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A GUEST EDITORIAL**Abusing Judicial Power****BUFFALO (N.Y.) NEWS**

For writing statements given them about the jail treatment of James Earl Ray, awaiting trial on charges he assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., two Memphis newspaper men have been adjudged guilty of contempt of court. And a more flagrant example of plain judicial tyranny would be hard to imagine.

By penalizing newsmen, as Judge W. Preston Battle admits, the court is getting into a "frontier of the law." It is frontier justice needed when a judge presumes to punish members of the press for reporting information given them by members of the court that bears directly upon the proper administration of criminal justice.

What is involved in this case is the reporting of a complaint by Ray's defense counsel and a private detective about extraordinarily tight security conditions enforced by sheriff's guards—closed circuit TV cameras, microphones, and constant illumination in Ray's cell; surveillance of all his correspondence, including that with his attorney; and even inspection of notes made by the defense counsel during visits with Ray.

It is hard to see how the objections voiced by the defendant's counsel can be construed as prejudicial to his right to a fair trial.

For these concern neither his guilt nor innocence, but the physical treatment of the defendant while awaiting trial.

The central question, however, concerns not the court's use of its disciplinary powers against officers of the court, but its capricious extension of these to the press for daring to exercise its proper role of informing the public. And the press here, let it be noted, was not just informing the public about any ordinary trial, but about a matter charged with immense nationwide public interest and concern for the proper administration of justice. The news media, indeed, would be derelict if they failed to keep every step and stage of this particular trial under the closest scrutiny.

Whatever precautions any court may feel obliged to take in exceptional circumstances to assure a defendant's right to a fair trial, these give no warrant whatsoever for judicial restrictions on the role of the press.

A free press in a democracy—far from being in any real conflict with fair trial guarantees—shares with bench and bar a responsibility for fulfilling in its own way proper goals of justice by keeping the public apprised of its operation. The abuse of judicial power in inhibiting the press does no credit to the bench.

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—The Clarion Ledger

—Jackson, Miss.

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Families Not To Be at Trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Neither the family of James Earl Ray nor that of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has expressed an interest in attending Ray's trial.

"We have received no requests from either the family of for seats in the courtroom," the defendant or the family of the deceased for seats in the courtroom," said Charles Holmes, who is handling press relations for the trial.

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Reporters Ask For New Trial

Declaring there is "no material evidence to support a finding of guilt," two Memphis newspaper reporters yesterday asked Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to set aside their conviction of contempt of court.

Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar were declared guilty of contempt of court Sept. 30. Judge Battle deferred sentencing, saying the newsmen could achieve "purgation" by future conformity to the judge's orders on publicity in the case of James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Yesterday's plea, filed by Armistead Clay, attorney for the respondents and for the Memphis Publishing Co., states Judge Battle's finding of guilt is "against the law and the evidence."

It also says punishment "would be in violation of the defendants' rights to free speech and a free press, both as citizens and newspaper reporters."

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The Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tenn.

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(HANES)

MEMPHIS, TENN.--AN ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WAS QUOTED BY THE MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR TODAY AS SAYING THE COURT'S COMMITTEE ON PRETRIAL PUBLICITY WAS A "COMMITTEE OF HARPER VALLEY PTA HYPOCRITES."

ARTHUR HANES, FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WAS HERE TO CONTINUE PREPARATION OF HIS CASE AND LISTEN TO A TAPE RECORDING OF A POLICE RADIO BROADCAST DESCRIBING A TWO-CAR CHASE THAT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED APRIL 4 SHORTLY AFTER KING WAS FELLED BY A SNIPER'S BULLET.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID HANES CALLED A SEVEN-LAWYER COMMITTEE, SELECTED BY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO AID IN ENFORCING HIS ORDER RESTRICTING PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY, A "COMMITTEE OF HARPER VALLEY PTA HYPOCRITES."

HANES, RENFRO T. HAYS, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR HE HIRED, AND TWO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING THE STRINGENT ORDER SEPT. 30. BATTLE WITHHELD SENTENCING.

"SHERIFF (WILLIAM) MORRIS SAID IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE MAN'S (RAY'S) CELL IS FINE," THE ARTICLE QUOTED HANES AS SAYING. "I SAID I DISAGREED. ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK STATED ON TELEVISION THAT RAY COMMITTED THIS CRIME WITH NO CONSPIRACY INVOLVED."

"I SUPPOSE IF I HAD OPENED MY MOUTH AND AGREED WITH RAMSEY CLARK AND SHERIFF MORRIS THAT NOTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT IT."

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A KLAN ORGANIZER MADE VISIT TO RAY

J. B. Stoner Talks With the
Prisoner of Aiding Defense

By MARTIN WALDRON
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Oct. 2 — J. B. Stoner, known as an organizer of the National States Rights party and the Ku Klux Klan and as an apostle of anti-Negro violence, visited James Earl Ray in his Memphis jail cell last Saturday.

Mr. Stoner, who has lived in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., discussed with Ray the possibility of his joining in Ray's defense against a charge that he murdered the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April.

Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, refused to accept Mr. Stoner as an associate in the defense.

In Birmingham, Ala., where he lives, Mr. Hanes said that he had no comment.

"But I don't mind saying that I would not allow that man Stoner to be associated in any case that I was involved in," Mr. Hanes said.

An Exchange of Letters

Before visiting Ray in the Shelby County Jail at Memphis, Mr. Stoner had been writing letters to and receiving letters from Ray since the escaped convict was arrested in London on June 10.

At one point in this exchange

of letters, the National States Rights party offered to pay for Ray's defense.

Ray's invitation to Stoner prompted Mr. Hanes to announce to Criminal Judge W. Preston Battle in a courtroom in Memphis last Friday that "serious differences" had arisen between Mr. Hanes and Ray and that he might withdraw as Ray's attorney.

On Monday, Mr. Hanes told Judge Battle, who has been assigned to try the murder charge against Ray, that the differences had been resolved and that he would remain as Ray's attorney.

In his letters to Ray, Stoner had suggested that several publications might be sued for having referred to Ray as the "killer of Dr. King" and as a "killer."

Support Reported for Stoner

Ray's brothers were reported to have advised Ray to accept Stoner as a defense attorney and to follow his advice.

Stoner has been known since 1947 as a Ku Klux Klan organizer and, later, as an attorney and organizer for the National States Rights party.

The National States Rights party, which has a limited membership, was founded in Birmingham and was later moved to Savannah, Ga., by Dr. Edward Fields, a chiropractor.

Dr. Fields in June made public the National States Rights party offer to finance Ray's defense.

Stoner and a colleague, C. C. Lynch, were active in opposition to civil rights movements in the South for the last 10 years.

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MUZZLES IN MEMPHIS

James Earl Ray is slowly coming on for trial in Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of having murdered the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, scheduled to preside at the trial, is clamping what look from here like excessive limitations on press, TV and radio coverage of the proceedings.

Latest development: His Honor finds a Memphis Commercial-Appeal and a Press-Scimitar reporter plus a defense attorney and a private eye in contempt of court by violating a Battle order regarding pre-trial publicity.

Both newspapers say they will continue to report the entire story, and will fight the judge's contempt ruling through the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

We hope the whole U.S. press will back these newspapers. This is the latest round in the seemingly endless battle to preserve the public's right to know what goes on in the criminal courts.

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Papers Defy⁶² Court on Ray

Memphis, Oct. 1 (UPI)—This city's two daily newspapers said today they planned to continue reporting developments in the murder trial of James Earl Ray, whether those developments occur in or out of court.

The decisions came after a ruling that found reporters for each of the papers, defense attorney Arthur Hanes and a private investigator in contempt of court for their roles in the press coverage of the case.

The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar said editorially that they believed it was their responsibility and obligation to continue reporting news in the case of the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King.

The ruling was handed down by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

The Commercial Appeal said: "Thus, the sword of Damocles is hung over our head. It was suggested by the judge that the penalty might be reduced if henceforth we restricted our reporting of the Ray case to just what was said and done in open court.

"Such handcuffing of the press and blindfolding of the citizens in a free country cannot be accepted by a responsible newspaper which must report all important happenings to the people."

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Around the Nation

Ray Trial Judge Holds 4 in Contempt

MEMPHIS — The judge who will try James Earl Ray held four persons in contempt yesterday on charges they violated his guidelines restricting pre-trial publicity in the case.

Arthur J. Hanes, the attorney for the man charged with the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., two Memphis newspaper reporters and a private investigator hired by Hanes were held in contempt by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

Battle ruled that comments by Hanes and the investigator, carried in stories written by the reporters, were "extremely prejudicial and constitute a clear and present danger" to impaneling an impartial jury to try Ray.

Battle withheld punishment until a later date, indicating future conduct of the four men might possibly mitigate or purge the contempt finding.

Atlanta

A predominantly white denomination approved a \$2 million program to help ghetto organizations and summoned Christians to repent of racism — although one minister claimed they aren't guilty. The action came at the 119th general assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the face of minority opposition.

Nearly 300 dissident white Trenton (N.J.) high school students returned to class, ending a three-day boycott.

Newspaperman William

Worthy Jr. began a week in residence at the University of Maine as a journalism lecturer.

The 8th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction of Robert Bolivar DePugh, national coordinator of the militant right-wing Minutemen, who is charged with violations of the Federal Firearms Act.

Two counts of the three-count indictment were dismissed outright. The court ordered a new trial for DePugh and Walter P. Peyson, a DePugh associate, on another count.

Actor Burt Lancaster, who spent a night in jail rather than sign a traffic ticket, forfeited \$65 bail in Justice Court on the speeding charge in Malibu, Calif.

Lt. Gen. John W. Bowen, former chief of staff of the U. S. European Com-

mand, retired after 36 years of Army service, in ceremonies at San Francisco.

George H. DeBord, a San Antonio contractor, was released from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital after undergoing heart transplant surgery July 2.

The 228 members of the 107th Signal Corps unit at Ft. Devens sought a writ of habeas corpus to prevent their shipment to Vietnam.

Boy, 6, Kills Baby

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A four-month-old baby was killed when a six-year-old neighbor boy put her in a washing machine to stop her from crying.

Police said the boy went to the home of John Wall to play with Jeff, 3, Wall, 21, was asleep on the living-room couch. The baby, Laura Leslie Wall, was in a bassinet in the bathroom, crying.

Officers said the boy put the crying baby in an operating washer full of hot water. The boy then went home to tell his mother the baby was crying and told her to call Wall.

Deputy Fired

SALISBURY, N.C. — Sheriff John Stirewal fired his chief deputy for swearing in the Grand Dragon of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan as a special deputy.

Stirewal also revoked the special deputy's appointment given Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones.

Chief Deputy Paul Goodnight said it was all a mistake. He said Jones told him the sheriff had approved the appointment.

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Ray's Lawyer Says He May Quit Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Arthur Hanes Sr. said in court yesterday that he may have to withdraw as James Earl Ray's lawyer.

"Serious difficulties have arisen between me and my client on the best way to handle this defense," Ray's chief counsel said without elaboration.

Hanes, former Birmingham, Ala., mayor, was retained by Ray before Ray was extradited from England and held in Memphis in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hanes was in court yesterday for a hearing in which a committee of lawyers recommended that he and two newsmen and a private detective be held in contempt of court on grounds they violated an order prohibiting prejudicial news statements in connection with the Ray case.

The hearing was continued until Monday.

Ray charged with the assassination of King in Memphis on April 4, is scheduled to go on trial Nov. 12. He was arrested in England.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle appointed the committee recommended that Hanes; Renfro Hays, a private investigator retained by Hanes, and reporters Charles Edmundson of the Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Press-Scimitar be cited.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the two reporters, told Battle the hearing pitted the constitutional guarantees of free speech and a free press against the guarantees of a fair trial.

He argued the newsmen were not guilty under the 1st and 14th amendments to the Constitution.

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MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPI)--JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED OF MURDERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., IS "AVERAGING NINE HOURS SLEEP IN 24" AND APPEARS NO WORSE THAN ANY OTHER MAN FACING A POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCE.

SHELBY COUNTY ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE JR. DESCRIBED RAY'S CONDITION IN A REPLY TO MOTIONS BY RAY'S ATTORNEY, ARTHUR J. HANES SR., OBJECTING TO THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT IN A SPECIAL JAIL CELL.

CANALE SAID IN SPITE OF THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERA, LIGHTS AND MICROPHONES, WHICH DREW HANES' CRITICISM, RAY APPEARS "NO MORE DISTURBED OR NERVOUS THAN ANY OTHER DEFENDANT CALLED ON TO ANSWER AN INDICTMENT BY WHICH HE COULD BE SENTENCED TO DIE."

CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE WILL HEAR THE MOTION AND ANOTHER FILED BY HANES SEPT. 18 ASKING THAT HE BE PERMITTED TO CONFER PRIVATELY WITH HIS CLIENT.

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 MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPI)--INDICATIONS WERE THAT JAMES EARL RAY WOULD BE
 TAKEN FROM HIS CLOSELY GUARDED JAIL CELL TODAY TO HEAR MOTIONS BY HIS
 ATTORNEY THAT ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF RAY'S QUARTERS BE ENDED.
 ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES SR., HOWEVER, FIRST FACED A CHARGE OF
 CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W.
 PRETTON BATTLE'S BAN ON PRETRIAL PUBLICITY REGARDING RAY'S CASE.
 RAY IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE APRIL 4 SLAYING OF DR. MARTIN
 LUTHER KING JR.

BATTLE CONTINUED THE CONTEMPT HEARING FRIDAY AGAINST HANES, A
 PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR HE EMPLOYED, RENFRO T. HAYS, AND TWO NEWSPAPER
 REPORTERS, CHARLES EDMUNDSON AND ROY HAMILTON.

FOLLOWING AN EXPECTED RULING FROM BATTLE ON THE CONTEMPT CHARGE,
 HANES WAS TO PRESENT HIS CONTENTION THAT TELEVISION CAMERAS, LIGHTS
 AND MICROPHONES IN RAY'S CELL CONSTITUTE "AN ELECTRONIC FORM OF CRUEL
 AND INHUMAN TREATMENT" WHICH HAVE BEEN DELETERIOUS TO HIS CLIENT'S
 HEALTH.

HANES, IN MOTIONS FILED SEPT. 18, ALSO SEEKS BATTLE'S PERMISSION
 TO CONFER WITH RAY PRIVATELY IN THE CELL.

SECURITY MEASURES ESTABLISHED TODAY, INCLUDING A VIDEO TAPE
 RECORDING OF NEWSMEN'S FACES, NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS AND A PERSONAL
 SEARCH, INDICATED RAY WOULD PROBABLY BE PRESENT DURING THE HEARING ON
 THE MOTIONS.

HANES SURPRISED THE COURT FRIDAY BY DISCLOSING "SERIOUS DIFFERENCES"
 HAD ARISEN BETWEEN RAY AND HIMSELF.

"AT SOME FUTURE TIME," HE SAID, "I MAY WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR
 JAMES EARL RAY."

BATTLE, WHO WILL PRESIDE OVER RAY'S TRIAL BEGINNING NOV. 12, REPLIED
 THAT SUCH A SERIOUS MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH LATER.

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AMERICA'S TWO MOST GUARDED PRISONERS--SIRHAN SIRHAN AND JAMES EARL RAY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: JAMES EARL RAY, ILLINOIS-BORN BANK ROBBER AND IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW MOST OF HIS LIFE, AND SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, A SHY, SERIOUS YOUNG IMMIGRANT FROM JORDAN, WOULD HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON IF IT WERE NOT FOR ONE FACT: THEY ARE BOTH CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATIONS OF PROMINENT AMERICAN LEADERS--RAY OF MURDERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SIRHAN OF SLAYING SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY. EACH IS DUE TO GO ON TRIAL IN NOVEMBER. THESE TWO DISPATCHES DESCRIBE HOW THE MEN ARE PASSING THEIR DAYS TILL THEN.)

 BY JACK V. FOX

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--EVERY MEAL THAT SIRHAN B. SIRHAN EATS IS PREPARED INDIVIDUALLY FOR HIM ON A LITTLE ELECTRIC STOVE A FEW FEET FROM HIS CELL.

SAYS LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF PETER J. PITCHESS:
 "WE DON'T WANT SOMEONE POISONING EVERYONE IN THE JAIL TRYING TO GET AT HIM."

SIRHAN'S MOTHER, MARY, HAS CALLED ON HIM HALF A DOZEN TIMES. BUT SHE HAS YET TO EMBRACE HER SON OR EVEN TOUCH HIM. SHE IS NOT ALLOWED IN HIS CELL AND ALTHOUGH SHE CAN SEE HIM THROUGH A GLASS SHIELD, SHE TALKS WITH HIM ON AN INTERCOM.

SIRHAN IS NOT ALLOWED TO LISTEN TO A RADIO OR WATCH TELEVISION. THE ONLY SOUND HE USUALLY HEARS IS THE HUM OF AN ELECTRIC FAN.

HE HAS NOT SEEN THE SUN OR BREATHED FRESH AIR SINCE HE WAS MOVED ON JULY 7 FROM THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO THE 13TH FLOOR JAIL IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE IN THE LOS ANGELES CIVIC CENTER. EVEN THEN HE SAW NO DAYLIGHT BECAUSE THE TRANSFER WAS MADE IN PRE-DAWN HOURS.

A GUARD SITS INSIDE SIRHAN'S GREEN-PAINTED CELL COMPLEX 24 HOURS A DAY. ANOTHER GUARD WATCHES FROM OUTSIDE THE BARS. TWO CELLS MAKE UP SIRHAN'S QUARTERS, PLUS A CORRIDOR INTO WHICH THE TWO SMALL CELLS OPEN AND IN WHICH THE ACCUSED MAY TAKE EXERCISE. IN ADDITION TO JUST WALKING UP AND DOWN, HE ALSO DOES PUSHUPS.

THERE ARE FIVE UNITS IN THE CELL BLOCK BUT SIRHAN IS THE ONLY PRISONER. ONE OF HIS CELLS CONTAINS A STEEL CONTOUR MIRROR, A PORCELAIN WASHSTAND AND A POLISHED METAL MIRROR. THE OTHER CONTAINS LAVATORY FACILITIES. AS JAIL QUARTERS GO, THE ARRANGEMENT IS A DELUXE ONE.

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SIRHAN READS ONLY THE MAIL HIS ATTORNEY THINKS HE SHOULD READ.
AT FIRST HE GOT DOZENS OF DEATH THREATS. THEY HAVE FALLEN OFF BUT
STILL THEY COME.

SIRHAN WEARS LEATHER THONG SANDALS, BLUE DENIM PANTS AND A WHITE
T-SHIRT. HIS ONLY DIVERSION IS READING. HE GOES THROUGH THE LOS
ANGELES TIMES EVERY MORNING. HE ALSO HAS READ DOZENS OF BOOKS, MAINLY
HISTORIES, RELIGIOUS WORKS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS MEN SUCH AS
GANDHI.

FOR HIS PRE-TRIAL COURT APPEARANCES, SIRHAN HAS BEEN ESCORTED 40
FEET FROM HIS CELL TO A MINI-FORTRESS ROOM ON THE SAME FLOOR WITH THE
WINDOWS COVERED WITH STEEL PLATE. HE IS ESCORTED BY A PHALANX OF
DEPUTIES, NONE OF WHOM IS ARMED LEST SOMEONE TRY TO GRAB A GUN.

THOSE ENTERING THE ROOM--NEWSMEN, A HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS, HIS
BROTHERS AND MOTHER, LAWYERS--ARE SEARCHED FROM HEAD TO TOE. UPI
REPORTER JOSEPH ST. AMANT WAS REQUIRED TO SURRENDER A FINGERNAIL
CLIPPER.

NEVER IN MEMORY OF THE OLDEST LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER HAS SUCH
SECURITY BEEN IMPOSED AS THAT SURROUNDING THE 24-YEAR-OLD JORDANIAN
IMMIGRANT WHO IS ACCUSED OF THE FATAL SHOOTING OF SEN. ROBERT F.
KENNEDY IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES IN THE EARLY MORNING
OF JUNE 5.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED THERE WILL BE NO
REPETITION OF THE NIGHTMARE IN DALLAS WHEN JACK RUBY KILLED LEE
HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

SIRHAN'S LAWYER, RUSSELL PARSONS, SAYS HIS CLIENT HAS NO COMPLAINT
ABOUT HIS ISOLATION OR TREATMENT, AND THAT HE SEEMS IN FAIRLY GOOD
SPIRITS. HE IS PLEASANT TO THE GUARDS, COOPERATES EAGERLY AND
WILLINGLY WITH HIS ATTORNEY.

ALONG WITH HIS ATTORNEYS, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, MICHAEL MCGOWAN,
AND TWO-COURT APPOINTED PSYCHIATRISTS, PARSONS HAS BEEN THE ONLY
PERSON EXCEPT FOR JAIL PERSONNEL TO ENTER THE CELL WITH SIRHAN.

NOT ONLY IS SIRHAN PHYSICALLY REMOVED FROM OUTSIDE CONTACT BUT
A COURT ORDER BY JUDGE ARTHUR ALARCON HAS FORBIDDEN COMMENT BY
LAWYERS, OFFICERS, WITNESSES OR COURT OFFICIALS ABOUT THE CASE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EVELLE YOUNGER HAS ARGUED THAT THE BAN SERVES
NEITHER THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE NOR SIRHAN'S INTERESTS. HE ASSERTS
IT HAS PREVENTED ANSWERING MANY LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS--SUCH AS WHETHER
MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY WILL BE CALLED AS A WITNESS.

THE COURT REFUSED TO MODIFY THE ORDER.

SIRHAN SUFFERED A BROKEN FINGER, A SPRAINED KNEE AND ANKLE IN THE
SCUFFLE AFTER KENNEDY WAS SHOT. HE MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCES
IN A WHEELCHAIR WITH HIS FINGER IN A SPLINT BUT LAST MONTH HE WAS
APPARENTLY COMPLETELY RECOVERED.

HIS ONLY REQUEST WAS FOR SLEEPING PILLS--AND THAT WAS GRANTED
UNDER CAREFUL SUPERVISION BY A DOCTOR.

FIVE FEET, FOUR INCHES TALL AND WEIGHING ONLY 125 POUNDS, HE IS
DARK, BIRDLIKE FIGURE WHO LOOKS MORE LIKE A TEEN-AGER THAN A MAN OF 24.

IF THERE IS NO POSTPONEMENT, SIRHAN GOES ON TRIAL FRIDAY NOV. 1.
HE HAS PLEADED INNOCENT.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL ASK A JURY TO
SEND HIM TO THE GAS CHAMBER.

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BY JAMES M. EVANS

MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPI)--JAMES EARL RAY, AWAITING TRIAL IN THE SLAYING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WEARS THE SAME CLOTHING, EATS THE SAME FOOD AND CLEANS HIS CELL AS OTHER PRISONERS AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. THERE THE SIMILARITY ENDS.

HIS CLOTHING, REGULATION PRISON GARB, CONSISTS OF DENIM TROUSERS, A LIGHT BLUE DENIM SHIRT AND EITHER LOAFERS OR SANDALS.

HIS FOOD, DURING A NORMAL DAY, MIGHT INCLUDE A BREAKFAST OF EGGS, GRITS, TOAST AND COFFEE WITH DINNER OF BEANS AND FRANKS, A VEGETABLE, CORNBREAD AND COFFEE OR TEA.

"HE'S A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER," SAID SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS IN A NEWS CONFERENCE HE HELD SHORTLY BEFORE JULY 30 WHEN CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, TOLD THAT HIS ORDER GOVERNING PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY HAD PROBABLY BEEN VIOLATED, ORDERED AN END TO ALL NEWS CONFERENCES FOR PRINCIPALS IN THE CASE.

"HE HAS A GOOD APPETITE," MORRIS ADDED. "HE CLEANS HIS PLATE AT EVERY MEAL. HE SEEMS TO BE ADJUSTING WELL TO JAIL ROUTINE."

THE DAY RAY WAS NAMED A SUSPECT IN THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION OF KING, THE FBI REVEALED A RECORD OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS WHICH SHOWED HE HAD SPENT ABOUT 14 OF HIS 40 YEARS BEHIND BARS, SO THE ADJUSTMENT PERHAPS HAS NOT BEEN AS DIFFICULT AS IT MIGHT FOR ANOTHER MAN.

RAY WAS AN ESCAPEE (JULY, 1967) FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED IN LONDON IN MID-JUNE AND SUBSEQUENTLY FLOWN HERE BY DIRECT FLIGHT ON JULY 19. SINCE THAT TIME--EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF COURT APPEARANCE JULY 22 WHEN HE PLEADED INNOCENT--HE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT HUMAN AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN THE THIRD FLOOR CELL BLOCK THAT WAS VACATED AND RENOVATED FOR HIS IMPRISONMENT.

HIS TRIAL IS SCHEDULED NOV. 12 AND, BARRING UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, RAY WILL REMAIN TILL THEN IN HIS CELL BLOCK UNDER THE CONSTANT FLOODLIGHTS THAT FEED A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM MONITORING HIS EVERY MOVE. THE AIR HE BREATHE IS FILTERED THROUGH A CONDITIONER.

THOUGH SHERIFF MORRIS SAID AFTER RAY WAS JAILED THAT A NUMBER OF THE PROJECTS FOR JAIL REMODELING HAD BEEN PLANNED BEFORE KING'S DEATH, NONE OF THEM BEGAN UNTIL IT BECAME CLEAR THAT RAY WOULD BE HOUSED HERE.

STEEL PLATES WERE AFFIXED TO THE WINDOWS OF HIS CELL, NECESSITATING THE AIR CONDITIONING THAT BROUGHT CHARGES FROM SOME QUARTERS THAT RAY WAS BEING KEPT IN COMPARATIVE LUXURY.

THE SHERIFF POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR THE AIR CONDITIONING AND SAID A TELEPHONE--ANOTHER OBJECT OF COMPLAINT--WAS INSTALLED IN THE AREA EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE OF THE GUARDS. HE SAID IT WAS NOT CONNECTED TO AN OUTSIDE LINE.

ADDITIONALLY, A RESILIENT WIRE MESH SCREENING WAS PLACED OVER THE OTHER WINDOWS OF THE FOUR-STORY GRAY STONE BUILDING WHICH SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF A THREE-BUILDING COMPLEX THAT COVERS TWO CITY BLOCKS.

AN ORANGE STEEL DOOR, AN INCH THICK WITH A PEEPHOLE IN THE CENTER, WAS INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CELL BLOCK. METAL DETECTING ELECTRONIC EYES WERE INSTALLED ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

AT THE BUILDING'S STREET ENTRANCE, ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE AND TWO STORIES BELOW WHERE RAY IS, A BULLET PROOF GLASS CAGE WAS ERECTED. GUARDS ARE POSTED ON THE EXTERIOR, AND A STREET RUNNING FROM EAST TO WEST ALONG THE BUILDING'S FRONT IS CLOSED TO AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC.

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JUDGE BATTLE, BEFORE BANNING ALL NEWS CONFERENCE, HEARD A REPORT FROM A SPECIAL LAWYERS' COMMITTEE ASSERTING THAT BOTH SHERIFF MORRIS AND ARTHUR J. HANES SR., THE FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA. WHO WILL REPRESENT RAY, HAD PROBABLY VIOLATED HIS ORDER.

MORRIS' STATEMENT ABOUT RAY'S CELL, HIS HABITS AND THE COST OF EXTRA SECURITY MEASURES WERE CITED. HANES, ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE THE JUDGE'S RULING, TOLD NEWSMEN HE BELIEVED A "GIANT LEFTWING CONSPIRACY" WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF KING.

SINCE THAT DATE NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN TURNED ASIDE.

HANES, RAY'S ONLY VISITOR FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS, SAID HIS CLIENT WAS "OPTIMISTIC," BUT ADDED THAT THE BRIGHT LIGHTS IN HIS CELL, KEPT ON AROUND THE CLOCK, DISTURBED RAY'S SLEEP AND WERE HARMING HIS HEALTH.

HOWEVER, ASIDE FROM THE VOCAL COMPLAINT TO NEWSMEN, HANES HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO CORRECT THE SITUATION.

THE ATTORNEY DID SAY MORE RECENTLY THAT HE AUTHORIZES VISITS TO RAY'S CELL. HE SAID MOST OF THE PRISONER'S FAMILY HAD VISITED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER AND "ANYBODY ELSE HE WANTS TO SEE."

MORRIS SAID RAY SPENDS HIS DAYS, AFTER COMPLETING HIS HOUSEKEEPING CHORES, OCCASIONALLY PLAYING CARDS WITH THE MEN WHO GUARD HIM 24 HOURS A DAY AND, SOMETIMES, WATCHING TELEVISION ON A SMALL PORTABLE SET PROVIDED FOR THE GUARDS.

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MEMPHIS, TENN. --THE STATE AGREED YESTERDAY TO GIVE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR ACCUSED SLAYER JAMES EARL RAY A LIST OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES AND PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE, BUT DEMANDED THAT HIS MURDER INDICTMENT STAND.

SHELBY COUNTY ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE JR. SUBMITTED ANSWERS TO MOTIONS FILED AUG. 16 BY RAY'S ATTORNEY, ARTHUR J. HANES SR., OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

HANES HAD ASKED CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO GRANT HIM ACCESS TO WITNESSES, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND RECORDS TO BE USED BY THE STATE IN RAY'S TRIAL NOV. 12.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.--CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE REFUSED TODAY TO THROW OUT A MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

BATTLE ALSO REJECTED AS PREMATURE A MOTION TO DISMISS A CHARGE ACCUSING RAY OF CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON.

THE JUDGE CALLED A BRIEF RECESS BEFORE HEARING ARGUMENTS ON A MOTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW DEFENSE ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES SR. TO INTERVIEW PROSECUTION WITNESSES AND EXAMINE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE COLLECTED SINCE KING WAS STRUCK DOWN BY A SINGLE RIFLE BULLET HERE APRIL 4. HANES WAS ASSISTED IN HIS ARGUMENTS BY HIS SON, ARTHUR HANES JR.

ALTHOUGH RAY WAS NOT IN THE COURTROOM WHEN THE HEARING BEGAN, SECURITY AT THE JAIL WAS STRINGENT. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE BUILDING WERE SEARCHED AND HAD TO REGISTER THEIR NAME AND AFFILIATION BEFORE THEY WERE ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM.

DISTRICT ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE JR. ARGUED FOR THE STATE.

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SIRHAN AND RAY SELL BOOK RIGHTS

Suspected Assassins to Use
Money for Trial Costs

By HENRY RAYMONT

The accused assassins of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have agreed to be interviewed in their prison cells for biographies to pay for their court defense.

Two professional writers, in separate contracts, have purchased book and movie rights to the memoirs of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian accused of the fatal shooting of Senator Kennedy, and James Earl Ray, the escaped convict from Missouri charged with the murder of Dr. King.

The Sirhan rights were acquired by Robert Blair Kaiser, a California author and former Time magazine correspondent in Europe. A spokesman for Mr. Kaiser, who was not available for comment, said a sizable part of the royalties would be paid to Sirhan's lawyers.

A similar arrangement has been worked out between Ray and William Bradford Huie, author of "Three Lives for Mississippi," the story of the murder in Philadelphia, Miss., of three civil rights workers.

According to reliable publishing sources, literary agents representing the two authors have been visiting book and magazine publishers here for the last two weeks. The price asked could not be learned.

Maximilian Becker, Mr. Kaiser's agent, confirmed that he was negotiating exclusive

rights to the Sirhan memoirs, which he said the California writer had obtained through Sirhan's lawyer, Russell E. Parsons.

William B. Arthur, editor of Look magazine, said he had been discussing the possibility of commissioning one or two articles from Mr. Huie, though no final agreement was reached.

A vice president of The World Publishing Company, who asked not to be named, said yesterday the company was offered book rights to the two projects two weeks ago and had rejected them.

"This is a tragic and rather dreary subject and I don't think it's the sort of thing we would want to publish," the World executive said. World is a subsidiary of The Times Mirror Company of Los Angeles.

In recent days, two other major publishing houses have each signed up a book on the assassination of Dr. King. Gerold Frank, author of "The Boston Strangler" and other best-sellers, has been commissioned by Doubleday & Company, Inc.,

to write an exhaustive profile of the crime. George McMillan, a former Marine Corps combat correspondent and author of an analysis of racial violence in the South, will write a psychological study of Ray for Little, Brown & Company of Boston.

An Early Contact

Interviewed from his home in Hartselle, Ala., Mr. Huie said his contract with Ray would provide him with material not available to anyone else. The writer said he had negotiated the contract through Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's Alabama lawyer, while the suspect was still in a London jail.

Mr. Huie complained that an order by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle barring most persons from the closely guarded Shelby County Jail in Memphis where Ray is being held had prevented him from having any personal meetings with the suspect. He said he hoped to have the first opportunity for such a meeting after a jury is sworn in. The trial is scheduled for Nov. 12.

Meanwhile, he said, he would

continue to submit questions to Ray through Mr. Hanes. He reported that Ray writes the answers on legal-sized pads of paper while being watched by guards through closed-circuit television cameras in a permanently lighted cell.

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BY JAMES M. EVANS

MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPI)--TWO VETERAN COURTROOM TACTICIANS MET TODAY BEFORE CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., CAN RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL.

ARTHUR J. HANES SR., A FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WHO IS DEFENDING RAY, SEEKS DISMISSAL OF THE MURDER CHARGE ON THE GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY IN THE CASE HAS BEEN SO "WIDESPREAD AND PERVERSIVE" AS TO MAKE A FAIR TRIAL ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES IMPOSSIBLE.

ARGUING FOR THE STATE WAS DISTRICT ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE JR. RAY WAS NOT EXPECTED TO BE IN THE COURTROOM.

IN ADDITION TO THE MOTION FILED AUG. 16 BY HANES ASKING THAT BATTLE QUASH RAY'S MURDER INDICTMENT, HANES ALSO SEEKS ACCESS TO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, RECORDS AND WITNESSES TO BE USED BY THE STATE IN RAY'S TRIAL SET FOR NOV. 12.

HANES FILED A THIRD MOTION ASKING DISMISSAL OF THE INDICTMENT AGAINST HIS CLIENT FOR CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON, A RIFLE.

CANALE RECENTLY SUBMITTED ANSWERS TO BATTLE THAT HE WAS "AGREEABLE" TO PRODUCING A LIST OF WITNESSES AND CERTAIN PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, PROVIDED THE COURT SET A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDED ADEQUATELY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EVIDENCE.

HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, HE WOULD OPPOSE BOTH MOTIONS TO DISMISS INDICTMENTS AGAINST RAY.

HANES SAID PUBLICITY IN THE KING ASSASSINATION APRIL 4 WAS "CALCULATED TO AND IS HAVING THE EFFECT OF CREATING WIDESPREAD PUBLIC EXCITEMENT AND ANIMOSITY" TOWARD RAY.

HE ADDED RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK PROGRAMS "SO CANONIZED AND SO DEPICTED THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME" THAT "WIDESPREAD PUBLIC OUTRAGE AND HATRED HAVE BEEN GENERATED" TOWARD RAY.

HE SAID "MOST IF NOT ALL PROSPECTIVE JURORS...WILL HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED TO PUBLISHED MATTER TENDING TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION."

HANES AND HIS SON, ARTHUR J. HANES JR., WHO IS COCOUNSEL, QUESTIONED THE PROSECUTION'S STAR WITNESS THURSDAY.

CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW KING'S KILLER RUN FROM A MAIN STREET ROOMING HOUSE AFTER THE FATAL SHOT WAS FIRED, MET WITH THE ATTORNEYS BRIEFLY IN HIS OWN LAWYER'S OFFICE.

"MRS. HANES ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS, THAT'S ALL," SAID STEPHENS' LAWYER, HARVEY GIPSON. "IT TOOK ABOUT 10 MINUTES AT THE MOST."

TWO POLICE BODYGUARDS, WHO ACCOMPANIED STEPHENS TO THE OFFICE, REMAINED IN AN ADJOINING ROOM.

GIPSON LAST MONTH SECURED STEPHENS' RELEASE ON A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FROM JAIL WHERE HE HAD BEEN HELD UNDER \$10,000 BOND AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

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Ray Contracts With Writer to Tell His Story

**Alabama Author Indicates
Accused Slayer of King
Paid Lawyer From Funds**

BY NICHOLAS C. CHRISS
Times Staff Writer

MEMPHIS—An Alabama author has signed contracts with James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, giving him publication and motion picture rights to Ray's experiences.

The author, William Bradford Huie, told The Times Thursday that he had paid Ray money for information Ray had given him under the contracts, and indicated that Ray had used the funds to pay the Alabama lawyer who is defending him.

However, Huie and the lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, disagreed over what role, if any, Hanes played in negotiations toward the contracts.

Huie, in a telephone interview from his home in Hartselle, Ala., said that Ray had given the writer a 10,000-word personal account of his recent experiences and that this information will be the basis for several articles Huie plans to write soon.

Guidelines Pose Question

The question arose as to whether the transfer of this information conformed with strict guidelines ordered by the judge who will hear Ray's case. Huie was in Memphis Wednesday and talked with the judge, W. Preston Battle, about that point.

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Judge Battle has ordered all parties to the case not to release to the public extrajudicial information about the case. There have been reports here that these guidelines may be amended to prohibit further transfer of information among Ray, Hanes and Huie.

But Huie said he was prepared to defend in court, if necessary, Ray's right to talk to whom he pleases and to tell his story.

And Hanes commented heatedly, "I'm not going to abide by anybody's order if my client is treated unfairly."

Judge Battle declined to discuss the issue.

However, Huie indicated that his initial writings about Ray will not deal with the period between March 25 of this year and after April 4, when Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis. Huie's contracts with Ray

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give him rights to Ray's experiences since he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967.

It was Hanes' part in the Huie-Ray negotiations and his legal fees that raised the most puzzling questions. Huie said he had not met Ray personally, although he had asked Judge Battle for permission to see Ray in his Memphis jail cell.

Huie confirmed that Hanes had been a party to the negotiations, and that Hanes contacted him when the author was visiting London shortly after Ray's arrest there June 8.

Ray's Suggestion

Huie said Hanes had told him that it was Ray who suggested that Huie be contacted. Ray apparently had read some of Huie's books, some of which dealt with racial problems in the South.

Hanes, however, in a telephone interview from Birmingham, said he played no role in the negotiations and had nothing to do with the 10,000-word account Ray had written for Huie.

That account, Huie said, is a "day-by-day" record of Ray's story, "his escape, the people he contacted, where he went, whom he saw, his way of life."

Huie did not specify in just what manner he will use the material, but presumably he will assemble it into a book to be written after Ray's trial, which is scheduled to begin Nov. 12 in Memphis.

Lonely Life

Huie said Ray's account characterizes the accused assassin as a man who led a lonely life of crime, a literate writer and a reader of books "who was used by forces he didn't understand."

He said Ray does not fit into the image of a racist who would kill a Negro in an attempt to slow down the tide of racial change.

He said he does not believe Ray is a racist and that "there is a great deal of difference between him" and white racists who had killed Negroes in civil rights slayings in the South.

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 MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPI)--THE STATE AGREED FRIDAY TO GIVE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR ACCUSED SLAYER JAMES EARL RAY A LIST OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES AND PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE, BUT DEMANDED THAT HIS MURDER INDICTMENT STAND.

SHELBY COUNTY ATTY. GEN. PHIL M. CANALE JR. SUBMITTED ANSWERS TO MOTIONS FILED AUG. 16 BY RAY'S ATTORNEY, ARTHUR J. HANES SR., OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

HANES HAD ASKED CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO GRANT HIM ACCESS TO WITNESSES, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND RECORDS TO BE USED BY THE STATE IN RAY'S TRIAL NOV. 12.

HE ALSO ASKED RAY'S FIRST DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT IN THE APRIL 4 SLAYING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BE DISMISSED BECAUSE "PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY" WOULD MAKE A FAIR TRIAL IMPOSSIBLE.

BATTLE, WHO WILL PRESIDE AT RAY'S TRIAL, SCHEDULED ARGUMENTS ON THE MOTIONS FOR SEPT. 6.

CANALE SAID HE "IS AGREEABLE" TO PRESENTING A LIST OF WITNESSES AND PROVIDING PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE. HE ASKED THAT BATTLE "PRESCRIBE A REASONABLE TIME, PLACE AND CONDITIONS FOR REASONABLE PRESERVATION" OF THE EVIDENCE. HE ADDED THAT ALL RECORDS WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE AND WERE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

THE STATE, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT RAY'S MURDER INDICTMENT STAND. CANALE SAID THE MOTION TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT SHOULD BE DISMISSED ON GROUNDS IT "IS UNSUPPORTED BY LAW AND FACT."

HE SAID THE STATE WOULD ALSO ASK RAY'S INDICTMENT FOR CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON STAND FOR POSSIBLE DISPOSAL AFTER THE MURDER TRIAL.

INDICATIONS WERE THAT NEITHER RAY NOR OTHER WITNESSES WOULD APPEAR AT THE HEARING NEXT FRIDAY.

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Around the Nation

Ray Counsel Moves to Drop Charges

MEMPHIS—Attorneys for James Earl Ray filed a motion with the Shelby County Clerk of Court asking that murder charges be dropped because "pervasive and widespread" publicity in the case has cost the accused killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a fair trial anywhere in the United States.

The motion said that Dr. King has been "canonized" by the press and Ray had been made the object of "widespread public outrage and hatred."

Arthur J. Hanes Jr., defense attorney with his father for Ray, filed three motions in the case. Hearings on them before Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle were scheduled for Sept. 6.

The second motion asked the State of Tennessee to make available to the defense all physical evidence in the case. Hanes also demanded that prosecution witnesses be made available for questioning.

Ammo Blast

MINDEN, La.—A batch of TNT-like chemicals blew up yesterday at the Army's huge Louisiana Ammunition Plant with a roar which shook the earth 10 miles away and flames that set off stacked Vietnam-bound shells for hours afterwards.

Two workers were killed, seven injured and four missing and feared dead. "We do not have much hope for them," a plant official said.

The blast occurred just before the bulk of the 7500 man work crew reported for duty at the 50,000-acre munitions complex.

An official said the casualty list would have been much higher if the explosion had occurred a few minutes later.

An early morning skeleton crew was preparing melted explosives for pouring later in the day, plant commander Col. James W. Donald said.

In Bedford, Ind., four Crane Naval Ammunition Depot employees were hospitalized after they were seriously burned in a flash fire in a flare assembly room near here. A spokesman said the four were working with flares when a spark apparently ignited one flare.

Life for Death

LOS ANGELES—Former Los Angeles County deputy district attorney Jack Kirschke, convicted of slaying his wife and her lover and subsequently sentenced to death, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment yesterday. He lost an appeal for a new trial, however.

Kirschke, 46, was convicted of murdering his wife, Elaine, and Orville Draughan, an electronics executive, in the Kirschke apartment on April 8, 1967. The jury which convicted him assigned the death penalty.

The trial judge, Kathleen Parker, reduced it to life in prison, because, she said, jurors might have been influenced by the defendant's own arguments before the jury in the penalty phase.

PBA Pullback

NEW YORK—The head of the city's 28,000-member Patrolmen's Benevolent Association retreated from his threat to issue law enforcement guidelines that would have been a direct challenge to the administration of Mayor John V. Lindsay.

Instead of issuing guidelines that would have been "100 per cent enforcement of the law" as he had threatened, PBA President John Cassese issued a two-page memo that simply quoted department regulations and the code for criminal procedure.

The PBA has contended that Police Commissioner Howard Leary, on orders from the Mayor, has had police go easy on rioters and demonstrators and that Lindsay aides have inter-

ferred with policemen on the job.

Open Housing

DETROIT — A Federal judge issued an injunction prohibiting a referendum in the November election on Detroit's new open housing ordinance.

The permanent injunction was issued by U.S. District Judge Talbot Smith at the request of Arthur Bowman, an attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services.

The open housing ordinance was passed by Detroit's common council last November.

Bowman argued that open housing was a constitutional right and therefore could not be subject to a referendum.

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Addenda

• The Cuban government has retrieved its big yellow crop dusting plane stolen and flown to Florida by 14 Cuban refugees.

• Federal judge in New York ordered the Long Island Rail Road car repairmen to end an 11-day work slowdown that forced the line to cut passenger service by 30 per cent.

• Chrysler Corp. announced the recall of 2078 Dodge trucks for a variety of possible defects.

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By GEORGE BRYAN

An electrician's wrench yesterday short-circuited an electrical panel in the basement of Shelby County Jail, injuring the electrician and knocking out all power and telephone service in the building where James Earl Ray is awaiting trial on charges he murdered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Officials said Edward Bryeans, 28, of 4032 Argonne, an electrician for McBride Electric Co. was working on an electrical control box when the wrench he was using apparently touched some wiring, causing an explosion and fire.

Mr. Bryeans stumbled from the basement and collapsed on the grass outside following the 11:10 a.m. accident. The fire was under control nine minutes later. Mr. Bryeans was released after treatment at Methodist Hospital for burns on his arms and smoke inhalation.

Telephone communications within the four-story gray stone building were disrupted for nearly four hours. Calls were received by the main switchboard, however, and

messages relayed by runners.

Electrical power was restored at 8:05 last night. Portable generators were brought in to light the cell of the jail's most famous prisoner in the meanwhile.

Also knocked out by the power failure was the closed circuit television system which keeps Ray's every move under surveillance. It also stopped the air conditioners that were installed in the third floor cell block after outside ventilation was blocked by steel plates installed over the windows.

Charles Holmes, press officer in the Ray case, said Ray's cell remained cool during the blackout but humidity made it somewhat uncomfortable.

The other cell blocks in the building are not air conditioned.

Sheriff William N. Morris, out of town for the weekend, and Chief Deputy Roy Nixon, who is on vacation until Tuesday, were both advised of the fire and blackout. Neither were expected to return to duty immediately because of the accident.

Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for Ray, was visiting with his client yesterday morning at the time of the accident.

Neither Ray nor any other prisoner in the building was threatened by the minor blaze. Meals were served "as usual" since the cooking stoves are gas.

Hanes Visits His Client, Sees No Need To Delay

Birmingham lawyer Arthur J. Hanes came to Memphis yesterday "to talk to people in town" on matters relating to the trial of James Earl Ray.

Mr. Hanes, who plans to leave this afternoon or tonight, said he spent 2½ hours at the County Jail yesterday talking with his client, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King.

He declined to discuss his meeting with Ray but said that "the defense is shaping up and, as far as I'm concerned at the moment, I see nothing on my part to delay the start of the trial (set for Nov. 12)."

Reports earlier said that Memphis lawyer Russell X. Thompson was being considered to help Mr. Hanes with Ray's defense.

Mr. Hanes said last night, "I have not associated with any lawyer other than my son (Arthur J. Hanes Jr.) nor do we expect to."

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