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**Ray's Lawyer
Says He May
Quit Case**
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Ar-
thur Hanes Sr. said in court yes-
terday that he may have to with-
draw as James Earl Ray's law-
yer.

"Serious difficulties have ari-
sen between me and my client
on the best way to handle this
defense," Ray's chief counsel
said without elaboration.

Hanes, former Birmingham,
Ala., mayor, was retained by
Ray before Ray was extradited
from England and held in Mem-
phis in the slaying of Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.

Hanes was in court yesterday
for a hearing in which a commit-
tee of lawyers recommended
that he and two newsmen and a
private detective be held in con-
tempt of court on grounds they
violated an order prohibiting
prejudicial news statements in
connection with the Ray case.

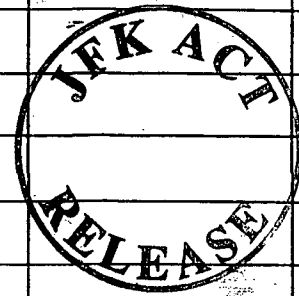
The hearing was continued un-
til Monday.

Ray charged with the assas-
sination of King in Memphis on
April 4, is scheduled to go on
trial Nov. 12. He was arrested
in England.

Criminal Court Judge W. Pres-
ton Battle appointed the com-
mittee recommended that
Hanes, Rentro Hays, a private
investigator retained by Hanes,
and reporters Charles Edmunds
son of the Commercial Appeal
and Roy Hamilton of the Press-
Scimitar be cited.

Armistead Clay, attorney for
the two reporters, told Battle the
hearing pitted the constitutional
guarantees of free speech and a
free press against the guaran-
tees of a fair trial.

He argued the newsmen were
not guilty under the 1st and 14th
amendments to the Constitution.



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