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Director Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System made an appeal for law and order to an American Legion convention at Indianapolis. Addressing the convention of the Indiana Department of the American Legion Saturday, Hershey appealed to "The great silent people of the nation" to insist on law enforcement. About 30 youths picketed outside. "Although there is a place for dissent," he said, "many people these days are making a mess of dissent."

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LONDON.—F.B.I. men are waiting impatiently in America to cross-examine James Earl Ray, indicted for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

They urgently want answers to these questions:

Had he any bosses? Who were they? What was his role? Was he the gunman — or was he "put out to run" in Europe as a decoy, drawing attention to himself and away from the real killer?

For a gunman who was being hunted by 6,000 American agents, Ray behaved oddly like a man who was

inviting authorities to take a closer look at him during his European tour.

From the moment the soft-nosed bullet exploded in Luther King's neck as he stood on a Memphis hotel balcony on April 4, Ray "went on the run" in a way that didn't fit his background: A petty, clumsy, stick-up man whose stupid mistakes had put him many times behind bars.

Suddenly he became "organized." His identity cleverly cloaked. His travel arrangements well planned.

He was "spirited" into Canada: The F.B.I. still cannot understand how he got through a massive security

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The Daily News published portions of the letter which in part read, "I could appeal my extradition hearing but I am getting tired of listening to these liars so I might close it up about Tuesday."

There was no indication which Tuesday the letter referred to. John Ray said he interpreted the letter as evidence that his brother did not kill King, who was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel April 4.

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CHARLES HOLMES, PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER TO SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, SAID IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME SUCH A PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

RAY IS IN A LONDON JAIL FOLLOWING HIS ARREST THERE. HE IS APPEALING HIS EXTRADITION TO MEMPHIS TO FACE CHARGES OF MURDERING MARTIN LUTHER KING APRIL 4.

THE TRIAL WILL BE HELD IN ONE OF THE FIVE SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTROOMS. THE LARGEST OF THESE COURTROOMS SEATS JUST OVER 100 PERSONS, INCLUDING THE TRIAL PRINCIPALS.

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### Ray Will Plead July 29 To Escape Extradition

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, July 9 — The next phase in James Earl Ray's legal effort to escape extradition to the United States for trial on the charge of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will begin July 29.

The High Court will then hear argument on an application for a writ of habeas corpus in Ray's behalf. The application is a device to obtain High Court review of a magistrate's order that Ray be held for extradition.

Ray's lawyers are expected to renew their contention that he should escape extradition because the killing of Dr. King was a "political" offense. The 1931 Anglo-American extradition treaty excluded such offenses. Ray has denied committing the assassination.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 9 (UPI) — Gerald William Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness today a few blocks from where Dr. King was slain. However, City Court Judge Bernie Weinman dismissed the charge.

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# James Ray Extradition Appeal Set

Washington Post Foreign Service

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The date was set by mutual agreement between court officials and British lawyers representing Ray, whom the United States is seeking to extradite to face charges of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray lost the first round in Bow Street Court last Thursday when Frank Milton, the chief metropolitan magistrate, upheld a U.S. request for his extradition on the murder charge and on the charge of armed robbery, an offense for which he was serving a jail sentence until his escape from prison last year.

Ray has denied murdering Dr. King in Memphis, Tenn., and on the court docket he is still listed as "Ramon George Sneyd," the name under which he was arrested at London Airport on June 8. Chief Magistrate Milton has ruled that he is in fact Ray.

The expectation is that Ray's court-appointed lawyers will reiterate the argument that the murder of Dr. King was a political offense and hence not subject to extradition. Appeal set for July 29, Lord Court said.

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man said he did not know where Ray went.

Police said they understood the brother, who lives in St. Louis, had come here to take up a collection to help finance James' defense. But a spokesman said he had no idea why Ray had

gone to the vicinity of the Lorraine Hotel, where Dr. King was killed.

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James Earl Ray could be extradited to the United States as early as the first week in August to stand trial for slaying Martin Luther King, legal sources in London said. His appeal on extradition has been set for July 29.

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## James Ray Appeal Date Set July 29

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray's appeal against extradition to the United States will open in the British High Court July 29, his British lawyer said today. The hearing is expected to last at least two days.

Ray, charged with assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., made a one-minute appearance in Bow Street Magistrate's Court today on the two charges on which he was arrested June 8 at London airport.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton ordered him held in Wandsworth Prison for another seven days on the two charges. Ray said nothing.

Milton, who last Tuesday ruled in favor of the U.S. government's extradition petition, asked defense attorney Michael Eugene when the appeal would be heard.

Eugene replied that the High Court had agreed to start the appeal hearing July 29 although the appeal itself has not been filed formally.

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The surprise announcement was made when Ray appeared at Bow Street magistrate's court on charges of violating British gun and immigration laws.

Ray was ordered to appear again July 16 to answer to the charges of carrying a loaded

.38-caliber pistol and two forged passports, which led to his arrest in the first place June 8.

It was expected Britain might ignore the charges if Ray is extradited.

## Appearance Required

At the Bow Street court, Chief London Magistrate Frank Milton asked if a date had been set for the appeal in Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice.

"Yes sir, July 29," a court official replied.

Ray, whose extradition was

ordered a week ago, appeared in court today to meet a British legal requirement that prisoners appear before a magistrate every eight days while they are held.

The announcement on the extradition appeal had been unexpected as the appearance today was supposed to deal only with the gun and passport charges.

Ray, brought to court in a caravan of three police Jaguar cruisers, appeared under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the name listed on one of the two

forged Canadian passports Scotland Yard detectives said they pulled from his coat along with the gun at Heathrow Airport.

Ray swaggered into the courtroom without the dark hornrim glasses he wore when he was ordered extradited last Tuesday. His jaw twitched but he looked less jittery than in previous appearances.

## Less Than a Minute

It took Milton less than a minute to dispose of the gun and passport violations charges.

Milton asked Ray's lawyer,

Michael Eugene, to explain to his client why he had to keep returning to court to meet requirements of British law.

Eugene has another week to appeal the order that Ray be extradited to trial for the April 4 slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn.

The order Milton issued for Ray's extradition must be approved by Home Secretary James Callaghan even if Ray's appeal is turned down.

Eugene said the British charges likely would "remain on file" if Ray were sent to the United States. This, he said, meant the charges might not actually be dropped in the American sense of the word but would remain active for the discretion of the court.

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BY SCOTT B. BRUNS

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ONLY A SMALL CROWD OF SPECTATORS AND NEWSMEN WERE ON HAND WHEN RAY ARRIVED. INTEREST HAD DECLINED SO MUCH THAT EVEN MARY BROWN, 71, A RETIRED HOSPITAL WORKER WHO HAD RISEN AT 5 A.M. FOR RAY'S OTHER COURTROOM APPEARANCES, FAILED TO SHOW UP. SHE WAS FIRST IN LINE OUTSIDE THE COURT BUILDING THE OTHER TIMES.

EUGENE HAS ANOTHER WEEK TO APPEAL THE ORDER THAT RAY BE EXTRADITED TO TRIAL FOR THE APRIL 4 SLAYING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.--ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES SAID TODAY HE DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO LONDON JULY 29 WHEN JAMES EARL RAY'S APPEAL OF AN EXTRADITION ORDER IS TO BE HEARD.

HANES, FORMER BIRMINGHAM MAYOR, HAS AGREED TO REPRESENT RAY IN THE EVENT HE IS EXTRADITED TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

"I KNEW THAT THEY WOULD ORDER THE HEARING FOR THE 29TH WHEN I WAS OVER THERE," HANES SAID. "IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO ME."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED IN LONDON, HOWEVER.

HANES SAID HE COULD THINK OF NO REASON TO MAKE A THIRD TRIP TO LONDON FOR THE HEARING.

"THERE WILL BE NO TAKING OF FURTHER TESTIMONY ON THE MATTER," HE SAID. "IT WILL JUST BE A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS TESTIMONY."

RAY'S EXTRADITION WAS ORDERED A WEEK AGO IN BOW STREET MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

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# The Ray Case

## Round One: The Battle Over Extradition

LONDON—The United States won the first round last week in the fight to bring James Earl Ray back to Tennessee to stand trial for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After two days of testimony and legal arguments, the chief London magistrate, Frank Milton, ordered Ray held for extradition. But Ray's lawyers had 15 days to take the case to the high court of England. A good deal more time and talk may pass before the man accused of murdering King in Memphis last April 4 finally is—or is not—returned to the United States.

The process of extradition, with its delays and opportunities to avoid trial on criminal charges, must seem puzzling to many. But the complications are inherent in trying to apply law among different sovereignties, and they have been with us for hundreds of years.

The framers of the American Constitution, back in 1787, foresaw the problem arising among the states of the new union. They sought to deal with it in Article IV, providing that "a person charged in one state with treason, felony or other crime, who shall flee from justice and be found in another state, shall on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime."

### Political Reasons

There are many good political reasons why a state or its governor would not want to extradite someone—notably the belief that the demanding state is persecuting the accused. The reluctance of Northern states to send escaped Southern prisoners back to chain gangs is the classic example.

Among the American states today extradition remains to a significant degree a political act. Ordinarily the decision on

demand for a person is made by the Governor and his advisers, not by a court, and a Governor who refuses to sign an extradition order may do so for any reason or no reason.

### Set by Treaty

In the international field the situation is somewhat different. There the grounds for extradition between one country and another are set out in a treaty, and necessarily so. The United States Government, for instance, has no power under the Constitution to send a legal resident to some other country for a criminal trial except such power as it derives from a treaty.

The Anglo-American Extradition Treaty of 1931 is the one that covers the case of James Earl Ray. It sets out the specific crimes that are to be extraditable, including murder, larceny and robbery. And it has, like many extradition agree-

ments, a general exception for any offense found to be "of a political character."

The exception is the main basis of the argument being made on James Earl Ray's behalf. The claim is that the assassination of America's outstanding civil rights leader was a political act and that, therefore, Ray is not subject to extradition under the treaty. Under British law this argument is made first to the magistrate.

### Ray's Denial

The difficulty for Ray's lawyers is that he has denied the murder altogether. They thus cannot advance to the court any suggestion of political motive, such as opposition to rights for Negroes.

In any event, it is questionable that an assassination carried out by a lone killer for what the considered public good is a political act.

would have to be part of a larger movement or conspiracy to qualify under the exception. "On the face of it," Milton, the magistrate, said in his ruling, "this assassination was an individual act."

### A Key Question

That is a question of the greatest interest not only for extradition law but for American opinion. The meager evidence offered in the extradition case—all the United States has to show is "probable cause" that Ray was the assassin, not proof—is hardly enough to persuade anyone that the killer acted alone.

If and when James Earl Ray goes on trial in Tennessee, the United States and the world will want to see any evidence throwing light on whether there was a conspiracy to kill King or whether it was the work of one vengeful or unbalanced man.

—ANTHONY LEAS

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## His Attorney Says Ray Has Given Him Leads

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray's American lawyer talked with him in prison today and said he got "names and other leads" to build a case for the defense of Ray, accused of as-

sassinating Martin Luther King Jr.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., met with Ray for an hour in an interview room at Wandsworth Prison. Hanes said afterward he found the conditions somewhat restrictive. He said he was not permitted an interview in confidence. He and Ray were separated by a glass screen.

The Alabama lawyer said he was beginning to build his case and organize a defense for the day that Ray might be extradited to stand trial for the murder of the American civil rights leader.

"Our meeting was most helpful, most fruitful and beneficial," Hanes said. "We got to know each other better. He is relaxed and feels good. He is perfectly rational, sane and lucid."

Hanes said he plans to leave London tomorrow and did not foresee another trip to Britain.

He said Ray had been receiving "many messages of support from the United States and he is grateful for it. He also has received many offers of help for his defense."



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# 'Black Plot' Defense Hinted in Ray's Case

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By Karl E. Meyer  
Washington Post Foreign Service

LONDON, July 6—Defense lawyers for James Earl Ray may contend in America that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed by political conspirators—but that the conspiracy was master-minded by black instead of white extremist groups.

This became known today as Alabama attorney Arthur J. Hanes had a second prison visit with the 40-year-old Ray, who is facing extradition to the United States on charges of murdering Dr. King in Memphis, Tenn.

Hanes agreed to discuss his client's state of mind with reporters but declined to say anything about the precise line of defense he might argue in the event that Ray is returned for trial in Memphis.

But it can be stated reliably that a likely contention will be that Dr. King was as much hated by Black Nationalists who regarded him as an "Uncle Tom" as he was by white supremacist groups. Such a line of argument would not necessarily preclude an admission that a white gunman could have been hired to execute the murder.

Hanes will only say that he intends to enter a "not guilty" plea if Ray is extradited and that he now has the names of some witnesses he plans to see in America. He intends to go to Memphis, where the murder occurred on April 4, the latter part of next week.

Hanes, a former Mayor of Birmingham, flew to London yesterday for a first visit with his client. He is due to depart Sunday. He spent 70 minutes with Ray at London's Wandsworth prison today, speaking with his client through a glass partition while two guards stood by.

Hanes and Ray discussed the possibility of a plea bargain, Hanes said.

the guards could overhear their conversation.

Hanes said the prison restrictions were "austere and severe," but added, "I find this rather good. There have been people hurt in other cases like this and I didn't like that.

He said he had been frisked for possible guns but that this precaution was "fine with me."

According to the Alabamian, Ray is "quite pleased and satisfied with the treatment accorded him" by British authorities.

"The only thing he was slightly perturbed about," Hanes told a news conference, "was Mr. Butler's testimony about his alleged behavior. He said to me, 'You might expect a 10-year-old girl to make that remark but certainly not a man.'"

This referred to court testimony by Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard that Ray had allegedly said, "Oh God, I feel so trapped" when he was informed that British police believed he was the man wanted for the murder of Dr. King.

Hanes said he has received about 100 letters from all over the United States about his accepting Ray's defense. The only money sent to him, he said, was a check for \$5 from "a sweet dear lady in Columbus, Ohio."

Hanes was Mayor of Birmingham from 1961 to 1963 during the period when Dr. King's protest marchers came into dramatic confrontation with former City Police Commissioner Bull Connor. As a result, Hanes also had encounters with President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, giving him the moral dimension of the case.

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