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**King Slayer Fails
In New Trial Bid**

JACKSON, Tenn. (UPI) —
The Tennessee Supreme Court
has refused to consider whether
a new trial should be
granted James Earl Ray, the
convicted assassin of Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.

King was killed in Memphis
in 1968, and almost a year
later, Ray pleaded guilty to
the murder. He was sentenced
to 99 years in the state
penitentiary.

In seeking a new trial, Ray
had contended unsuccessfully
that he was coerced into
pleading guilty to the murder
of King by defense attorney
Percy Foreman. Ray said that
Foreman told him he could
only escape the electric chair
by pleading guilty.



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