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Attorney For Ray Accepted By Judge

Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Paquin Jr. yesterday issued an order recognizing that J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., is serving with Richard J. Ryan of Memphis as a criminal lawyer for James Earl Ray.

Mr. Stoner, an official of the National States Rights Party, had previously been considered an attorney for Ray only in civil matters. He had been the first lawyer to see Ray after his transfer to the state prison in Nashville. However, State Corrections Commissioner Harry Avery said the Georgia lawyer had indicated he represented Ray only on civil matters, and wasn't allowed to see Ray again.

"The warden of the state prison or any other person having contact with prisoner Ray is directed to permit Stoner to consult with the defendant," the judge said.

Ray, who pleaded guilty on March 10 to murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and was sentenced to 99 years, is seeking a new trial. A hearing will be held May 25 before Judge Paquin.

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Suits to Be Filed In Ray's Behalf

J. H. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., attorney for James Earl Ray, said today he would file federal court suits charging government agencies, magazines and individuals with conspiring to deprive Ray of his constitutional rights.

Stoner spent about two hours with Ray in his state prison cell at Nashville yesterday.

Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin Jr. issued an order in Memphis that Stoner is serving with Richard J. Ryan of Memphis as one of Ray's defense attorneys.

Stoner refused to say who the defendants would be, nor would he comment on when or where the suits would be filed.

STONER, long associated with the National States Rights Party and Ku Klux Klan activities, said Ray said he primarily discussed the filing of the suits and touched briefly on the May 26 Memphis hearing which will determine whether Ray will receive a new trial in the murder of King.

"Ray seems to be getting along very well considering where he is," said Stoner.

He declined to repeat anything that Ray told him and would not say if Ray had requested any personal effects such as magazines or writing paper.

STONER was the first attorney to meet with Ray after his transfer to Nashville from Memphis March 11. He said Ray had told him that he was "pressured" by his previous attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston.

Faquin will hold a hearing May 26 on a letter written by Ray to the late Judge W. Preston Battle and a motion signed by Ryan, Stoner and Hill, that was filed on April 7, one week after Battle's death.

Ray had been in the state prison less than a day when he repudiated his guilty plea in the King assassination, claiming that he had been "pressured" by his previous attorney, Percy Foreman of Houston.

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Attorney Says Ray 'Duped'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—James Earl Ray was the dupe of the lawyer, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a virtually assured of getting a new trial, his attorney said Tuesday.

Robert Hill, one of Chattanooga told attorneys following a three-hour and 15-minute conference with Ray at the state penitentiary that he discussed with Ray the new trial motion which will be heard in Memphis May 28.

Hill said they also discussed in passing the conspiracy aspects of the case.

"He (Ray) has no real knowledge of any conspiracy that I know of," Hill said. "He flatly just doesn't know. He doesn't have that much knowledge of what actually happened."

The slender, young attorney did not say who he thought had "duped" Ray and declined to say what type of alibi Ray will claim in the event a new trial is granted.

Ray has been confined to an isolated maximum security cell in the state prison here since March 11, the day after he pleaded guilty in Memphis to King's murder in exchange for a 99-year sentence.

If a new trial is granted, Hill said Ray has no particular desire to testify but would be willing to do so "to explain some that might be confusing."

Hill said Ray denied pulling the trigger of the rifle that killed King and he was

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Thinks New Trial Is Assured Chattanooga Lawyer Says Ray Was Duped

MEMPHIS, April 22. — James Earl Ray was the slayer in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and is virtually assured of winning a new trial, his attorney said today.

Hill of Chattanooga, after a 15-minute conference with Ray at the state penitentiary that he discussed with Ray the new trial motion

which will be heard by Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin, in Memphis, May 26.

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Hill and two other attorneys, J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., and Richard Ryan of Memphis, are representing Ray. Hill is involved with Ryan in the appeals in criminal court at Memphis and with Stoner in a federal lawsuit filed here.

The federal suit seeks to void contracts Ray has with two former attorneys, famed lawyer Percy Foreman of

Houston and former Birmingham Mayor Arthur Hanes, and with author William Bradford Huie.

Hill emerged from the prison clutching what appeared to be sheets of lined notebook paper on which he said Ray had made notes as well as a torn sheet from a Look magazine article which Foreman had written.

Hill said he did not yet know what the notes contained but said Foreman had violated professional ethics in the Look article by stating that no client came to him unless he was guilty.

Accompanying Hill were two private investigators from Chattanooga who are working with him on the Ray case. Hill said he did not think it would be necessary for Ray to

attend the hearing in Memphis next month.

"There is no reason that he should be there because all that we will be discussing are points of law."

Hill said Ray had been interviewed by FBI agents since his confinement here but he did not know whether Ray corroborated and answered their questions.

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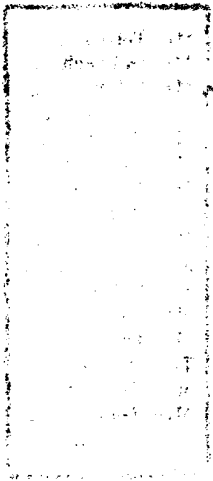
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Prison to Keep Ray Isolated for Safety

NASHVILLE — (UPI) — An isolated cell in the maximum security section of the Tennessee State Prison will be James Earl Ray's home until prison officials determine it is "safe" to move him elsewhere.

State Corrections Commissioner Harry Avery said he believes it is safer to keep Ray where he is — at least for the present.

Ray, 37, was in the maximum security building since March 1969, one day after he pleaded guilty to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King. Ray received a 99-year sentence, which he is now serving to lifetime.

"I DON'T KNOW any place we plan to move him," said Avery, when asked if officials plan to keep Ray in

maximum security.

Ray has been undergoing a classification process which normally takes four to six weeks. Officials said earlier a decision would be made when the process is finished whether Ray would be allowed to mingle with the rest of the prison population. The population includes 2,200 Negroes and 1,800 whites.

Avery, asked whether he thought Ray would be in danger if he were allowed to mix with the other prisoners, replied:

"I personally don't know, but as a matter of caution I think it is better now to keep him where he is. I don't know what the future will bring. He will be kept there until such time as we think it will be safe for him to take some other assignment."

An unidentified prison guard was quoted earlier this month by a Nashville newspaper as saying Ray would be dead within two years if he were to be released from the maximum security unit.

"The temptation to kill the man who killed Martin Luther King is great for some of our prisoners out here," the guard was quoted as saying. "They want to do about it."

THE GUARD said racial hatred might not be the only factor endangering Ray.

"Some people are saying Ray just killed King so he could gain stature among the prisoners," the guard said. "I think there are some people out there who would try to kill Ray for the same reason."

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(RAY)

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ROBERT W. HILL OF CHATTANOOGA TOLD NEWSMEN FOLLOWING A THREE-HOUR AND 15-MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH RAY AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY THAT HE DISCUSSED WITH RAY THE NEW TRIAL MOTION WHICH WILL BE HEARD IN MEMPHIS MAY 28.

HILL SAID THEY ALSO DISCUSSED IN PASSING THE CONSPIRACY ASPECTS OF THE CASE.

"HE (RAY) HAS NO REAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONSPIRACY THAT I KNOW OF," HILL SAID. "HE FLATLY JUST DOESN'T KNOW. HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED."

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 "EVERYTHING I HAVE FOUND SUPPORTS WHAT RAY HAS TOLD ME," HILL SAID.
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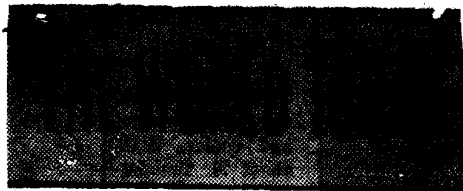
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Troubled World

Richard J. Ryan, an attorney for James Earl Ray, said in Nashville, Tenn., that the convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is "encouraged over the prospects of a new trial." He visited Ray for two hours in his prison cell to discuss hearings next month in Memphis which will determine whether letters Ray wrote the late Judge Preston Battle constitute a new trial motion. Judge Battle presided at the original trial.

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Ray Trying to Block Book

But Hill said there would be further developments in the suit on Monday. "It's obvious on its face and I'm surprised no one has brought it," the lawyer said. He declined to elaborate.

It is Ray's contention in the suit that Kennedy, Ray's second lawyer, was the agent of "Hue" and that both were aware of Kennedy's potential literary and movie rights in the novel.

In fact, the suit maintains,

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Today it was the defense's turn with Russell F. Parsons, a former farm manager, as Sirhan's confidential counsel, interests and hand-holder at the counsel table first before the jury.

Sirhan's defense, that his mental capacity was so diminished he didn't know the meaning of murder, was attacked by the

"We concede he's sick," Ellis told the jury. "How sick is up to you to decide. Frankly I'm replete with neurologists and psychiatrists did find him a little bit sick. These jails are full of people who have committed atrocious acts... We expect someone who commits murder to be a little bit sick."

Sirhan stared gloomily ahead nibbling his already short finger-

"We admit Sirhan is less than a full man," said Epps. "How much less, I don't know."

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The subject of the book concerning the recording of the death of a person by the newspaper and other news channels was discussed with the author, who stated that the book is not available in bookstores but can be purchased from the publisher of San Diego, California. He credited the purchasing of his father's book from another man's book.

"I'm really sorry the defense started with him," Fitts said, "because I'm afraid he may have left a bad taste in your mouths regarding the whole prosecution."

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MEMPHIS, TENN.--ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY, CONVICTED OF SLAYING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., FILED MOTIONS FOR A NEW TRIAL TODAY ON GROUNDS THAT RAY HAS BEEN USED BY HIS ATTORNEYS TO PEDDLE HIS INSIDE STORY TO MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND MOTION PICTURES.

IN MOTIONS SIGNED BY RAY'S THREE NEW ATTORNEYS, THE 41-YEAR-OLD CONVICT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS FORCED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO THE APRIL 4, 1968 SNIPER SLAYING BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM HIS ATTORNEYS.

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Ray, New Lawyer Discuss New Trial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — James Earl Ray's latest lawyer met the admitted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his prison cell yesterday and discussed ways of getting him a new trial.

Richard J. Ryan of Memphis spent 45 minutes with Ray in his maximum security cell at the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

His only comment following the meeting was that "we discussed language" — apparently the language Ray used in two letters he wrote to Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

Language in Letters

Whether Ray gets a new trial may depend largely on the language of the letters he wrote, which are now being reviewed by Judge Battle. Ray asked Battle for a new trial in Tennessee because of a new trial pending there in federal court on the same charge of assassination.

Criminal Court Judge Battle said he would consider the new trial request. He said he would also consider the request for a new trial in federal court.

Ryan is the third lawyer to have the Ray's defense. Ray fired the first, former Birmingham lawyer Arthur Hanes Jr., in November 1967 and after several months he was told he was not wanted. Ryan, who succeeded Hanes, was accused of being involved in the plot to kill Dr. King.

Edel Note

Edel noted that the letter was written by Ray at the prison. It was signed "James Earl Ray" and dated "April 4, 1969." He said the letter was written in a "hurry" and that Ray was "not very happy" when he wrote it.

When Ray pleaded guilty to the assassination of Dr. King, he said he was "not very happy" and that he was "not very happy" when he wrote the letter. He said he was "not very happy" when he wrote the letter.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.--ARTHUR FAQUIN, A CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, WAS DESIGNATED TODAY AS THE MAN WHO PROBABLY WILL DECIDE WHETHER JAMES EARL RAY GETS A NEW TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THE 47-YEAR-OLD FORMER PROSECUTOR WAS CHOSEN BY HIS THREE FELLOW CRIMINAL COURT JUDGES IN SHELBY COUNTY TO HANDLE REMAINING ISSUES IN THE RAY CASE.

W. PRESTON BATTLE, THE JUDGE WHO PRESIDED OVER THE CASE, DIED MONDAY.

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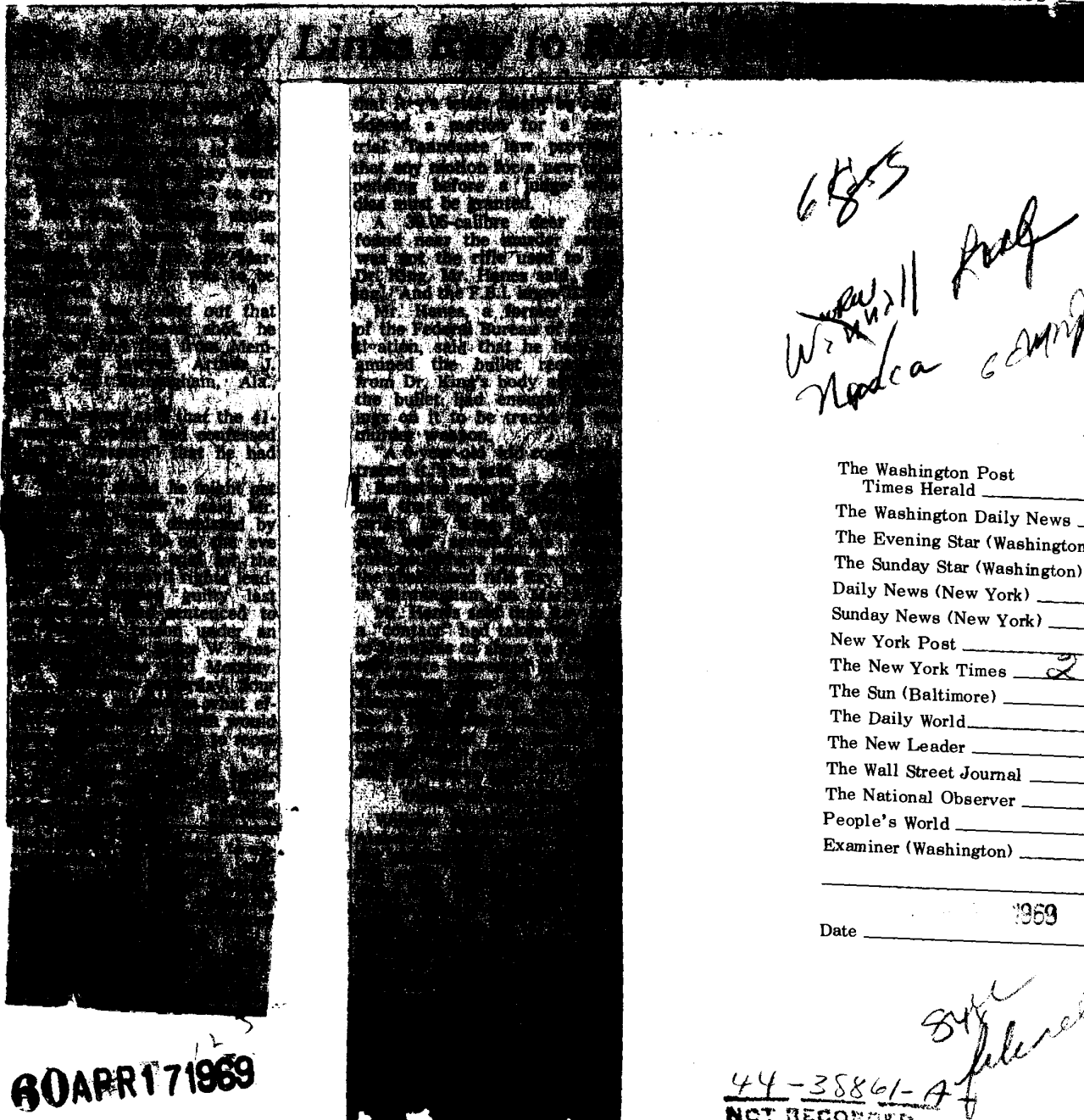
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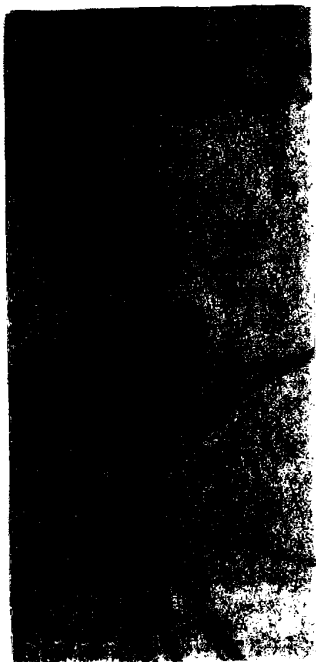
Mr. Jones said that Ray's attorney, Shelby County Jail officials had been persistent in their efforts by closed-circuit television to show that he saw Ray on the day of the cell phone call. Mr. Jones said Ray was wearing handcuffs and said that it was in this manner that Ray related his version of the slaying. Mr. Jones said.

Both Mr. Holt and Mr. Jones said that Ray's visit to New Orleans in the three or four weeks preceding Dr. King's murder last April is cause for more investigating.

"The only show of sympathy or concern was when we told her we had a plane to take us to Louisiana," McLean said. "We were terrified."

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It is believed to have been
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Dr. Jerry Brantley, county medical examiner, conducted an autopsy last night, said death was a coronary heart disease form of heart attack. "No other conditions can cause this," he said.

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I respectfully request this court to treat this as a legal notice, of an intent to ask for a reversal of the sentence petitioner received in aforementioned case. I understand on one avenue of appeal, I have to file in which to file review notice, to have my case set aside. That is the appeal route to the court.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the court, that Mr. Percy Foreman, the attorney who was assigned to be representing me on this charge, is not the court.

It seems he "Mr. Foreman" was receiving no funds to prepare case for trial, and he did not think he should be required to use his own funds, he requested court to appoint consul (sic) to help defray cost, the court appointed public defender to investigate (sic) case and assist Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Foreman said in open court he did not want, or expect to receive, a cent for his efforts. I think from Mr. Percy Foreman's statement to the press that he had a contract from me and Mr. William E. Hule upon entering the case for \$400,000, and that he was now to receive \$120,000, should lay to rest the above lies Mr. Foreman told the court.

William E. Ray in turn, have not personally received a cent from Mr. William E. Hule.

My only reason for bringing to the attention (sic) of the court is that I would respectfully request the court appoint an attorney, or the public defender to assist me in the proceedings. I have no stock, and I have not received any funds from any source to assist me.

Therefore, I use the word "assist," as I hereby request the court, that I personally present (sic) at the hearing, to assist court appointed consul (sic) as that their be no repetition of Mr. Percy Foreman's actions.

Respectfully

James Earl Ray

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SAIGON, April 12 (United States
day). — About 1,000 United States
air cavalrymen swept through
jungles northwest of Saigon on
the ground and by helicopter
Tuesday in search of two
enemy divisions believed to
have pulled back toward Cambod-
odia.

United States officials say
the North Vietnamese first and
seventh divisions, which con-
ducted a 12,000-man sweep in the
southern part of Tay Ninh
Province, may have been
forced by battlefield losses in
five weeks of offensive action
to retreat into the northern re-
gions.

No major contacts have
been reported as yet in the
new search, called Operation
Scout after the home state of
the First Air Cavalry Divi-
sion's commander, Maj. Gen.
George I. Fereythe.

Also somewhere in the re-
gion is the Viet Cong's Ninth
Division, believed to have
been selected to spearhead an
attack on Saigon.

The nearest any sizable
force of enemy troops to the
capital is 15 miles north of
Saigon, and these were de-
ferred in heavy fighting.

The United States Command
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only light ground fighting in
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Judge Battle's Decision Could Get Ray New Trial

nary insufficiency, "a form of heart disease in which emotions can cause a fatal outcome."

An inventory of Battle's papers and correspondence left on his desk and in his chambers was completed by James A. Blackwell, Criminal Court clerk, and turned over to the remaining four criminal court judges.

BLACKWELL WAS in conference with Judges Perry Sellers, Odell Horton, Arthur Faquin and John Colton. They may get additional advice as to whether or not any letters would qualify as a motion and whether or not the motion should be filed.

The decision of the judges will determine whether the

HE SAID IT IS a construed new trial, the state have to give Ray one.

Blackwell said the Ray sent to Battle was filed in the clerk's office as of the moment the part of the court record.

THERE IS NO motion for a new trial or a corpus with in the clerk's office.

said. He said, however, Judge Battle had signed minutes of the March 11 hearing where Ray's plea was made.

If the judge had signed the minutes, Ray Tennessee had been entitled to a new trial.

letter from Ray is filed in the Criminal Court clerk's office by Blackwell.

After Ray pleaded guilty to King's slaying and was sentenced to a 99-year prison term, he had second thoughts. He wrote Battle apparently asking for a new trial. Battle's office contained receipt of the letter, but it was not filed.

Judge Charles W. Battle of the State Court of Tennessee said in a statement that the letter was not filed.

In the case of a state of Tennessee, where a person claims his rights were denied, the Tennessee State Court has the right to grant a new trial.

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The State Supreme Court last week dealt a blow to Ray's hopes for a new trial, ruling in a case similar to Ray's that a defendant cannot get

Battle, of 1422 Larner, was found unconscious at 3:25 p.m., slumped over his desk in his chamber, by Asst. Atty. Gen. James Wesley and the three prosecutors in the last trial last month.

A SHERIFF'S spokesman said Battle did not have a history of heart disease. Dr. Jerry T. Francisco, county coroner, confirmed, after an autopsy, that death was caused by a heart attack.

Battle had returned from a Florida vacation March 10 on the day that Ray pleaded guilty to the assassination of

He was born in Memphis and attended Idlewild School, Memphis University School, Woodberry Forest School at Orange, Va., Washington & Lee University, and the old University of Memphis law school. He received his law license in 1933. He served as assistant district attorney from 1934 to 1945.

BATTLE WAS IN private law practice from 1945 until 1950, when he won election to fill the newly created court bench he served until his death. Battle was appointed to the post by Gov. Buford Ellington after the Memphis

Services for Judge Battle will be held at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association will hold a memorial service for Judge Battle at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in his Courtroom, Div. 1 of the Criminal Court.

& Shelby County Bar Association Primary.

But he was shy, timid and diffident in his younger days, which he said led him to a career in law. He recalled in 1930 that he was asked to public speaking engagements to join the labor society at Milwaukee that he would be forced to speak.

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He ruled his court with great dignity and courage.

The Tennessee Supreme Court, hearing Green's petition in one of his appeals in February, 1969, demonstrated his rare ability as a judge and lawyer to see the situation. "In all the cases concerning the application of criminal laws in this state to any other state, there is no doubt that the state has a duty and obligation to conduct a trial which has been conducted with full and complete fairness, without any racial bias, prejudice, or any other legal discrimination that reflected in this case." "What has been done here in the trial is, indeed, a lasting stain to the trial judiciary of this state."

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