know how to arrange one.

In addition, they have staked their prestige
in the Communist world on getting Dubcek to
change his liberal course. It will be very diffi-
cult for the Kremlin to back down if the Czechs
refuse to bow.

A calm and skillful man, Dubcek may yet
get off the spot, and the Russian troops may
well leave his country. But they will never be
far away, and it will be a long time before the
freedom-loving Czechs will feel safe among
their suspicious and hostile friends.

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ert K. Dwyer, his executive assistant attorney general, and Lloyd Rhodes, his administrative assistant.

LATE START

Newsmen had been informed the hearing would begin at 9:30. When the proceedings didn't get under way then, the senior Hanes walked back to the spectator section and commented to newsmen: "I don't know whether the court would entertain a motion for a default judgment."

Others in the courtroom included sheriff's deputies, other members of Canale's staff, Squire Oscar Edmonds and Robert Jensen, special agent in charge of the Memphis FBI office.

Canale went through the formality of introducing himself, his two assistants and the Haneses to Judge Battle when the hearing opened. He explained that James Beasley, an assistant attorney general who will help in the prosecution, was not present because he was out of town on vacation.

To get to the courtroom newsmen were required to sign in on the first floor of the adjoining Shelby County Office Building. A press room was set up in the grand jury room on the second floor. From there they were taken into restrooms where deputies were standing by to check the contents of their pockets and to "pat them down." (There were male deputies for men and female

deputies for women reporters.)

JUDGE, TOO

After these searches the newsmen were marched around a hallway to another desk where they were issued identification cards specially printed for the Ray trial. Then they were placed in front of a videotape machine, which filmed them and recorded their voices giving name, address and occupation. The machine was set up in the passageway connecting the Shelby County Office Building with the Criminal Courts Building. From there they were escorted into the courtroom.

Sheriff Morris said everyone entering the courtroom was subjected to the same rigorous routine, "including the judge."

Up early for a quick swim before beginning the day's activities, Hanes said he would talk with Judge Battle. He said he was still interested in easing the restrictive trial measures set up by Judge Battle.

NO 'GIMMICKS'

He said he wants no "gimmicks" in the courtroom in which Ray will be tried. He said by gimmicks, he meant bodyguards and bullet proof clothing such as Ray was wearing when he was brought to the Shelby County jail.

Hanes talked with his client yesterday in his air-conditioned jail cell complex for two hours and 15 minutes. He said Ray was "in good health and has no complaints whatsoever. He reads newspapers and magazines. Some of the publicity disturbs him, such as stories hinting at bank robberies and dope addiction. Why, he doesn't even smoke."

Accompanied by his son, Hanes visited the Lorraine Motel where King was shot and the rooming house where the assassin was supposed to have stayed the day King was shot.

GOING TO MOSCOW TO

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outwardly calm but nervous is waiting for Russia to decide: whether to intervene against "liberal Communism" here.

While there is no certainty the Kremlin will attack, the danger is great enough for Prague radio to discuss the possibility openly.

Well-informed foreign diplomats do not predict a military move by the Russians, but neither do they rule one out.

Alexander Dubcek, the reform-minded young Communist Party leader, is maneuvering desperately to avoid meeting a crisis. It is that he bring the Politburo to the Soviet Union to discuss Czechoslovakia's heresies. He says that if the entire party in Russia, they would be some-thing would be to arrange to get rid of the reactionary communists, many units still in this coun-

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DUBCEK POSITION to refuse to bow to Moscow bosses, but is trying to keep Czechoslovakia, where his life would be safer.

He is worried about such a crisis taking place. They say five years are not firm "reformers" under Russian pressure, but are still in the hands of their old colleagues. The fear is that they will form a rump regime, and ask the Soviet army to help them.

Hard-line allies—Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria—have warned Dubcek "communists" and "healthy

against military intervention. The meeting met in Warsaw last week, after accusing the Czechs of "betraying the Communist book. The Prague regime was permitting the Czechs to wage "counter-revolution" to wrench Czechoslovakia

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Five nations claimed the right to intervene, to prevent such a development. They allege they see moves to "reform" here, that is hardly likely to succeed, lifelong Communist. They say the freedoms Dubcek is trying to blend with the old system has been abolished

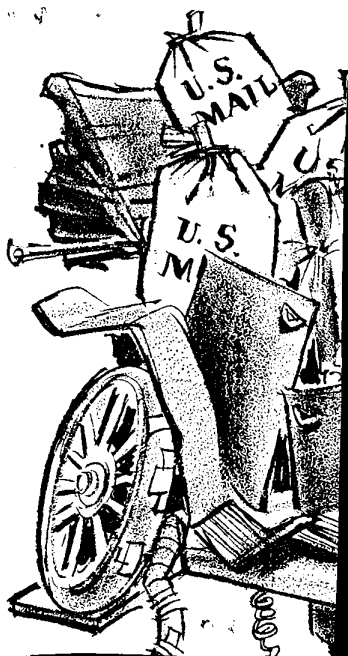
THE REPLY TOOK COURAGE, thousands of Soviet troops still in Czechoslovakia. The Czechs were forced to let them stay ostensibly for Warsaw Pact maneuvers. Russians were supposed to go by now, but they are taking unbelievably long in leaving.

At best, the Soviet troops are here to put pressure on the Czech regime to see the situation the Kremlin way. At worst, they are the first wave of a Russian-blockade to take over this small nation.

With Russian armies to the north in Czechoslovakia in East Germany and Poland, and in the Soviet Union itself, and in Hungary, there is not the slightest chance this country could defend itself successfully.

This hopeless position was what Prague radio had in mind when it said today: "We want to be martyrs."

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—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo by Jim Reid

ON WAY TO ARRAIGNMENT

Arthur Hanes, right, former mayor of Birmingham and now the attorney representing James Earl Ray, walked briskly today toward the Criminal Courts Building where Ray's arraignment was held. At left is Arthur Hanes Jr., who is assisting his father in the defense. An unidentified deputy is behind the two.

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wife of singer **Vic Damone**. **Judy Damone**
gave birth in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in
Hollywood to a baby weighing 7 pounds 8
ounces, who was named **Daniella**.

Yale Librarian Dies

Former Yale University librarian **James
T. Babb** died Sunday after suffering a heart
attack at his home in Hamden, a New Ha-
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the university librarian from 1945 until his
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New Orleans	17	3.8	—0.7

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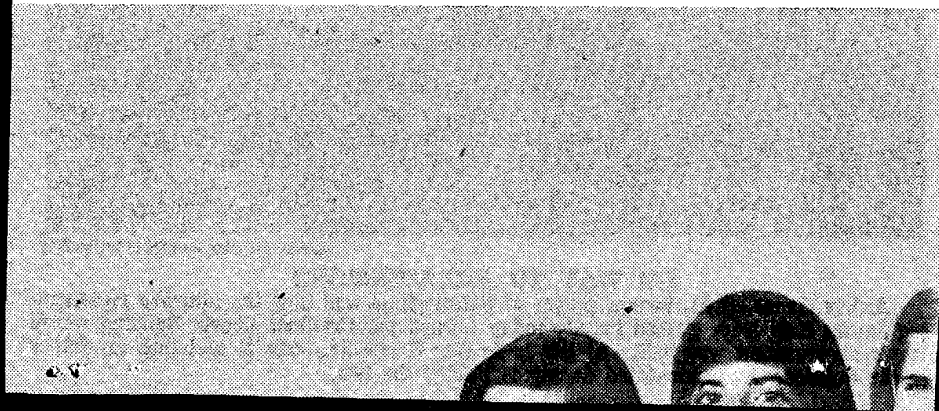
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Ray's Attorney Says He Took Gun Into Jail

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 29 (UPI)—Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, said today he carried a gun to the Memphis Jail during one of his trips to visit his client last week.

Hanes said he made no attempt to conceal the weapon and voluntarily turned it over to sheriff's deputies before entering Ray's cell at the Shelby County Jail. He said he carried the gun for "protection."

A source at the jail said after it was learned Hanes had the gun it "shook the whole place up."

Hanes said in a news conference Saturday he felt the sniper slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here April 4, the crime of which Ray is accused, was part of a "giant left-wing conspiracy" which had placed Hanes' life in jeopardy because of his connection with Ray.

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Ray Judge Names Panel on Publicity Ban Effectiveness

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —A panel of eight lawyers has been named by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to study "possible violation" of his court order on publicity in the James Earl Ray case.

Battle, who will try Ray on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., would not say what prompted his naming the committee yesterday.

He acted a day after Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., Ray's chief defense attorney, held a news conference to say Ray is the victim of a Communist plot. Hanes also charged Saturday that his client's rights are being violated by an around-the-clock television security watch.

Battle said the committee of lawyers met yesterday and could have a report as early as today.

Battle has issued an order prohibiting interviews with principals in the case and statements that would be "prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

Ray's trial is scheduled to start Nov. 12.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)--PHIL M. CANALE JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR SHELBY COUNTY, IN WHICH MEMPHIS IS LOCATED, HAS NOT PERSONALLY PROSECUTED A CASE IN SEVEN YEARS. BUT HE INTENDS TO BE IN COURT AS PROSECUTOR WHEN JAMES EARL RAY COMES TO TRIAL IN NOVEMBER, ACCUSED OF THE APRIL 4 MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS THE TYPE OF CASE THAT, BEING THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, I SHOULD HANDLE MYSELF," SAID CANALE.

CANALE, 51, A COMBLYFAINED NATIVE OF DENVER, LAST PROSECUTED A CASE IN 1961, WHEN HE WON A CONVICTION AGAINST FREDRICK GREEN, AN 18-YEAR-OLD NEGRO GROCERY CLERK SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR STRANGING A 12-YEAR-OLD WHITE GIRL 32 TIMES AND KILLING HER AS SHE FOUGHT HIS RAPE ATTEMPT. GREEN'S SENTENCE LATER WAS COMMUTED TO 99 YEARS.

FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS CANALE HAS SLID FROM THE COURTROOM, MANAGING HIS STAFF OF ABOUT 20 ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS AND LITIGATING ACTUALLY HANDLING THE CASES IN COURT. CANALE HAS SUPERVISED THE PROSECUTION OF MORE THAN 40,000 CASES AND HIS STAFF CLAIM A CONVICTION RECORD OF NEARLY 92 PER CENT.

CANALE HAS TWO CLOSE AIDES AS HIS PARTNERS IN THE PROSECUTION OF RAY--DEPUTY ASSISTANT ROBERT K. "BOBBY" OWYER AND ASSISTANT JAMES C. FRASER.

OWYER, 40, IS A FORMER GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING CHAMPION AND SKIRMISHES THAT MOST TITTY COURTROOM SPEECHES HAVE BEEN NOT A FEW PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS TO MAKE THEIR OWN CLOSING STATEMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T HAD ANYER GOING BACK ON "CUTTAL."

FRASER, 30, A BORN-SHARING TECHNICIAN, IS AN EXPERT IN RESEARCH. CANALE, 51, COLLECTS AND SHOWS A RESPECTABLE 50 AT COLONIAL COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE HE AND LIVES IN A TWO-STORY ENGLISH MANOR HOME IN EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. RAY, 37, REFUSES COMMENT ON ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RAY TRIAL NOV. 10.

"I COULDN'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT," HE SAID WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD SAY THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE CASE. HE DID SAY HE IS A PROponent OF CAPITAL CRIMINALITY AND THE CASES WHERE WE THINK THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE IS APPLICABLE, WE WILL SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY."

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CANALE, POLICE DIRECTOR FRANK HOLLIMAN AND SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS GAVE UP GUIDELINES ON PRESS COVERAGE OF CRIMINAL TRIALS AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. AND HE SAID THEY WERE ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE RAY TRIAL BY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE PRESTON TATTLE, WHO WILL PRESIDE.

"IT'S THE OLD STRUGGLE BETWEEN A FAIR TRIAL AND A FREE PRESS," CANALE SAID, ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN HIS WELL APPOINTED OFFICE IN THE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WHICH ADJOINS THE JAIL WHERE RAY IS BEING KEPT UNTIL THE TRIAL. "WE TRY TO PRESERVE BOTH WITHOUT IMPAIRING EITHER."

THE PROSECUTOR SAID THIS POLICY WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STRICT "NO COMMENT" POLICY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WERE SOON AFTER KING WAS SLAIN APRIL 4.

"IT WAS RE-EMPHASIZED AFTER THE KING SLAYING TO RAY STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE GUIDELINES," HE SAID.

THE REVERSAL OF SOME CASES BY THE COURTS HAD DICTATED THAT WE BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT COMMENTS ARE MADE BEFORE A PERSON COMES TO TRIAL.

CANALE SAID HE PERSONALLY FEELS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS A DETERRENT TO CRIME.

EVIDENTLY THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE WANT TO RETAIN IT BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURE HAS DEFEATED ATTEMPTS TO REPEAL IT ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS," HE SAID.

CANALE SAID HE DID NOT THINK FACTORS IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS CONTRIBUTED TO KING'S DEATH--"HIS KILLER JUST HAPPENED TO PENETRATE THE CRIME HERE."

CANALE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CRIME APPEARED TO BE ON AN INCREASE IN MEMPHIS AS ELSEWHERE IN THE NATION.

"IT HAS BEEN INCREASING ALONG WITH THE POPULATION INCREASE," HE SAID. "I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT ELEMENTS WHICH PRODUCE A DISRESPECT FOR LAW AND AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTE TO A CRIME INCREASE."

"I THINK THE PRIMARY THING IS THE ATTITUDE OF SOME COURTS IN DEALING ON TECHNICALITIES IN TURNING CRIMINALS LOOSE. I THINK THAT HAS MORE TO DO WITH IT THAN ANYTHING."

"I THINK IT WILL SWING BACK BUT I WOULDN'T WANT IT TO SWING ALL THE WAY BACK," HE SAID. "BECAUSE SOME OF THE COURT DECISIONS ARE BASICALLY SOUND."

HE EMPHASIZED HIS CERTAINTY THAT RAY--BEING HELD UNDER UNPRECEDENTED JAIL SECURITY SINCE HIS DETENTION FROM LONDON EARLIER THIS MONTH, WILL RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL IN MEMPHIS AND ADDED, "I DON'T THINK HE COULD GET A FAIRER TRIAL ANYWHERE ELSE."

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MEMPHIS, TENN. --ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES, REPRESENTING THE ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES "A GIANT CONSPIRACY" WAS INVOLVED IN KING'S SHOOTING DEATH APRIL 4.

SPEAKING WITH NEWS MEN AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY BEFORE HE BOARDED A PLANE TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., HANES RECALLED THAT SHORTLY AFTER KING WAS SHOT, U.S. ATTY. GEN. Ramsey Clark WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY.

"BUT GENTLEMEN," DECLARED THE FORMER BIRMINGHAM MAYOR, "I AM HERE TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IN MY JUDGMENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS 100 PER CENT WRONG. THIS IS A GIANT CONSPIRACY."

HANES DID NOT ELABORATE. HE FLEW HERE FRIDAY FOR A CONFERENCE WITH JAMES EARL RAY IN RAY'S THIRD FLOOR CELL AT THE STALDY COUNTY JAIL. THE ATTORNEY SAID HE MIGHT RETURN NEXT WEEK, "AS SOON AS I GET SOME MOTIONS FILED."

HANES HAD HARSH WORDS FOR THOSE WHO, HE SAID, HAVE THREATENED HIS LIFE AND THE LIVES OF HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS.

"THERE IS NO ONE GOING TO CHASE ME OUT OF MY HOUSE," HANES SAID. "MY RIGHTS ARE INVIOLENT. IF THEY COME ON MY PROPERTY THEY ARE TRESPASSING AND THEY ARE GONE."

"MY BACK IS OUT ON THIS ONE," HANES SAID. "WE ARE PLAYING IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES."

HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE ALLEGED THREATS AND SAID HE HAD NOT SOUGHT PROTECTION.

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Wife's Life Threatened, Says Hanes

Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, said yesterday that threats have been made against the life of his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Bernhard Hanes.

"I've not asked for a guard to be stationed at my home (in Birmingham) but will if the threats get worse," Mr. Hanes said. The threats have come by telephone, he said.

To get him through Birmingham-Southern College, a Methodist institution, his wife worked as a legal secretary at \$8 a week while he earned \$10 a week setting up pins in a bowling alley, Mr. Hanes recalled. "She was my sweetheart from high school days."

Besides an AB from Birmingham-Southern, Mr. Hanes got a law degree at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. That was after he had put in three years as a PT skipper in the Southwest Pacific in World War II and had the benefit of the GI bill.

"Nothing extraordinary in my career," Mr. Hanes said. "I had to make my way like a lot of other people do."

"My father was a Method-



Mrs. Arthur J. Hanes
—AP Wirephoto

ist minister, a member of the North Alabama Conference for 50 years. He was a great evangelist."

The monetary rewards were modest and young Hanes had to teach and coach in a rural Shelby County (Alabama), school near Birmingham, before enrolling in college. The salary was \$85 a month for meeting classes six hours a day and coaching baseball, basketball and football.

Mr. Hanes next joined the

United States Border Patrol at El Paso trying to discourage "wetbacks." After two years he enlisted in the Navy.

"My little wooden boat carried McArthur in one of his island leaps off New Guinea, but I was not on it at the time."

Mr. Hanes is 51 and feels his career as a lawyer has been a success, financially and politically. He served as mayor of Birmingham only about a year of an elected term before being ousted when the voters approved a new charter. That only confirmed his position as a leader of Birmingham's pronounced conservatives.

Mr. Hanes is assisted in the Ray case by his son Arthur Hanes Jr. The son was graduated from Princeton and took a law degree at Tuscaloosa.

Will the Birmingham father-son team retain a Memphis attorney to aid them in Ray's defense?

"Too many cooks spoil the broth," says the elder Hanes. "Maybe later after I talk to my client some more."

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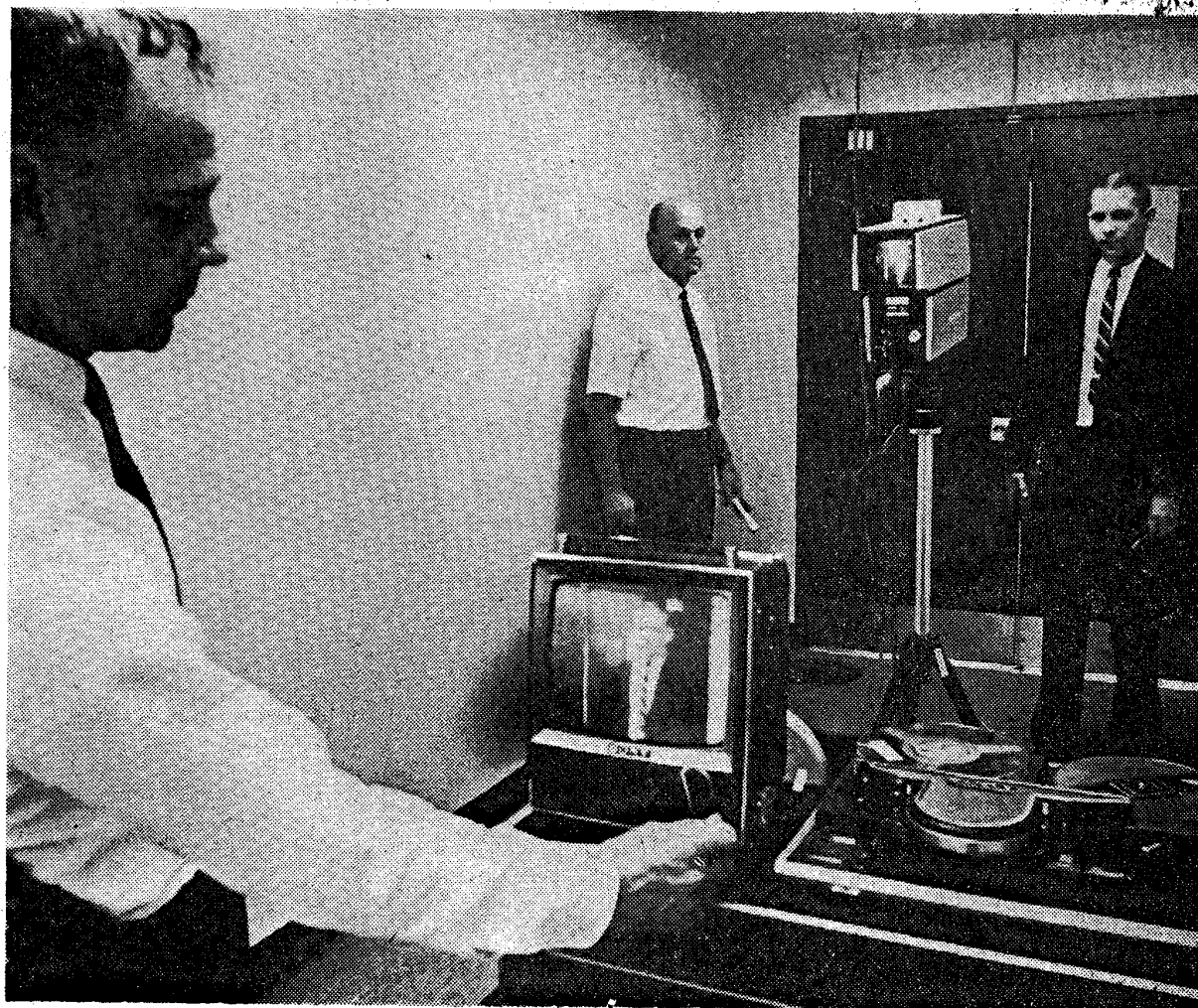
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TRIAL SECURITY — Video-audio recording equipment used yesterday during the arraignment of James Earl Ray will be used before every session of the trial

scheduled to begin Nov. 12. Sheriff's deputies Captain A. C. Gilliss (left), Asst. Chief R. R. Scott and Capt. J. P. Cottam tested the equipment before the arraignment.

Estimates. Thoughts

Major league baseball season was on the server turned author and at one time a prophet. He analyzed the Appeal from the squat-point of sees all, and in his case pretty

A season have marched on past at races aren't exactly decided, at you can't buy a ticket on the Cardinals, even in Las Vegas. They have run away and hidden the rest of the National League in a dungeon of doubt. The others rely hope to be close.

Tim saw the National League struggle winding up in this order: Louis, San Francisco, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Houston and New York.

As of yesterday it stood St. Louis, Atlanta, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Cincinnati tied, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Los Angeles and Houston.

The gift of prophecy isn't bad. Cardinal dressing room the other early assessments and came in the end, not many, because right.

Good at predicting," he said, "If .237 at this stage of the season by 10 games or so, I'd hardly had an excuse for hitting like

and Tim is. In early April he comes around I expect to see the place — the St. Louis Cardinals — they will finish this season the seven the top five clubs are bases what the Cardinals have that makes them winners."

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ROD GASPAR AND THE BALL are speeding toward second base in the first inning of last night's Memphis-Albuquerque game at Blues Stadium. Gaspar won.

Chuck Goggin, Dodgers second baseman, took the throw from catcher Buddy Holwell.

—Staff Photo by Barney Sellers

Blues Use Big Inning To Trip Dodgers, 6-2

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ADD RAY, MEMPHIS (UPI-59)

RAY, PALLID WITH HIS LONG BLACK HAIR NEATLY COMBED, WAS BROUGHT DOWN AN ELEVATOR FROM HIS THIRD FLOOR SUITE OF CELLS TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE JAIL. HE WAS NOT HANDCUFFED, NOR WAS HE WEARING THE BULLETPROOF CLOTHING OFFICIALS PUT ON HIM FOR THE SECRET TRIP FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE JAIL AFTER HE ARRIVED FROM LONDON FRIDAY.

HE WAS TAKEN ALONG THE ENCLOSED BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS THE JAIL WITH THE COUNTY BUILDING. THREE DEPUTIES WALKED CLOSE TOGETHER BEHIND HIM.

ABOUT 80 PERSONS WERE IN THE COURTROOM FOR THE ARRAIGNMENT. ALL WERE EITHER NEWSMEN OR COURT OFFICIALS, AND WERE IDENTIFIED BY COLORED, NUMBERED TAGS. NEWSMEN WERE TAKEN INTO RESTROOMS AND SEARCHED. THEN THEY WERE PLACED BEFORE A SMALL VIDEOTAPE CAMERA AND MICROPHONE TO ANNOUNCE ALOUD THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND EMPLOYER.

COURT CLERK J. A. BLACKWELL READ THE FIRST INDICTMENT AGAINST RAY, CHARGING THAT HE "DID KILL AND MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE."

JUDGE BATTLE IN A SOFT VOICE, SAID "YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ENTER A PLEA AT PRESENT," BUT HANES ENTERED THE INNOCENT PLEAS.

HE ASKED HANES AND CHIEF PROSECUTOR PHIL CANALE WHEN THEY WOULD BE READY FOR TRIAL. CANALE SAID "WE FELT AT FIRST THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER" WOULD BE BEST. BUT HE SAID TENNESSEE ELECTION LAWS MAKE NO PROVISION FOR ABSENTEE VOTING BY JURORS, AND THEY JURY WOULD MISS THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS IF THE TRIAL WERE STILL IN PROGRESS.

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Ray's Lawyer Doubts Need Of Exam by Psychiatrist

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The attorney for James Earl Ray said yesterday that there was only a "remote chance" his client, accused of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would need a psychiatric examination.

Arthur J. Hanes declined at a press conference to comment on the nature of the plea Ray will enter at his arraignment, which is believed to be scheduled for today at 8 a.m.

Hanes spoke to newsmen after inspecting the Lorraine Motel, where the civil rights leader was shot April 4, and the nearby rooming house from where police said the assassin fired his rifle at Dr. King. He was accompanied by police to the sites and said he would visit both buildings several times again before the trial.

Hanes conferred with Ray in his heavily guarded prison cell for about two hours yesterday. It was their second long talk since Ray arrived from London early Friday.

Air Traffic Dispute

NEW YORK — A spokesman for the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization said there was substance to a report that a Federal Aviation Administration official threatened to fire controllers at Kennedy Airport Friday unless they speeded up air traffic.

But the official involved denied the charge.

Jack Maher, national coordinator for the controllers' group, was asked on a television interview program if Chris Wall, eastern regional head of the FAA, had visited Kennedy tower on Friday and threatened to fire the controllers on duty unless the traffic moved faster.

"I would rather not answer that," Maher said at first. But when asked if the



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report had any substance, he answered, "Yes."

Contacted at his home, Wall said, "I did not visit the tower on Friday at all. . . I have not threatened to fire any controllers at all."

Akron Curfew

AKRON, Ohio—A dusk-to-dawn curfew, which had been lifted Saturday, was reimposed and 400 additional National Guard troops were activated yesterday following another night of racial unrest.

Gen. S. T. Del Corso, commander of the Ohio National Guard, said the additional Guardsmen, who brought the total to 1100, would be used "to cover a broader area" and "for extensive patrolling of the disturbance area." He called it a precautionary measure.

Sixty-two persons, most of them juveniles, were arrested Saturday night and early yesterday when six minor firebombs were reported, bringing the arrest total to 280 since the disturbance began Wednesday.

Powell on Ray

NEW YORK—Adam Clayton Powell said in a sermon

to his Harlem congregation that James Earl Ray "didn't kill (the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther) King." He said he believed the King murder to be part of a racially motivated "conspiracy" linked to the deaths of the Kennedy brothers.

The former Congressman, who is pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, returned to New York Saturday behind a shield of extended parole. State Supreme Court Justice Arthur Markewich Thursday extended Powell's parole from immediate arrest on criminal contempt of court charges, allowing him to return from Bimini Island in the Bahamas.

Steel Talks

PITTSBURGH — Negotiators for the United Steelworkers Union and the basic steel companies had only ten days remaining under the present contract as they continued efforts to reach agreement on a new contract yesterday.

The current three-year package expires July 31, and the Union's 450,000 workers employed in basic steel will vote Tuesday on whether to authorize a strike if settlement is not reached by the deadline. Traditionally the Union has refused to work without a contract. The talks have been going on since June 24.

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Ray's Lawyer Visits Client, Inspects Assassination Site

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—The attorney who will defend James Earl Ray visited his client in jail yesterday, then "inspected angles" at the rundown rooming house whence the bullet was fired that killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After the 30-minute, unannounced visit to the flophouse and the Lorraine Motel across the street, attorney Arthur

Hanes hinted Ray might be arraigned today.

"I inspected the boarding house completely and thoroughly," Hanes said. "I think I pretty well know that area now." He added he would probably make "several more" visits there before the trial.

Hanes spent two hours and 15 minutes alone with Ray in his client's heavily-guarded Shelby

County jail cell and noted that the bespectacled suspect was "in good health" and has no complaints whatever.

"He reads newspapers and magazines. Some of the publicity disturbs him, the stories hint at bank robberies and dope addiction. Why, he doesn't even smoke."

An inmate's mattress caught fire in the jail yesterday, sending smoke billowing from the third floor. Sheriff Williams N. Morris Jr. described the fire as "minor" and said it was extinguished immediately.

A spokesman at the jail speculated a prisoner had dropped a lighted cigarette on his mattress while dozing. Shelby County authorities declined to disclose the distance between the fire and the suite of four air-conditioned cells where Ray is.

Hanes was accompanied by his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., also an attorney, and a police bodyguard on his inspection tour.

He first walked briskly through the Lorraine Motel parking lot, glancing up at the balcony where King spent his last moments April 4. He did not climb the stairs to see the spot where King fell.

Then he visited the rooming house. Hanes walked to room 5, where authorities say the assassin, using the name of John Willard, stayed the day King was shot.

Then he walked down the hall to the communal bathroom whence the shot was fired and peeked through the small window which afforded the killer a clear view of the motel balcony where King was standing.

Hanes said he could not estimate when the trial would be. If no psychiatric examination is requested, it could be delayed until late September.

Hanes declined to say when Ray would be arraigned but told newsmen not to "sleep as late as you did today."

The lawyer said the sheriff had given him "Boy Scouts' honor" there would be "no bugging" while he confers with his client. He said he also wanted "no gimmicks" in the courtroom such as shields, bodyguards for Ray, and "bulletproof vests."

When Ray was transferred to the jail here Friday after arriving from London he was wearing bullet-proof "safety" clothing and was transported in an armored bus.

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Memphis Tense, Posts Heavy Guard for Ray

Street Barricaded Before Court Building; Steel Plates Put Around Suspect's Cell

BY NICHOLAS C. CHRISS

Times Staff Writer

MEMPHIS — Cautious authorities barricaded a street Thursday and enforced unprecedented security measures around and in the grimy old building where James Earl Ray will be held and tried.

The accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King will be kept inside of the fortress-like Criminal Courts Building in a third-floor cell block specially air-conditioned and protected on the outside by massive 1½-inch steel plates moved into place with cranes.

The half-century-old building once housed George K. (Machine Gun Kelly) Barnes, who was arrested in Memphis after a crime spree in the 1930s, jail historian S. A. (Foots) Barbaro reported.

Barricades were erected early Thursday closing Washington St. in front of the building to all traffic. One challenge to the security was a 10-story building going up next to the jail, with dozens of windows looking down on the cell block where Ray will be held.

Tension Mounts

There was an air of tension and expectation at the criminal courts building as the hour of Ray's arrival grew closer.

A few curious pedestrians walked past the building. Occasionally cars on two side streets next to the building slowed or stopped to watch the guards around the building and television news crews standing by.

The Criminal Courts Building is being guarded inside and outside by uniformed officers and plainclothesmen. In the back parking lot, which has the only direct entrance to the jail cells on the third, fourth and fifth floors, armed police keep the doors double-locked and prevent anyone from approaching.

Traffic in the building was reduced to a minimum. The corridor to the

office of Sheriff William A. Morris Jr., in charge of security, was barred by two deputies.

Asked for details on the security precautions, the harried Morris replied, "Unfortunately I also have an election on my hands." He is running for reelection and is entered in the Democratic primary here Aug. 1.

Later in the day, Morris issued a brief statement: "Preparations for the arrival of James Earl Ray in Memphis are going forward and we will be well

prepared upon his arrival. Every possible measure is being taken to assure security during his incarceration and the upcoming trial."

During the day Morris held a number of conferences with state, city and federal officials.

A county sheriff's substation was virtually closed as men were transferred to the Criminal Courts building to keep a round-the-clock guard. The county officers were joined by city police and state highway patrolmen.

Ray's cell was air-conditioned because of the close confinement, plus the temperatures that normally reach 100 inside the jail during the summer.

The cell-block also is equipped with closed-circuit television to permit monitoring of the cell.

The courtrooms, one of which will be the scene of Ray's trial, are on the floors below the jail. It is presumed that the trial will be held in Memphis; Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's lawyer, has said he will not seek a change of venue.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who may try the case, issued a three-page order Thursday setting guidelines for the trial.

In the order, he specifically forbade attorneys, officials, witnesses or police involved in the case from giving interviews or

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making statements about the Ray trial.

The order also stated that no cameras would be allowed in the buildings, alleys or parking lots adjacent to the building. He said all persons seeking admission to the courtroom would be searched.

Ray was indicted on a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Dr. King, who was shot at a motel here April 4. He was also charged in a second indictment with carrying a dangerous weapon. A Shelby County Grand Jury returned the indictment May 7.

An authoritative source here said Thursday that Ray probably would not come to trial before September or October. The

five county criminal courts are in summer recess until Sept. 16. Although no trials are held during the summer, with only an occasional exception, arraignments and grand jury sessions are continued.

Ray's first appearance in Memphis outside his cell could come soon after his

arrival, perhaps within a day or so, at an arraignment in one of the five criminal courts.

Sources said that if the defense or the state requests a psychiatric examination, two jail doctors would conduct the preliminary test. If these physicians felt that further

tests were necessary, specialists would be called in and the examinations and

subsequent evaluation could take six to eight week or even longer.

Hanes has indicated he may use an insanity plea on Ray's behalf.

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Jackson 'Tank' Transfers Ray To County Jail

James Earl Ray traveled the final 25 miles to jail in Memphis Tenn., today in "Thompson's Tank," a \$15,000 armored car owned by the city of Jackson.

Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce of Jackson confirmed today that Shelby County, Tenn., deputies got the 13,000-pound vehicle Thursday and used it to transport Ray from Memphis Naval Air Station in suburban Millington to County jail in Memphis.

Jackson bought the tank under Mayor Allen C. Thompson after racial troubles in 1963 that included the sniper murder of Negro leader Medgar W. Evers and a near-riot just after Evers' funeral.

Like an over-length panel truck with windows, the tank has armor plating, searchlights, Sally ports for tear gas and gunfire, and finger-piercing steel barbs around the base to prevent tipover by mobs.

In one of its few appearances, the tank moved in on a disturbance by Negro students at Jackson State College one night in February 1964 — and a nervous policeman touched off a tear gas canister inside, sending eight officers and driver pell mell into the street.

But for the most part the tank sits parked on the street outside police headquarters, between battery charges and repairs of flat tires.

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THOMPSON'S TANK HAULS RAY

Thompson's Tank, the armored vehicle bought by the City of Jackson four years ago, was used by Memphis authorities early today to haul James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Martin

Luther King, to a Shelby County jail. The vehicle was back in Jackson at 10 a.m. today. — Daily News-AP Wire photo.

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Security Tight at Memphis

By BILL JOHNSON
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)

—James Earl Ray, handcuffed and wearing what appeared to be a bullet-proof vest, was whisked into the Shelby County Jail before dawn today to await trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ray was placed in his cell at the jail at 4:34 a. m., 46 minutes after he arrived at the nearby Memphis Naval Air Station aboard a U.S. Air Force Boeing jet transport from London. He had left London about midnight — 6 p. m. CDT—so the entire trip took about 10½ hours.

FROM THE NAVY base, a blue-and-white prison van, surrounded by a half-dozen police cars and an equal number of motorcycles, roared into the parking lot behind the jail building at 4:29 a. m.

No newsman was allowed to see Ray, but Sheriff William Morris distributed photographs of the prisoner showing him dressed in what the sheriff told a news conference was "protective gear." He appeared to be dressed in a bulletproof vest and he was handcuffed to a heavy leather belt.

"WE TOOK custody of Mr. Ray at 3:48 a. m. aboard a Boeing 707 at Millington," the sheriff said, referring to the Naval Air Station at Millington. He arrived at the jail at 4:34 a. m. and was in his cell at 4:38 a. m.

The sheriff said Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle has been chosen to hear the murder trial, but "no courtroom has been selected for the trial yet." He added that no date for arraignment on the murder indictment has been set.

THERE WAS speculation Ray may be tried in a basement courtroom at the courthouse building, so that he would never have to leave the jail.

Judge Battle already has issued his first order in the case, the sheriff said. This forbids cameras, tape recorders or other similar devices from the courthouse — the building, its grounds or sidewalk surrounding the structure—and forbids anyone connected with the case from giving interviews or otherwise discussing the case outside the courthouse or with anyone but lawyers connected with the case.

AS PHOTOGRAPHERS took Morris' picture during the news conference, the sheriff went on to explain that the "no publicity" order would go into effect immediately after the news conference.

The van carrying Ray to the jail was preceded by another police car loaded with officers who immediately jumped out and joined a security guard of deputies who had taken up stations across the parking lot before the prisoner arrived.

One other car, carrying Criminal Court Judge John Coulton, had driven into the parking lot a short time earlier. There was no indication why Coulton came to the jail.

RAY'S DEPARTURE from London's Wandsworth jail was as shrouded in secrecy as was his arrival in Memphis. It could not be determined where he boarded the plane.

companied him.

Throughout the night in Memphis, deputies and city policemen had guarded the jail and court complex. Then, at 4:15 a. m., a large bus was backed across a driveway, blocking the view of the entrance.

Three minutes later, 10 deputies carrying flashlights marched out of the building and blocked the entrance. Four deputies sealed the other side of the parking lot.

WASHINGTON, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the international transfer of Ray was accomplished "without incident."

Ray's American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., was refused permission to speak to Ray once he was turned over to U.S. authorities in London. Hanes' request to accompany Ray on the flight was denied.

Hanes took a commercial flight to New York today and told newsmen at London airport he would protest "this bizarre affair — the spiriting away of a man in the night."

"FOR ALL I KNOW," said Hanes, "my man could still be in Britain. I knew at 9:30 last night that a move was imminent. I was told that I could not travel with my client and said I most certainly did not."

"The entire affair was bizarre in the extreme—undercover and secretive . . . I don't know what the U.S. attorney general is up to in not giving permission for me to go with my client. I shall be taking this matter up most strongly when I get home."

As Ray left Britain, the London Daily Sketch reported that his fingerprints had been matched with those of a gunman who robbed a London bank a few days before he was arrested June 8. The report had circulated in London for several weeks but was not confirmed.

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man facing legal proceedings.

SCOTLAND YARD officials refused to confirm or deny the report in the Daily Sketch which said a gunman on June 4 thrust a "give me" note at a teller in the Trustee Savings Bank in London's Fulham District and escaped with about \$240 in British pounds.

Scotland Yard detectives later matched fingerprints on the gunman's note with Ray's the Sketch said.

Bank manager Alan Perkins told police: "The man was about 40, 5 feet 10 inches tall with brown hair and was wearing sunglasses and a suit."

OFFICIALS IN London disclosed that Ray left aboard a U.S. Air Force Boeing transport from the World War II base at Lakenheath just north of Cambridge. Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard, who arrested Ray June 8, escorted him from Wandsworth jail to Lakenheath, where the jet transport waited with the U.S. marshals who escorted Ray to the United States.

Officials said the marshals took custody of Ray at the base, put him aboard the plane and took off. It was not known how many marshals were on the trip.

THE WAY WAS clear for return Ray when the dropped charges of entering the country on a forged passport and carrying an unlicensed gun. Ray had abandoned his fight against extradition earlier in the week, and the British Home Office said the extradition order was signed last night.

Ray was arrested in London June 8—two months and four days after King was killed by a single bullet as he stood on a motel balcony here.

Ray's home until his trial for murder, expected to come in late September or early October, is a block of four air-conditioned, freshly painted cells on the third floor of the jail in downtown Memphis. The jail was shared by the

A REPORT from the jail-keeper said the suite contains its own lavatory, a telephone and two television monitors. Close to the suite has been placed a guard post under 24-hour surveillance.

Quarter-inch steel plates have been placed over the cell windows. The air conditioning was installed after the steel plates were erected.

It is understood the telephone will be for the use of the guards, but it was expected that Ray would have access to a telephone.

attention he was being held. Rusty said, "The security here is stricter than you can tell you."

THE SPECIAL arrangements for Ray—especially the telephone—have made the jail unhappy with the 300 other prisoners. The jail is unhappy with the lot.

"They're especially unhappy because the very limited access to a telephone may have been cut off entirely. The door of the elevator leading to the basement of the jail has been locked."

