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Ray Begins Air Journey Back to U.S.

By Karl E. Meyer
Washington Post Foreign Service

LONDON, July 18—U.S.

authorities took custody of James Earl Ray here tonight and put the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. aboard a plane bound for the United States but kept details of the flight a secret.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman announced Ray had started his journey back to the United States but refused to enlarge upon the schedule of the trip.

[The Associated Press quoted reliable sources as saying that Ray took off from a military airfield near London after being removed this evening from London's Wandsworth Prison and convoyed out of the capital under heavy guard.]

The extradition flight followed by only a few hours the signing by Home Secretary James Callaghan of the surrender warrant which formally made possible his delivery to U.S. authorities. Before signing the warrant, Callaghan spent several hours inspecting a thick pile of legal documents

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to insure that every possible procedural safeguard had been respected in the extradition proceedings that began with Ray's arrest here June 8.

The plans for Ray's return went forward despite the passionate but apparently ineffective protest of his American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala. Who repeated his demand that he be allowed to accompany his client back to America.

Hanes told reporters that last night he called Jack A. Herfurt, U.S. Consul General, asking for information about Ray's return. According to Hanes, he was told that Herfurt had a message for him from Assistant U.S. Attorney General Fred M. Vinson Jr. to this effect:

"I hope you'll understand

why you can't accompany your client and why you can't see him prior to his departure."

The Alabama attorney said he replied, "I don't understand it at all."

Hanes, who visited with Ray again this morning, said:

"I don't want this man grilled, cross-examined and interrogated in the plane when I'm not there."

Hanes said he offered Ray one bit of legal advice: "I told him to keep his mouth shut—it's that simple."

The evident reason for the secrecy about Ray's return was the fear that a mob of reporters might create a security problem if details of the flight were known. Reporters were reminded that Lee Harvey Oswald was killed in Dallas in 1963 at the moment he was being transferred from prison to another

Hanes said he would leave London as soon as he knew his client had been returned to America. "At the moment," he said, "I don't know whether they will carry my client back by Wells Fargo Stagecoach, a yacht or a yellow submarine."

The Alabaman said that the extradition arrangements were "without justification, melodramatic and overplayed. I am convinced he will be taken out secretly and spirited away."

A remaining legal obstacle to Ray's return was removed in Bow Street Police Court this morning when two lesser British Charges against him were dropped. No prosecution evidence was offered against him on charges of possessing an unlawful pistol, and a charge of possessing a forged passport was withdrawn. Ray

himself did not appear at the brief hearing.

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Rigid Security Put On Memphis Jail

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 18 (UPI)—Police awaiting the arrival of James Earl Ray ringed the County Building complex here and pulled an empty bus in front of an entrance to the jail, blocking all view of it.

It was speculated that the rigid security around the jail would allow authorities to bring Ray in secretly, and then announce his presence at their leisure.

State troopers, deputy sheriffs and City policemen ringed the three-building complex, armed with pistols and night sticks. They stood at parade rest on the lawns, in alleys, at intersections and on the steps of the buildings.

They would not even dis-



JAMES EARL RAY
... en route to U.S.

cuss the preparations made for Ray. But a trusty at the jail said the County had prepared a suite of four cells for the accused assassin, with a princess telephone and air-conditioning. He said it had been freshly painted green and equipped with two closed-circuit television cameras.

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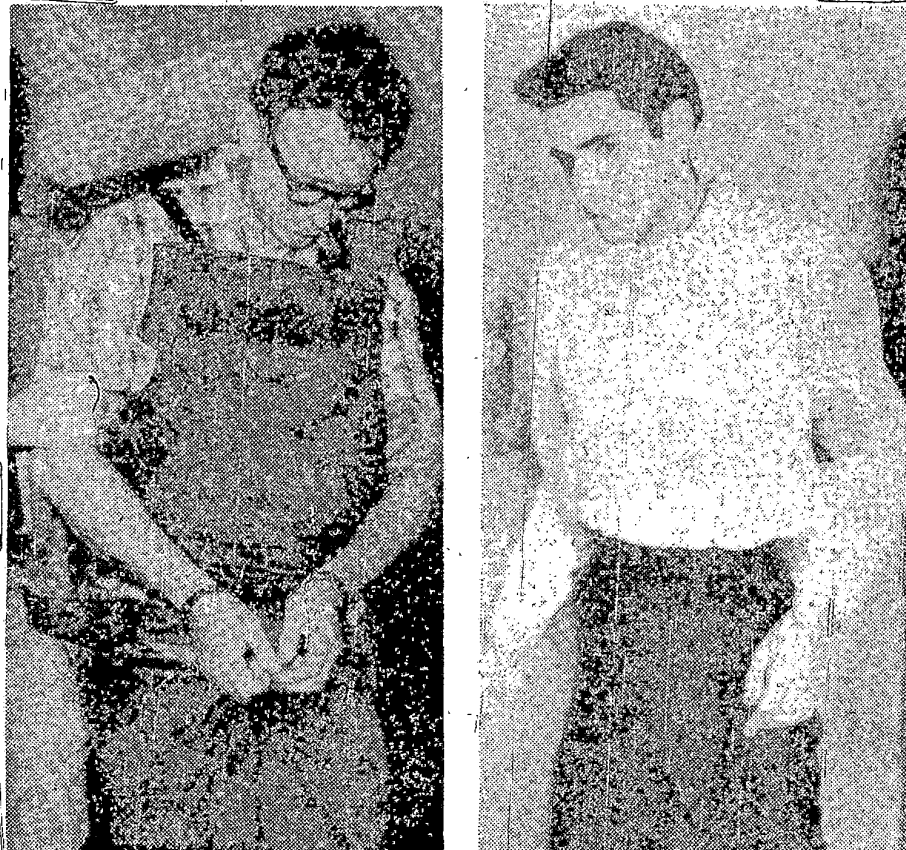
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Accused Slayers Move Under Guard

America's most closely guarded suspects are led to their cells. At left, James Earl Ray, accused of shooting the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is handcuffed to a belt drawn around a bullet-proof vest as he enters Shelby County Jail in Memphis after being flown from London early yesterday. At right, Sirhan B. Sirhan, alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is taken from a Los Angeles court after being granted a two-week continuance before entering a plea. Stories, Page A3.

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Placed in Four-Cell Suite

Ray Flown to Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 19 (UPI)—James Earl Ray was placed today in a Memphis jail, awaiting arraignment on charges that he murdered the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The accused assassin was flown from London before dawn in a U.S. Air Force C-135. He was dressed in a bullet-proof vest and baggy bullet-proof pants, with his hands manacled to a broad belt around his waist.

The plane brought Ray to Millington Naval Air Station outside Memphis, where FBI agents handed him over to local authorities. He was transferred in a silver-and-blue armored car escorted by six patrol cars and seven motorcycles.

At the Shelby County jail, a county bus was pulled in front of the door to obscure the view from the street. Thirteen deputies armed with shotguns lined the rear entrance. A car sped up to the jail and disgorged six detectives with submachine guns, who stationed themselves around the door.

A searchlight played over an office building under construction across the street.

The armored car, its blue light flashing, and the protective vehicles screeched through the parking lot and stopped at the rear door. Four minutes of activity ensued, and then the armored car wheeled away, its delivery complete.

Ray was lodged in a four-cell suite on the third floor. The suite, especially prepared, had steel plates over the windows and closed-circuit television over which guards can watch his every move.

Inside the gray concrete building, security was toughened. Business went on as usual later on today on the first two floors of the combined Criminal Courts-jail building, but the top three floors were guarded by deputies. Outside, deputies with sidearms stood at each end of the alley near the jail and on the lawn.

Criminal Court Judge Pres-

ton Battle, who was selected in a vote by his fellow judges to preside at Ray's trial, issued a set of rules today that prohibits principals in the case from talking about it and that orders a search of all spectators when the trial itself begins.

Ray's arraignment was not expected until after his attorney, Arthur Hanes Sr., of Birmingham, gets to Memphis. Hanes left London today fuming because he was not allowed to fly back with his client.

"The entire affair was bizarre in the extreme," he said. "Undercover and secretive. I shall be taking this matter up most strongly."

In New York, Hanes spoke vaguely of an "international Communist conspiracy" which he evidently felt may have been responsible for King's

killing, and said there were "powerful forces at work" in obtaining Ray's extradition from London.

"Witnesses have been questioned, they've been stashed out, they're being paid and they're being taken care of," he said in an apparent reference to several Memphis witnesses in the case taken into protective custody after Ray was arrested.

Hanes said he had no plans to try to move the trial from Memphis or to exclude Negroes from the jury, although he would take steps "every other lawyer does" in selecting an impartial jury. He said he expected the jury would "render a fair and just verdict" but later qualified this to say "it is impossible to get a fair trial" because of news coverage of the assassination.

Psychiatric Tests To Be Given Sirhan

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Pretrial proceedings for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were delayed today to allow time for additional psychiatric and brain damage tests of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of first degree murder in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The defendant made an 18-minute appearance in an armor-plated, heavily guarded special courtroom. At one point he asked the judge if he could have sleeping pills "because I haven't been resting too well."

Superior Court judge Richard Schauer granted a two-week continuance, at the request of defense counsel Russell Parsons, for Sirhan, to make his plea.

The court also granted permission for a psychologist, Roderick Richardson, and a

neurologist, Dr. Edward Davis, to examine Sirhan.

Davis, Parsons said, would use an encephalograph to take a reading of the brain waves of the defendant. Sirhan, who is five-foot-four inches tall and weighs only 125 pounds, once had an ambition to become a race horse jockey. He fell off a horse last year and said he sustained a head injury.

The dark-haired defendant held several whispered conversations with Parsons during the proceedings.

The judge asked Sirhan if he would have any objection to the release of information he has given the prison physician, Dr. Marcus Crahan. Sirhan appeared to be confused by the question.

After a whispered conversation with his client, the attorney told the court he would waive the right to secrecy of the physician-patient relationship in this instance.



—UPI Photo

James Earl Ray is led to cell in a Memphis jail. He's wearing a bullet-proof garment.

Witnesses Paid, 'Stashed,' Ray's Lawyer Claims

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 20 (UPI) — James Earl Ray, according to his attorney, is "anxious for trial" on a first-degree murder charge in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He wants to clear this matter up," said Attorney Arthur J. Hanes Sr. yesterday on his return from England. Mr. Hanes said this anxiety caused Ray to give up his attempts to fight extradition.

Ray, 40, was flown to Memphis from London yesterday morning in secrecy dressed in a bullet proof vest and "safety pants." He was lodged in a four-cell suite in the Shelby County Jail under tight security.

His arraignment awaited Mr. Hanes' return.

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Ray Trial Judge Curbs News

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who was named today as judge in the murder trial of James Earl Ray, has issued a 10-point order restricting news coverage of the case.

The order forbids anyone connected with the case—attorneys and their assistants, employees of the jail-courthouse building where Ray is being held, and witnesses—from giving interviews or otherwise discussing it outside the courthouse or with anyone but lawyers connected with the case.

In announcing the order as he met with newsmen this morning, Sheriff William Morris said the "no publicity" rule was going into effect immediately following the news conference.

Battle ordered that all "entrance ways, corridors and approaches to courtrooms, offices and other rooms in the criminal



JUDGE PRESTON BATTLE

courts building will be kept clear at all times for free access thereto by those using them in the course of their employment

or those having business to transact therein."

It forbids use of cameras of any type, and radio and sound equipment both in the building and on its parking lots and grounds. No photographs will be allowed of jurors and no sketches will be allowed in the courtroom.

Battle ordered searches made "of all persons seeking admission to the courtroom."

During court sessions, the order said, no one will be permitted to enter or leave the courtroom except at recess or in case of emergency. Ray always will be the last to enter the courtroom and the first to leave, it said.

Battle, 60, a native of Memphis, is a former assistant attorney general for Shelby County and was appointed judge of a division of Shelby County Criminal Court in 1959.

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Ray Back in U.S. to Face Trial

Security Tight As He Enters Memphis Jail

Flown From London On Air Force Jet During the Night

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, handcuffed and wearing what appeared to be a bulletproof 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. (5:34 a.m. EDT), 46 minutes after he arrived at the nearby Memphis Naval Air Station aboard a U.S. Air Force jet transport on a secrecy-shrouded trip from London. He had left London about midnight (6 p.m. CDT) so the entire trip took about 10½ hours.

From the Navy base, where he was handed over from federal custody to Shelby County Sheriff's officials aboard the plane 14 minutes after it landed—a blue-and-white armored van, surrounded by half a dozen police cars and an equal number of motorcycles, roared into the parking lot behind the jail building at 4:20 a.m.

Police, Deputies Guard

Throughout the night, deputies and city policemen had guarded the jail and court complex. A large bus backed across a driveway and 10 sheriff's deputies carrying riot guns this morning blocked the jail entrance, obscuring newsmen's view as Ray was hustled in.

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 bullet-proof vest and he was handcuffed to a heavy leather belt.

Judge Is Named

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.

The trial is expected to be held in late September or early October.

There was speculation that Ray may be tried in a basement courtroom at the jail-courthouse building so that he would never have to leave the building.

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James Earl Ray is led into Shelby County Jail

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Officials in London disclosed that Ray left aboard a U.S. Air Force jet transport from the World War II base at Lakenheath just north of Cambridge. Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard, who arrested Ray on June 8, escorted him from Wandsworth Jail to Lakenheath, where he was turned over to FBI agents escorting Ray back.

Attorney Objects

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. Hanes' request to accompany Ray on the flight was denied.

Hanes, who took a commercial flight to New York today, 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 should appreciate that I could not travel with my client. I said I most certainly did not."

Report on Holdup

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 British law bans the publication of such information involving a man facing legal proceedings.

Scotland Yard officials refused to confirm or deny the report, which said a gunman on June 4 thrust a "give me cash" 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.

The way was cleared to return Ray when Britain 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 two months and four days after King was killed by a single bullet as he stood on a motel balcony here.

4-Cell Area

Ray's home until his trial is a block of four air-conditioned, freshly painted cells on the third floor of the jail in downtown Memphis. This will be shared by his guards.

A report from the jailkeeper said the suite contains its own lavatory, a telephone and two television monitors. Closed-circuit television has been installed so Ray will be under 24-hour surveillance.

Quarter-inch steel plates have been placed over the cell windows.

It is understood the telephone will be for the use of the guards, but it was expected that Ray would have access to it to forestall any contention he was being held incommunicado.

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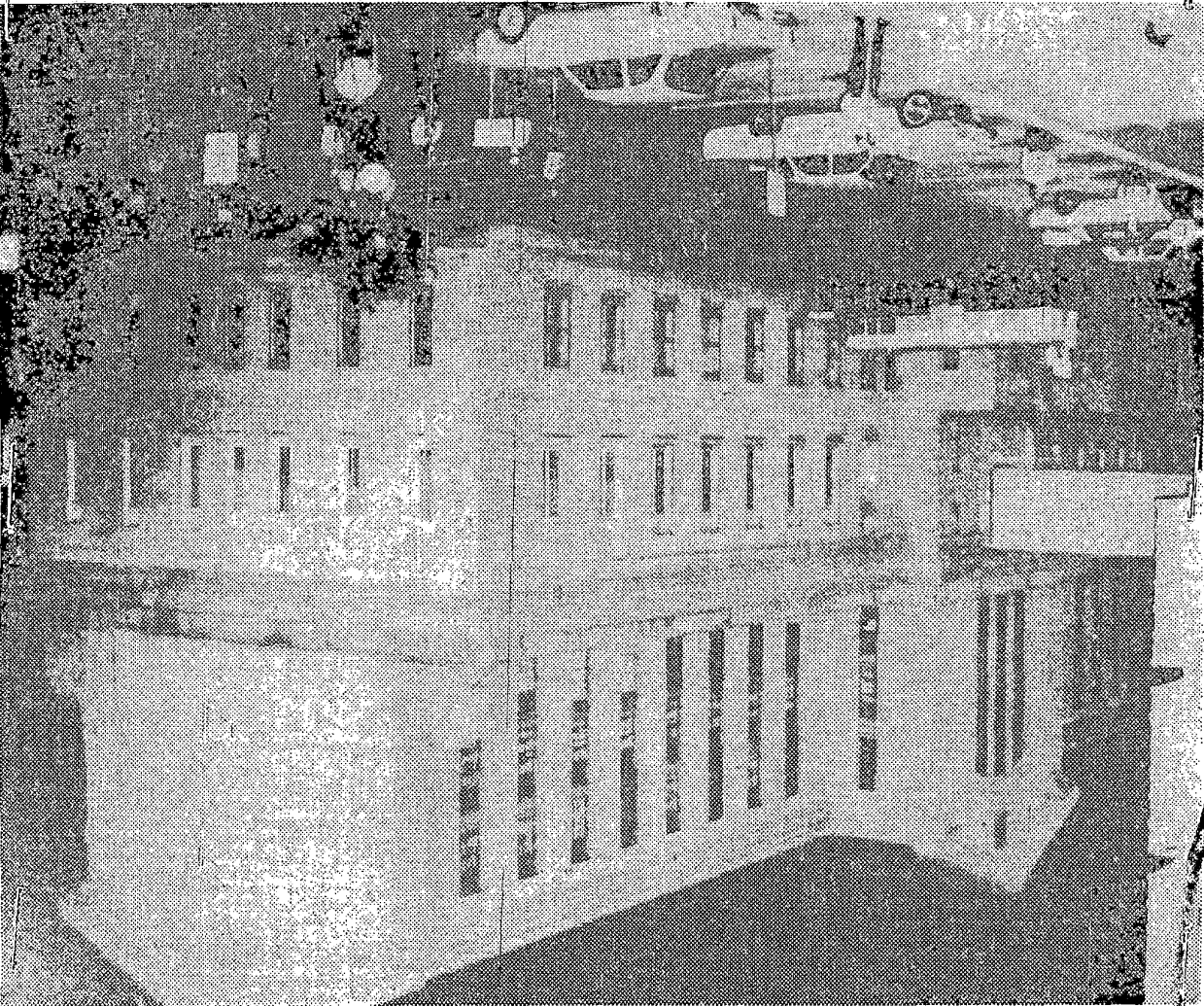
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Police maintain a heavy guard around the Shelby County Jail in Memphis, awaiting James Earl Ray's arrival early today. Steel plates cover windows of Ray's third floor cell.

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'LUCK OF DRAW' PICKS JUDGE FOR TRIAL OF RAY

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Judge Preston Battle said yesterday it was the luck of the draw that selected him as the judge to preside over the trial of James Earl Ray.

Battle said the five Shelby County Criminal Court judges were each given a number. The holder of the highest number drawn was selected to hear the case, he said.

Ray, alleged slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is expected to go on trial for murder during the fall.

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Defense Lawyer Finds Ray Optimistic ^{A3}



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Arthur Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, is uncharacteristically silent at Memphis news conference after judge ordered him to limit comments on the case.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 20 (AP)—James Earl Ray, accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was described by his lawyer today as being "in a good frame of mind and optimistic."

Arthur Hanes, his lawyer from Birmingham, Ala., spent two hours and eight minutes in Ray's steel-lined cell on the third floor of the Shelby County Jail discussing preliminary arrangements for Ray's murder trial.

He declined to go into what was discussed, saying only that the private session "opened up a broad spectrum." He said no arraignment date has been set.

Before going into the closely guarded, air-conditioned cellblock, Hanes met with Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and State Attorney General Phil Canale to discuss "the general ground rules for the trial. They afforded me every courtesy," Hanes said. Canale will prosecute Ray.

Hanes' visit with Ray inside the jail, surrounded by deputies, armed with shotguns, was the first he had had since his client was turned over to U.S. authorities in London and flown back to the United States.

He said he was "perfectly

satisfied with the accommodations and the system set up" to guard Ray. "My client is satisfied."

Hanes declined comment on whether his client was named James Earl Ray. The suspect had given the name Ramon George Sneyd when arrested in London June 8.

And Hanes said he thought his client could get "as fair a trial in Memphis as anywhere. I have great faith in the American system of justice."

Hanes said he could not estimate how long it would be before he was ready for trial: "These things can't take place immediately." He said it would depend on information given him by Ray and on witnesses.

Hanes also said he did not believe the ground rules laid down by the judge would hamper his case. Earlier, Judge Preston Battle issued an order forbidding principles in the case from granting interviews to newsmen or making "extrajudicial" statements.

Hanes said he expects to meet with Ray again Sunday before leaving for his home in Birmingham. Hanes entered the jail just after 11 a.m. and did not leave until after 3:30 p.m. CDT.

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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.

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Lawyer Visits Ray, Calls Him 'Optimistic'

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Discusses 'Ground Rules'

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Hanes' visit with Ray inside the jail surrounded by shotgun-toting deputies was the first he had since his turned over to U.S. authorities in London and flown back to the United States.

He said he was "perfectly satisfied with the accommodations and the system set up" to guard Ray. "My client is satisfied."

Quizzed on Picture

The only photograph released of Ray since his return was taken by the sheriff's department and showed Ray handcuffed and wearing a bullet-proof vest.

Asked whether he would prefer some pictures showing Ray in a different light, Hanes answered:

"As time goes on, perhaps tomorrow, we will discuss this more thoroughly and see what we can do about it."

Hanes declined comment on whether his client was named James Earl Ray. He had given the name Raymon George Sneyd when arrested in London.

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Expecting Fair Trial

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He expects to meet with Ray again today before leaving for his home in Birmingham.

Powell on Ray *AB*
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.

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FBI Doubts Dr. King a Victim of Plot

By Drew Pearson and
Jack Anderson

It now looks as if the FBI has exploded the generally prevalent theory that the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King involved a conspiracy.

The conspiracy theory has long been held, as a result of the large amounts of money spent by James Earl Ray, the suspected killer, and the manner in which he was able to travel around the United States, Canada, and Europe. It was believed his operations would have been impossible without help from other conspirators who were out to murder Dr. King.

For instance, Ray rented a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Aug. 20 of last year, and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills. He paid \$499 for dancing lessons. He also paid \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

He shelled out money for a bartending course, though he showed no interest in working behind any bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan, which cost about \$400.

His white Mustang cost \$1985, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal and from Los Angeles to New Orleans, and al-

ways seemed to have enough cash.

Occasionally Ray slipped \$20 tips to bar girls and prostitutes.

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet during this time he never held a job. After the King murder, the suspect went to Canada and eventually to England where he also seemed to be in the dough. He had plenty of money to spend on clothes and airplane fare.

So the big question was: Where did he get the money?

For a long time the FBI toyed with the possibility that Ray was financed by a white supremacy ring. He had boasted to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside and that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 - million bounty that a business group supposedly had offered for the death of Dr. King.

Source of Money

Now, however, the FBI has found a robbery where Ray probably got his money. On July 13 the Bank of Alton, in Upper Alton, Ill., was robbed of \$22,000. Alton is across the Mississippi River from Missouri, and it was from the Missouri State Penitentiary that Ray escaped on April 23, 1967, three months before the July 13 robbery in Alton.

The holdup was pulled off by two robbers who wore stocking masks. Their faces

could not be identified. However, the FBI has been checking very carefully, and one of the robbers answers the description of James Earl Ray. He had the same long hair, the same height and the same physical makeup.

At first the FBI was inclined to be skeptical. However, rechecking the Alton bank robbery has convinced them that Ray was involved and that this was where he got the money on which he lived so extravagantly prior to the King murder.

The idea that a group conspired to murder Dr. King and paid Ray to do it has now been dropped.

Note 1: The FBI has also traced a British bank robbery to Ray.

Note 2: Arthur J. Hanes, the American lawyer who turned up in London to defend Ray, has been connected with various other cases, involving racial violence. He was the attorney defending the Ku Klux Klansmen in the Viola Liuzzo murder case, has a flair for publicity and it's believed he went to London on his own. There is no evidence that he is being paid by conspirators.

Che Guevara Diary

Some authorities have questioned the authenticity of the Che Guevara diary, which the revolutionary kept before his death in the Bolivian mountains. We can report that the diary is authentic.

Cuban dictator Fidel Castro got hold of it by purchasing bootleg excerpts from Bolivian officials, then piecing the excerpts together. A few pages were missing from the version, which he released to friendly publications around the world, including Ramparts magazine in this country.

Parade magazine's enterprising editor, Jess Gorkin, organized a consortium of publications that sought to purchase the rights to the diary from the Bolivian Government. Gorkin sent Andrew St. George, a bring-em-back-alive correspondent, to Bolivia to translate the diary and research the story behind it.

Actually, some of the other documents captured with Guevara are much more revealing than his diary. He lugged them around the jungle in a waterproof jungle pack and a portable field safe made of special, high-impact plastic.

The papers included the outline of a book Guevara planned to write on the evolution of man's political thinking, going back to the ancient Greek philosophers; also an original short story entitled "Passing the Test," which he wrote in the jungle.

The bloodthirsty guerrilla leader also packed poetry with him to occupy his leisure moments. His favorite poet, apparently was Ruben Dario, although some verses appear to have been written by Guevara himself.

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MEMPHIS—James Earl Ray sat without a word in a heavily guarded courtroom yesterday while his lawyer entered his plea of innocent and the judge announced his trial on charges of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will begin Nov. 12.

Ray, dressed in blue with his long black hair neatly combed, appeared calm. He spoke not a word during the 11 minutes he spent at his arraignment in Judge Preston Battle's courtroom.

Three deputies sat behind Ray, shielding him from the view of the rest of the room. About 80 persons were allowed into the court—all of them lawmen, court officials or reporters. Newsmen were searched before entering the room.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re BA airtel to WFO enclosing copy of BA airtel to LA, 5/8/68. WFO telephone call to BA, 7/8/68.

PAULA QUIGLEY, apartment 404, 1735 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 7/8/68, that KATHERINE OLSON WILLIAR went to Baltimore, Maryland, on 7/3/68, with QUIGLEY. KATHERINE WILLIAR can be contacted through inquiry at the "Schoolroom" in the Park Plaza Hotel at Madison and Charles Streets, Baltimore, Maryland. QUIGLEY said this is a bar and restaurant. She added, KATHERINE WILLIAR visited PATRICIA JAMES, 935 Druid Lake Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday, 7/3/68. QUIGLEY added WILLIAR is interested in Scientology.

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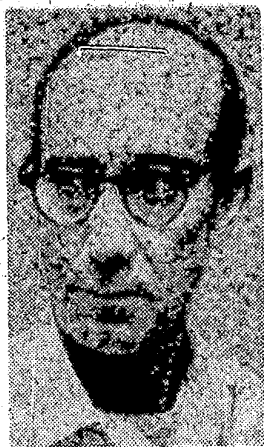
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AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Will locate and interview KATHERINE OLSON WILLIAR by making inquiry at the "Schoolroom" in Park Plaze Hotel, and of PATRICIA JAMES, 935 Druid Lake Drive,



United Press International

GUARDED—Charles Q. Stevens, who claims he saw Martin Luther King's assassin flee the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired, has been ordered jailed as material witness.

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Judge's order tones down beefs by Ray's attorney

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The type of trial Judge W. Preston Battle plans to preside over for James Earl Ray apparently isn't what Ray's attorney, gabby Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, had in mind.

It has appeared obvious from the moment Hanes entered the case that he planned to play for sympathy with predictions, charges, accusations and other press relations gimmicks aimed at winning

sympathy for his client.

Judge Battle has changed all that.

He has ordered the principals in the case to limit their off the cuff remarks concerning Ray's trial for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hanes, who arrived in Memphis complaining because he was not allowed to accompany the accused back from London, also has claimed that the state is paying witnesses if has

questioned and "stashed out. They're being paid and they're being taken care of," he fumed.

Battle ordered case principals to refrain from "extra judicial" statements.

Hanes met Saturday with Tennessee Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and Shelby County Sheriff William Morris.

Purpose of the meetings, Hanes said, was to work out details for the arraignment.

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ment and ground rules for the trial.

Shelby County officials indicated it would be Monday, or later, before the 40-year-old Ray is arraigned and permitted to enter a plea. He is expected to be tried in October or November.

Hanes said his client is anxious to go on trial and "clear this matter up." It was for this reason, Hanes said, that Ray gave up his extradition fight in London.

where he was captured June 8 following a worldwide search.

Before meeting with officials, Hanes held a brief news conference in his hotel and was asked how his defense preparation were progressing.

"I'm sort of flying blind now, so to speak," he said. He refused comment on the type of defense he planned.

REINED IN by the court order, he also refused to elaborate on his accusation of Friday that witnesses in

the case were being hidden away from him.

Earlier he accused the Justice Department of "hurting my case."

Hanes had said King's murder was "political" in motivation and said he believed an "international communist conspiracy" may have been responsible.

He said Ray's "morale is good, his health is good."

Ray is in an air-conditioned cell-suite on the third floor of the five-story jail. Closed-circuit television cameras monitor his every move.

Every precaution has been taken for his safety.

A garbage disposal unit filled with sandbags was placed near Ray's cell Friday for use, sources said, in the event any explosive devices are smuggled into the jail.

Outside the gray, concrete building, guarded by armed deputies, pedestrians were ordered to walk on sidewalks across the street.

THE ACCUSED assassin was flown in before dawn Friday. Clad in bullet-proof clothes, he was rushed to the jail in a silver-and-blue armored car and marched inside guarded by a phalanx of submachine-gun carrying guards. Spotlights played on possible snipers' nests.

An Air Force C135 brought Ray from Lincoln Heath Airport outside London to Millington Naval Air Station outside Memphis in a nine-hour flight. There Ray was handed over to local authorities by FBI agents.

He was dressed in a bullet-proof vest, baggy bullet-proof pants and his hands were manacled to a broad belt around his waist. He was put into a silver-and-blue armored car, borrowed from the police in Jackson, Miss., and driven in a heavily-armed motorcade of six patrol cars and seven motorcycles to the jail.

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At the jail, a county bus was pulled in front of the door to obscure the view from the street. Thirteen deputies armed with shotguns lined the rear entrance. A car sped up to the jail and disgorged six detectives with submachine guns, who stationed themselves around the door.

THE JAIL is about a mile from the Lorraine, where exactly three and a half months ago, on April 4, Ray is accused of firing the shot that killed King as he stood on the hotel balcony.

Activity appeared normal at the Lorraine Friday. The door of Room 306 — last occupied by King — stood open. A purple cross adorned with white lilies hung on the door.

Two blocks away, a man carried two gun cases out of the York Arms Co. where Ray allegedly bought a pair of binoculars the day King died. The man said he bought the weapons — shotguns — for hunting, and looked sheepishly at passersby as he strode away in the direction of the Lorraine.

Sheriff Morris said the

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Ray Put in Memphis Jail

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 19 (UP) — James Earl Ray was flown in secrecy today from England to this Mississippi River port where he is charged with killing Negro leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. three months ago.

Ray arrived aboard an Air Force C135 plane at Memphis' Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m. EDT and was hustled into a blue and white armored car by Federal agents.

With blue dome light flashing, the armored car sped to the heavily-guarded Shelby County Jail in downtown Memphis. Seven patrol cars and seven motorcycles flanked the armored car.

BACK ENTRANCE

Several minutes before the car arrived at the jail, more than a dozen sheriff's deputies, several armed with shotguns, lined the back entrance to the building. One minute later, an unmarked car roared up, and five men leaped out with submachine guns and stationed themselves at the entrance.

When the car swerved into the jail parking lot and stopped at the jail door, several uniformed officers jumped out. Four minutes after it arrived, the car pulled away.

Ray, 40, whose arrest in London last month

climaxed the most intensive manhunt in modern American history, was lodged in a four-cell suite in the gray, five-story jail in downtown Memphis. The windows of his third-floor suite were steel-plated and air-conditioning was installed, along with closed-circuit TV so guards can watch his every move.

JAIL RINGED

State troopers, sheriff's deputies and policemen ringed the jail, some 20 blocks from the motel where Dr. King was shot down by a sniper last April 4 as he stood on a balcony.

Ray's attorney, former Birmingham, Ala., Mayor Arthur J. Hanes Sr., complained in London that he was not allowed to accompany his client on the flight to the United States.

Mr. Hanes said he didn't want Ray "grilled, cross-examined and interrogated" on the plane and he advised him to "keep his mouth shut and not answer any questions — not even talk about the weather."

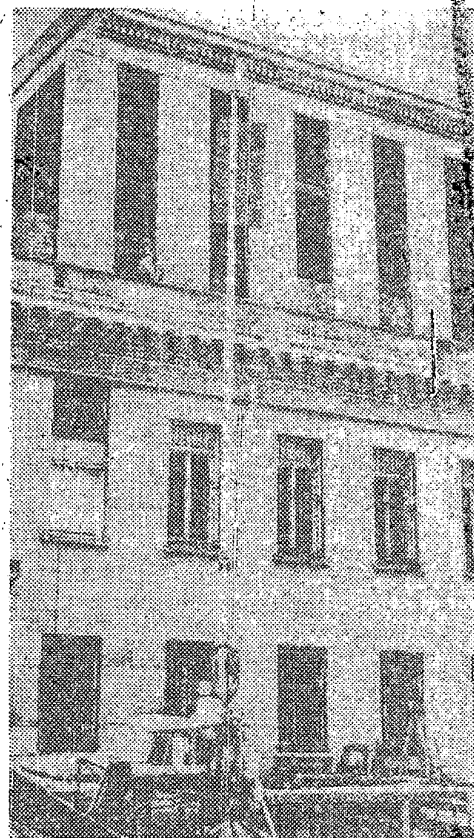
Mr. Hanes said he would return to the U.S. later today. He said he expected Ray to be tried in "probably October or November."

NEW ASPECT

In a new aspect of the case, the London Daily Sketch reported today that fingerprints of Ray had been matched against that of a gunman who robbed a London bank six weeks ago of about 100 pounds (\$240).

If it is proved that Ray had robbed the bank it would support U.S. claims that Ray acted on his own and was not part of a conspiracy since it would explain how Ray got enough money to live in London before his arrest.

A Scotland Yard spokesman, however, refused to comment on the bank robbery or the fingerprints.



—UPI Photo

Steel plates are being installed over a window presumably covering the cell in which Ray was placed.

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Extreme security precautions predicted during Ray's trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Security plans for the expected trial of accused assassin James Earl Ray call for the voices and faces of every person at-

tending the trial to be recorded on sound and video tape.

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 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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.

Holmes said each person would be filmed at the entrance to the courtroom, and each would be asked to speak into a microphone. He said there was no plan to make a panoramic film of the courtroom while the trial was in progress.

Most of the public seats are to go to newsmen but reservations, officials say, will be assured for relatives of the defendant and of the family of Dr. King.

SHERIFF William Morris said a segment of the general public will also be seated, even if all of the newsmen present at any one time may not be seated.

Holmes said identity cards with photos will be issued to all newsmen accredited for the trial. More than 50 such accreditations already have been requested.

"There will be no carnival air here," Sheriff Morris promises. "This is a serious matter. The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/10/68.

For information of Bureau and offices listed below, CI 568-R was contacted concerning this matter on 7/17/68, and 7/24/68. At request of contacting Agent, CI 568-R verified the fact that Mrs. ELOISE WITTE currently resides at 11886 Lick Road in Cincinnati, Ohio, however, she no longer has a telephone.

Informant advised that it is highly doubtful that Mrs. WITTE would be cooperative in an interview with FBI Agents and in all probability would not allow herself to be interviewed at all. Informant explained that in the past nine months Mrs. WITTE has completely disassociated herself with the Klan and related white hate group organizations in all respects.

On 7/24/68, Mrs. WITTE was contacted and advised that she had no information to furnish the FBI at this time about anything.

Per instructions in above referenced airtel, Part 5 of activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations is enclosed for the Memphis Office.

It should be noted that Mrs. WITTE has not in the past been interviewed by Bureau Agents.

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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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Press Guidelines Tightened By Court That Will Try Ray

By Bill Johnson

MEMPHIS, July 30 (AP)—Strict new guidelines enjoining "interviews or press conferences for publicity" were handed down today by the judge who will preside at the murder trial of James Earl Ray.

Judge W. Preston Battle acted after a committee of eight attorneys reported that his previous order forbidding interviews or extra-judicial statements had been violated. The committee said violations had been committed specifically by Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney; Shelby County Sheriff Williams Morris; Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Memphis Attorney Russell X. Thompson.

The order forbids anyone connected with the case, and all persons employed in the criminal courts buildings, from participating in interviews.

It also enjoins them from making extra-judicial statements about the case which involve:

- "1. The personal belief of the declarant as to the guilt or innocence of the accused;
- "2. The plans of the declarant relating to the preparation or conduct of the trial . . .
- "3. The jurors or potential jurors who may serve;
- "4. The comments of the declarant about the merits of the case and about any evidence which may be presented;
- "5. The credibility of or in

formation concerning any known or intended witnesses or the treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant, and are further enjoined from making any and all other statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in the case, whether specified herein or not."

As for Hanes, the order mentioned statements he made "to the effect that the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. involved a Communist conspiracy and to the effect that his client's rights were being trampled in jail.

It said the violation by Sheriff Morris came when he was quoted on "the cost and expenses for the security of the prisoner and the treatment of the prisoner, and the prisoner's demeanor and attitude while in confinement."

The order said the committee's report pointed out that to the extent that Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States, is "a lawyer participating in this case" through his staff, he violated the previous order by saying for publication "that there

was no evidence of a conspiracy in the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

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Ray Trial Press Rules Tightened

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Strict new guidelines enjoining "interviews or press conferences for publicity" were handed down today by the judge who will preside in the murder trial of James Earl Ray. Ray is charged with the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Judge W. Preston Battle acted after a committee of eight attorneys reported that his previous order forbidding interviews or extra-judicial statements had been violated. The committee, named by Battle on Sunday, said violations had been committed specifically by Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney; Shelby County Sheriff William Morris; Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Russell X. Thompson, Memphis attorney.

The order forbids anyone connected with the case, and all persons employed in the criminal courts buildings, from participating in interviews or press conferences for publicity. It enjoined them from making extra-judicial statements about the case which involves among other things: "the personal belief of the declarant as to the guilt or innocence of the accused."

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

1)	Number of man hours spent on case:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
	Agent	32	8
	Clerical	8	
2)	Miles	40	
3)	Out-of-ordinary costs:	none	
4)	Maximum number of Agents working on case	2	

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Las Vegas telephone call to Memphis, 7/31/68.

On 7/31/68, RON BATISTE, City Editor's Desk, "Las Vegas Review Journal" contacted SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR., and advised that one BILLY JOE CHEEK, aka Scott Owen Bell, had told him that CHEEK was a bodyguard for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Memphis when KING was assassinated. According to BATISTE, when BELL heard the shots, he and another bodyguard ran toward the motel where KING was staying. As they approached the area of the boarding house, a man was observed running in the street who obviously had come from the boarding house. CHEEK tackled this man, who he now identifies as JAMES EARL RAY. RAY struck CHEEK forcefully and was able to escape. CHEEK told BATISTE that the FBI and the Memphis PD have been unsuccessfully looking for him since the assassination of KING. CHEEK said the FBI wished to interview him concerning his activities that night and his involvement in the general situation.

SCOTT OWEN BELL was located at 1025 Desert Inn Road, Apartment 7, Las Vegas, Nevada, and interviewed by SA JOHN R. KINSINGER and SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR.

BELL, who is 18 years of age, gave a rambling and at times incoherent account of his activities over the past

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seven months. He states that while in Los Angeles during April, 1968, he became involved with the Southern Christian Conference League (SCCL) and after working in the Watts area he was sent by the SCCL to Washington, D.C. as a "Tennessee Ranger" or "Tent City Ranger". As such, he was to help erect Resurrection City in Washington, D.C., and then to police same.

In late April or early May, 1968, BELL with other Rangers traveled to Atlanta then to Memphis to act as bodyguards for KING.

On April 24, 1968, BELL and "JOHNNY" LNU were relieved as guards and proceeded to a nearby bar to eat breakfast. They saw KING come onto the balcony of his hotel and saw him fall. BELL heard no shot. BELL looked at his watch and noted the time to be 10:30 AM. BELL and "JOHNNY" had started back to the hotel when a man came out of a building next door to the hotel and knocked BELL down and slugged "JOHNNY". BELL said this man was JAMES EARL RAY.

BELL carried no identification and at the beginning of interview stated he had no Selective Service registration card. Later he volunteered the fact he was registered with Selective Service System, LB#43, 1916 "G" Street, Washington, D.C.

BELL said he had been in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, in 1967, after trying to commit suicide. He also stated he had escaped from Brentwood Reform School on Long Island, New York, where he had been sent as a runaway juvenile. BELL further stated he had been at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C. from late February, 1968, until March 28, 1968, when he went AWOL. During the "Poor People's March" BELL said he had been arrested by WMFD, Washington, D.C., and was in jail for a time there.

ROBERT E. MURRAY, Shield Number 110, Las Vegas PD, on 7/31/68 advised SCOTT OWEN BELL is his cousin. MURRAY said BELL had appeared at the Las Vegas PD 7/26/68 and asked for MURRAY. MURRAY said BELL is known to lie and a year or so ago had written MURRAY's mother and an uncle, STERLING BELL, saying that he, SCOTT BELL, was in Bellevue Hospital in New York City. MURRAY had no personal knowledge that BELL

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had been in a mental hospital or in jail. On Saturday, 7/28/68, BELL passed out and MURRAY took him to the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas for treatment of an enlarged intestine. At this time MURRAY and STEELING BELL spoke with a doctor re the possibility of having BELL committed. The doctor said there was insufficient evidence indicating that BELL should be committed.

The following is a description of BELL obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	18 years
Date of birth	
Place of birth	El Paso, Texas
Height	5'11"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown, short
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Scars	Upper right arm and on back, allegedly inflicted during a beating by a motorcycle gang
Relatives	
Father	GEORGE ALONZO BELL
Mother	MARYANN EDWARDS, deceased
Step-mother	VIOLET BELL
Sister	PATRICIA ANN BELL

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will review records NYCPD to determine if BELL wanted.
2. Will determine if BELL is an escapee of Brentwood Reform School.

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3. Will determine if BELL was a patient at Bellevue Hospital, NYC.

WFO

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Will determine if BELL a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, WDC, and if he is an escapee of that institution.

2. Will review records of the WMPO for any information concerning BELL.

3. Will determine through records of LB#43, WDC, if BELL is registered with Selective Service System.

BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re Las Vegas airtel to Director, 8/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 8/7/68, in Washington, D.C.

Officer R. W. CAULEY, Identification Bureau,
Metropolitan Police Department said he was unable to locate
any record concerning SCOTT OWEN BELL.

DELORES HARRIS, Executive Secretary, Selective
Service System, District of Columbia, 806 G St., N.W., said
she was unable to locate any information concerning SCOTT
OWEN BELL registered with any Local Board in the District of
Columbia. She added he would not have to register until
within five days of his eighteenth birthday, 8/7/50. Also,
the District does not have a Local Board # 43. The address
he furnished for his Local Board is 1916 G Street, North West,
which is the National Headquarters of the Selective Service
System.

LOU SQUAROK, Information Clerk, St. Elizabeth's
Hospital said SCOTT OWEN BELL, born [redacted] in El Paso, Texas,
was a patient in February, 1968. He escaped in March, 1968,
and was readmitted on 4/1/68. He was discharged on 5/1/68.

BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

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Re Las Vegas airtel to the Bureau dated 8/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY on 8/14/68 at New York, New York:

Captain CARL GRECO, Identification Unit, NYCPD, advised that their wanted records do not contain anyone identifiable with SCOTT OWEN BELL.

Review of Suffolk County Telephone Directory for a Brentwood Reform School did not reflect any reform school with that name.

FREDERICK R. GRAF, Assistant Director, Records Department, Bellevue Hospital, advised a SCOTT BELL admitted to the hospital on 7/29/67 and subsequently discharged on 8/2/67. BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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On 6/17/68 at Washington, D. C.File # WFO 44-703 *-762*by *RDA*
SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDADate dictated 6/17/68

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Ray Asks Court to Dismiss King Case

By MARTIN WALDRON
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Aug. 16 — An attorney for James Earl Ray asked the court today to dismiss an indictment charging Ray with murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4.

The attorney, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., said in a motion filed with Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle that "pervasive and widespread" publicity had made it impossible for Ray to get a fair trial.

The trial of Ray, a 40-year-old escaped convict from Missouri who was arrested in London in June and returned to Tennessee under heavy guard last month, is scheduled to begin Nov. 12.

Judge Battle set a tentative date of Sept. 6 to hear arguments on the motion to dismiss the murder indictment and on two other motions — to dismiss an indictment charging Ray with carrying a dangerous weapon and to allow Ray's attorneys to examine the evidence that more than 2,000 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation gathered against Ray during a four-month investigation.

Mr. Hanes, whose father is



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chief defense attorney, said that Ray was extradited to the United States from England on a murder charge and could not be tried on the charge of having carried a dangerous weapon.

That charge stems from the

discovery of a rifle on a Memphis street near the rooming house from which Dr. King was shot.

Included in a list of evidence that Mr. Hanes said he and his father wanted to inspect were: any firearms owned by Ray now in possession of the authorities; any automobiles and objects found in them that had belonged to Ray; records pertaining to hotels, motels or rooming houses; photographs; prison records; passport and medical records; and the result of fingerprint and ballistic tests made during the investigation of Dr. King's murder.

In support of his contention that Ray could not receive a fair trial because of prejudicial publicity, Mr. Hanes said that the murder and the subsequent investigation had been so widely reported "that any prospective juror will have read or heard prejudicial matter on many occasions and will have been repeatedly exposed to published matter tending to influence public opinion in favor of the defendant's guilt and tending to remove that presumption of innocence which must accompany him to trial."

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Ray Book ~~A-14~~

MEMPHIS — The man charged with murder in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has contracted with an author to write his biography.

James Earl Ray, awaiting trial, on Nov. 12 has hired William Bradford Huie of Hartselle, Ala., who arrived here Wednesday with Arthur J. Hanes, the Birmingham attorney who will defend Ray.

Huie said he also has a contract with Hanes for material to be used in the Ray story. He ~~said Ray~~ has given him 10,000 hand-written words with which to start the book.

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WFO has reviewed files in this matter and the results of all pertinent investigation have been forwarded to Memphis. Results of negative investigation are being maintained in WFO file.

Inasmuch as there is no outstanding investigation in this division this matter is being considered RUC.

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A private detective employed by the attorney for James Earl Ray — accused killer of Martin Luther King — said that unusual security measures at the Memphis jail were threatening Ray's health. His cell is flooded constantly with lights while television cameras record his every move, the detective said.

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Ray Sought Help, Citing 'Difficulties'

By Jerry Lipson
Chicago Daily News Service

A 1966 psychiatric report on accused assassin James Earl Ray describes him as a man who sought help because he feared he might some day get into "serious difficulties."

Ray underwent extensive mental tests in 1966 after his second unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Missouri State Prison, where he was serving 20 years for armed robbery.

The psychiatrist who studied Ray, Dr. Henry V. Guhlman Jr., said Ray felt "his escape attempt was the result of undue anxiety and tension with the need to actually do something" about it.

"He is fearful that this might lead into more serious difficulties," Guhlman said of the man accused of shooting the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4 in Memphis.

In a report to the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, Guhlman described Ray as an "obsessive, compulsive personality," beset by overpowering fears of harm.

He said Ray felt that potential danger could be ward off only by going through certain "ritualistic" acts.

"These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive compulsive way, he feels that he must do certain things" to save himself from harm, Guhlman said.

"For instance, he describes a feeling of fear that can be alleviated if he takes a glass of water he is drinking and sets it on the table and moves it back and forth several times.

The report implied that Ray was driven by these unnamed fears to try to break

out of the fortress-like prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

Ray finally escaped April 23, 1967, on his third try, by hiding in a box on the back of an outbound bakery truck.

In the report, prepared four months before Ray's successful escape, Guhlman said his "basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend."

(The 1967 Layman's Dictionary of Psychiatry defines obsessive compulsive as behavior "marked by ritualism and by preoccupation with a single idea or desire.")

Guhlman noted that Ray had requested an examination by an independent psychiatrist, and Guhlman recommended approval of this, saying he was "in need of psychiatric help."

Guhlman reported "no evidence of delusions, hallucinations or paranoid ideas," but noted "a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend which he has really never discussed at length with anyone.

"This is not psychotic in nature, but severely neurotic," the psychiatrist said. He expressed strong doubts that Ray was parole material at that time.

Guhlman called his subject an "interesting and rather complicated individual." He said Ray used such technical terms as "solar plexus, tachycardia and intracranial" in describing his aches and pains.

"When we commented that these were rather large words (Ray) reported that he had been reading up in the medical literature," Guhlman said.

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STRICT SECURITY FOR RAY UPHELD

Judge Denies Bid to Ease It
—4 Guilty of Contempt

By MARTIN WALDRON
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Sept. 30—James Earl Ray, accused of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sat quietly in a courtroom this afternoon while his attorney tried in vain to get Memphis jail officials not to guard Ray so closely.

Wearing a badly fitted blue suit and a white shirt and powder-blue tie, Ray appeared to be pale and drawn, although jail officials said he had gained weight since July 19, when he was flown from England to Tennessee.

It was Ray's first court appearance since he was arraigned in July.

Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, complained that bright lights, television cameras, guards and microphones in Ray's cell had made the suspect nervous.

Earlier in the day Mr. Hanes, along with a private detective and two Memphis newspaper reporters, was adjudged guilty of contempt of court because of newspaper articles about the security arrangements and about Mr. Hanes's complaint.

Order Held Violated

Judge W. Preston Battle of Shelby County Criminal Court, who has been assigned to preside at Ray's trial starting Nov. 12, said that Mr. Hanes and R. T. Hays, the private detective, by making statements to the reporters, had violated his order not to make out-of-court statements about the coming trial or about how Ray was being treated in jail.

The judge said that although he felt he was getting into "a frontier of the law," he considered that the reporters, Ray Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, were guilty of contempt for writing about the statements made by Mr. Hanes and Mr. Hays.

Judge Battle withheld a decision on the punishment to be assessed against the four men.

The hearing on whether Ray was being overguarded came after the contempt proceeding.

Sheriff William N. Morris and Capt. Billy J. Smith, who is in charge of a special detail of 14 deputy sheriffs whose only duty is to guard Ray, said that Ray had been under constant surveillance since he arrived at the Shelby County jail about 4:30 A.M. on July 19.

2 Television Cameras

Two closed-circuit television cameras are focused on the third-floor cell where Ray is kept. A microphone hangs on the ceiling. Two guards stay in the cell with Ray at all times.

Captain Smith said that eight 189-watt lights illuminated the cell. The lights are never turned off, he said.

All of Ray's mail, incoming and outgoing and including letters to and from his attorneys, is read, Sheriff Morris testified.

Notes that Ray has written to be given to Mr. Hanes during the attorney's visits, and notes that Mr. Hanes makes while in the jail, have also been read by jail personnel, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Morris said he considered this necessary to maintain security.

No efforts are made to overhear conversations between Ray and Mr. Hanes, the Sheriff said. Guards move to the far end of the cell during these visits and the microphone is turned off, he said.

Security Called Prudent

Judge Battle said that even though other defendants awaiting trial for murder were treated differently, he felt that the security arrangements for Ray were prudent and reasonable.

But he said that Ray's right to have an attorney included the right to confer with him privately.

Notes that Ray writes for his attorney and notes that Mr. Hanes may make during future visits may be inspected but they cannot be read, Judge Battle ruled.

The inspection of the notes was approved so that diagrams or drawings of the jail and uncensored letters cannot be smuggled from the jail by Mr. Hanes, the judge said.

"It's not, Mr. Hanes, that you are not trusted," the judge said. "It's that nobody is trusted."

Ray did not take the stand during the hearing.

In the contempt case Judge Battle said that he would be guided, in fixing any punishment, on the future conduct of the four men.

The judge's order that prohibited attorneys and others involved directly in the case from making out-of-court statements did not mention news media. The judge said the Supreme Court had held it to be unconstitutional to put "prior restrictions" on the press.

But Judge Battle said today that he was holding the reporters in contempt because they knew of the order's existence.

The right to a fair trial and the right to free speech and free press "are great rights," Judge Battle said.

"Both of these great rights are basic," he said. "We are here concerned with an area where these two great rights are in conflict. It really is a frontier of the law."

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