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y's Extradition Hearing Set June

LONDON (UPI)—The United States today formally demanded the extradition of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A British court scheduled a hearing on the request June 27.

The American demand for the 40-year-old Ray's extradition was presented in London's Bow Street Magistrate's Court under heavy - Scotland Yard guard. Magistrate Frank Milton set the hearing date.

"Thank you," Ray responded. They were the only words spoken by the man captured at a London airport June 8, more than two months after King was assassinated by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn.

Second Appearance

Ray, wearing a grey checked suit and hornrimmed glasses, made his second appearance in the British court.

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The court first considered technical charges against Ray that at the time of his arrest he ing for legal aid. had in his possession a loaded gun and forged passports which identified him as Ramon George Sneyd of Toronto, Canada.

The counsel for the United States argued the man in the dock was in fact Ray, who is wanted in Tennessee for the April 4 murder of King and in Missouri on a charge of escaping row to talk to Ray, who signed from prison while serving a sentence for armed robbery.

Fingerprint Expert Duc-

The British attorney repre-senting the United States Nigel Maw, said the American government wished to bring a finger-print expert from the United States and wanted an adjournment until he could arrive. The magistrate then set the hearing date.

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Successful Defense

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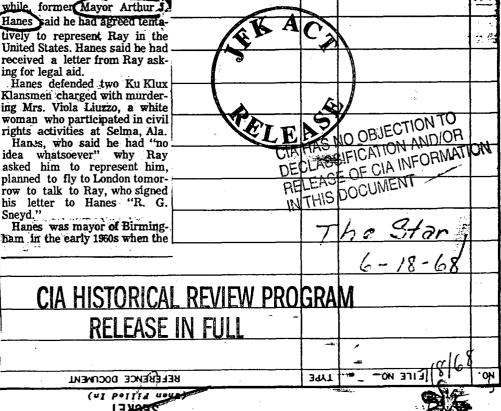
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After Ray's court appearance, police whisked him back to jail, cloaking the movement by driving several blue police vans from the building. Any could

A shield of plain clothesmen

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