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Attorney For Ray Accepted By Judge

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

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

The warden of the state prison or the other persons having contact with Ray must be allowed to consult with the defendant, the judge said.

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

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Suits to Be Filed In Ray's Behalf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STONER was the first attorney to meet with Ray after his transfer to Nashville from Memphis March 11. He said Ray had been in the state prison for about a year and a half.

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

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

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Attorney Says Ray 'Duped'

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

Robert Hill, one of Chattanooga told reporters following a three-hour and 15-minute conference with Ray at the state penitentiary that he discussed with Ray the new trial motion which will be heard in Memphis May 26.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Thinks New Trial Is Assured Chattanooga Lawyer Says Ray Was Duped

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Accompanying Hill were two private investigators from Chattanooga who are working with him on the Ray case.

Hill said he did not think it would be necessary for Ray to

attend the hearing in Memphis next month.

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

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

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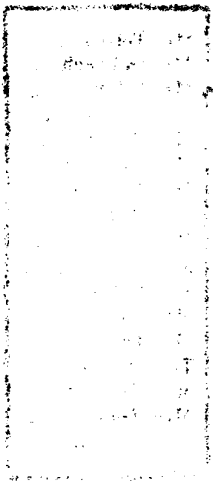
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Prison to Keep Ray Isolated for Safety

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

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

Ray, charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., received a 99-year sentence, which he is now serving in prison.

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

maximum security.

Ray has been undergoing a classification process which normally takes four to six weeks. Officials said earlier a decision would be made when the process is finished whether Ray would be allowed to mingle with the rest of the prison population which includes 2,000 Negroes and 1,000 whites.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NASHVILLE, TENN.--JAMES EARL RAY WAS THE DUPE IN THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., AND IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF WINNING A NEW TRIAL, HIS ATTORNEY SAID TODAY.

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

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

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HILL AND TWO OTHER ATTORNEYS, J.B. STONER OF SAVANNAH, GA., AND RICHARD RYAN OF MEMPHIS, ARE REPRESENTING RAY. HILL IS INVOLVED WITH RYAN IN THE APPEALS IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT MEMPHIS AND WITH STONER IN A FEDERAL LAWSUIT FILED HERE.

THE FEDERAL SUIT SEEKS TO VOID CONTRACTS RAY HAD WITH TWO FORMER ATTORNEYS, RAYED TRIAL LAWYER PERCY FOREMAN OF HOUSTON AND FORMER BIRMINGHAM MAYOR ARTHUR HADES JR., AND WITH ACTUAL WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

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 "EVERYTHING I HAVE FOUND SUPPORTS WHAT RAY HAS TOLD ME," HILL SAID.
 THE ATTORNEY SAID RAY DENIED FIRING THE FATAL SHOT WHICH KILLED KING AS HE STOOD ON THE BALCONY OF A MOTEL IN MEMPHIS.
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Troubled World

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

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Ray Trying to Block Book

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

It is Ray's contention in the suit that Oswald, Ray's second lawyer, was the agent of "Hue" and that Hue were more interested in potential monetary gain from the movie rights than in Ray's father.

In fact, the suit maintains,

For the past several years, Hue has been working to bring out a book about Ray's father. The book would contain a number of photographs and other material. The book would be published by Hue's company, which is now in the process of being organized. The book would be published in the United States and abroad. The book would be published in the United States and abroad. The book would be published in the United States and abroad.

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Today it was the defense's turn, with Russel E. Parsons, a San Diego attorney, as Sirhan's confidential counsel, and hand-holder at the counsel table—first before the jury. Sirhan's defense, that his mental capacity was so diminished he didn't know the meaning of murder, was attacked by Fitts.

'Concede He's Sick'

"We concede he's sick," Fitts told the jury. "How sick is up to you to decide. Frankly I'm relying on the psychiatrists and psychologists did find him a little bit sick. The jury are full of people who have committed atrocious acts... We expect someone who commits murder to be a little bit sick."

Sirhan stared gloomily ahead nibbling his already short finger.

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

...the man who testified... the witness stand... with a dramatic flair, with intelligence that's somewhat unusual... in the federal courts if you will take my word for it.

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MEMPHIS, TENN. -- ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY, CONVICTED OF SLAYING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., FILED MOTIONS FOR A NEW TRIAL TODAY ON GROUNDS THAT RAY HAS BEEN USED BY HIS ATTORNEYS TO PEDdle HIS INSIDE STORY TO MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND MOTION PICTURES. IN MOTIONS SIGNED BY RAY'S THREE NEW ATTORNEYS, THE 41-YEAR-OLD CONVICT CLAIMED THAT HE WAS FORCED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO THE APRIL 4, 1968 SNIPER SLAYING BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM HIS ATTORNEYS.

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Ray, 36, was taken to the Nashville, Tenn., jail by a state trooper, arriving in an old car with a cracked front end, meeting the prison warden of Dr. Martin Luther King in his prison cell and discussed ways of getting him a new trial.

Richard J. Ryan, a gray-haired attorney from Memphis, spent 45 minutes with Ray in his maximum security cell at the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

His only comment following the meeting was that "we discussed language." Apparently the language Ray used in two letters to the Criminal Court Judge in Jackson, Tenn., was a new trial. Ryan said he was on the language of the letter to Ray, which was a new trial. Ryan said he was on the language of the letter to Ray, which was a new trial.

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Ray, New Lawyer Discuss New Trial

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

Richard J. Ryan of Memphis spent 45 minutes with Ray in his prison cell yesterday and at the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

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

Language in Letters

Whether Ray gets a new trial may depend largely on the language of the letters he wrote, which also have been discussed yesterday. Ray asked Battle for a new trial in Tennessee and for a new trial pending there a habeas on the federal level is automatically granted.

Criminal Court Judge Arthur Preston announced he denied the Ray habeas petition. Battle's ruling was based on the fact that Ray had not shown any new evidence.

Ryan is the third lawyer to have discussed Ray's defense. Ray fired the first, former Birmingham lawyer Arthur Hanes Jr., in November 1967 and after several months he was told he was not wanted.

Next, who suggested Ray should be paid \$100,000 to defend him, was told he was not wanted.

Then Ryan, who was the last of the three lawyers to discuss Ray's defense, was told he was not wanted.

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

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

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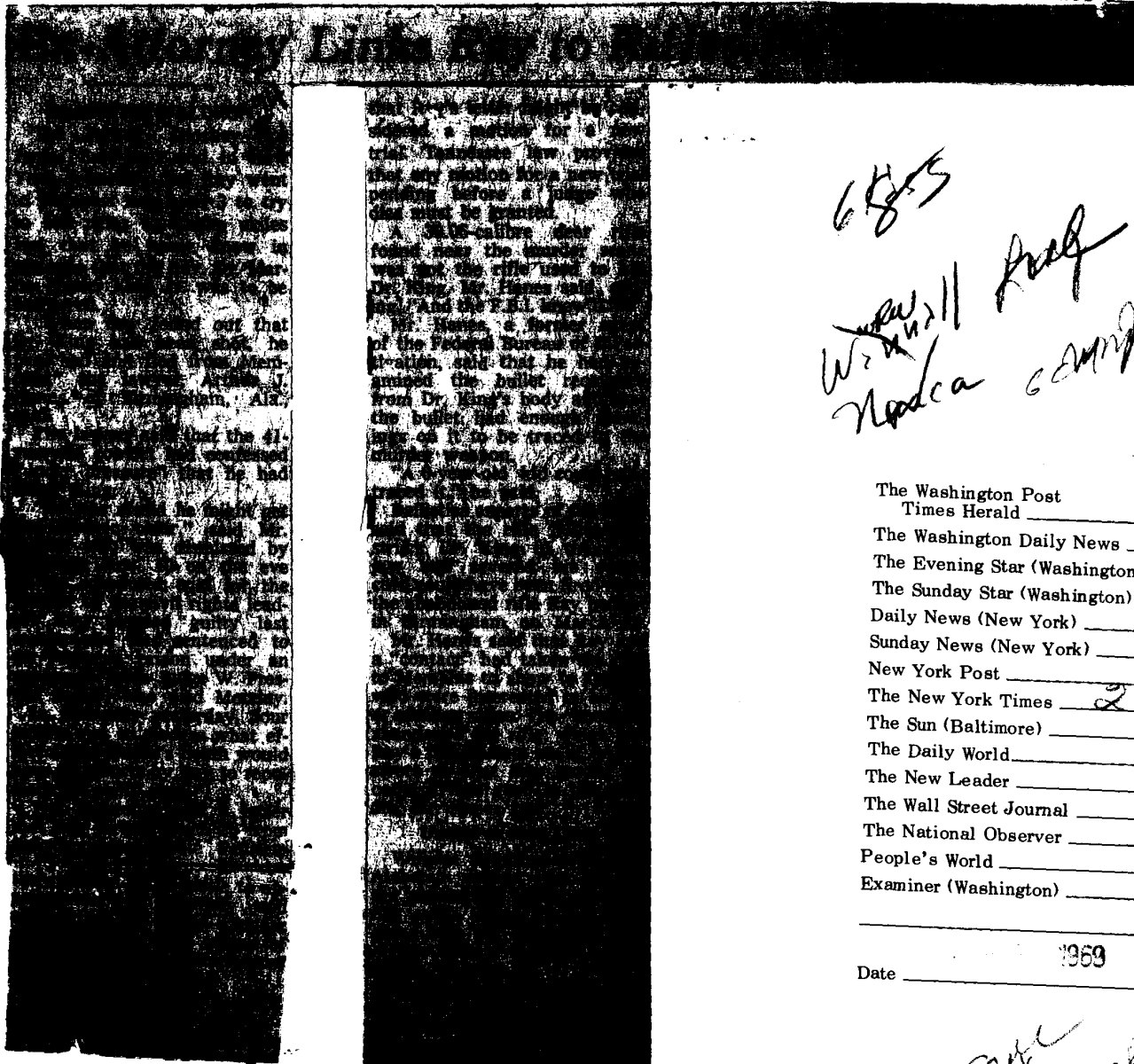
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Dr. Jerry Brantley, county medical examiner, conducted an autopsy last night, said death was a coronary heart disease form of heart disease. "emotions can cause it to come."

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I respectfully request this court to treat this as a review notice, of an intent to ask for a reversal of the sentence petitioner received in aforementioned case. I understand on one avenue of appeal, I have to wait 30 days in which to file review notice, to have my case set aside. That is the appeal route to the court.

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

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

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

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

My only reason for bringing to the attention (sic) of the court is that I would respectfully request the court appoint an attorney, or the public defender, to assist me in the proceeding. I have no stock in the case. I received any funds from any source to assist me.

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

Respectfully

James Earl Ray

...the blast.

There, said miner Santiago, "I believe the bodies."

Equipped with hand tools belonging to equipment in forest surrounding cities and possibly rescue

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ind down into the mine and re of these may have set off of flame from the mine even though it was nearly ion.

ginger for the mine, owned secondary explosion came

d Deadline

—Negotiators trying to States and Peru went back 1955 on April 9 deadline. John N. Irwin II, a and Peruvian Presi-

Peru's expropriation with- tion dollar holdings of the Esso subsidiary. The United a cutoff of aid to countries and do not open "meaningful regarding compensation deadline for the "meaning- mean a loss to Peru of 25 as well as loss of Peru's tic sugar market with a 65

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Neutral Sweden Tuesday the Soviet Union to begin to ban underground nuclear draft on a treaty text to the as an "incident" to the complete test ban pact. The and the Soviet Union by

Cavalry

SAIGON, April 2 (United day).—About 1,000 United States air cavalrymen swept through jungles northwest of Saigon on the ground and by helicopter Tuesday in search of two enemy divisions believed to have pulled back toward Cambodia.

United States officials say the North Vietnamese first and seventh divisions, which staged a 10,000-man sweep in the southern part of Tay Ninh Province, may have been forced by battlefield losses in five weeks of offensive action to retreat into the northern regions.

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

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

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

The United States Command reported Wednesday morning only light ground fighting and about 15 minor overnight bombings.

In one ground attack, the

UN Council Raps India

...the United Nations. The council also said that it had received information that if India...

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Judge Battle's Decision Could Get Ray New Trial

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

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

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

The decision of the judges will determine whether the

HE SAID IT IS a construed as a motion for a new trial. The state has to give Ray one.

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

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

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

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

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

After Ray pleaded guilty to King's slaying and was sentenced to a 99-year prison term, he had second thoughts. He wrote Battle apparently asking for a new trial.

Battle's office contained receipt of the letter, but contents were not disclosed.

Judge Charles W. Battle of the state Court of Criminal Appeals said in a statement that Tennessee had been entitled to a new trial.

In the case of a state court of criminal justice, where a person claims his rights were denied — Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice James F. Campbell said in a statement that Tennessee had been entitled to a new trial.

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... Press...
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... Battle delayed
... them on convic-
... contempt, saying by
... their future conduct they
... might purge themselves.

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

a new trial on grounds he
was talked into pleading
guilty by his attorney. Ray is
expected to argue that
Federal prosecutors had no
right to do so.

Battle, of 1412 Lamar,
was found unconscious at
5:25 p.m., slumped over his
desk in his chambers by
Asst. Atty. Gen. James Bee-
ley, one of the three prosecu-
tors in the Ray trial last
month.

A Fire Department ambu-
lance took Battle to Baptist
Memorial Hospital, where he was
pronounced dead on arrival
at 6:30.

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

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

It was then Battle en-
tered Battle's chambers.

Battle had been a Criminal
Court judge since 1959.

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

BATTLE WAS IN private
law practice from 1945 until
1959, when he won election to
fill the newly created court
bench he served until his
death. Battle was appointed
to the post by Gov. Buford
Ellington after the Memphis

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

Memphis and Shelby Coun-
ty Bar Association will hold
a memorial service for
Judge Battle at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday in his Courtroom,
Div. 3 of the Criminal
Courts.

& Shelby County Bar Asso-
ciation primary.

Battle was shy, timid and
diffident in his younger
days, which he said led him
up a career in law. He re-
called in 1930 that he was
asked to public speaking
clubs him to join the bar
society at Memphis so that
he would be forced to speak.

He was a member of
Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal
Church.

His home was on Lamar
Street.

Battle was
both tried by
Memphis and
accused of

Battle was
man who was
most faithful
bench, and
for conducting
sense" courtroom.

SEVERAL of the
sions had been
higher courts, but
noted that was the
judge who heard many cases
and was not afraid to blaze
new trails.

He ruled his court with
great dignity and courage.

The Tennessee Supreme
Court, handing down a deci-
sion in one of his cases in
February, 1960, praised
his rare ability as a judge
and commentator on law.
"In all the annals of
criminal law in this state, or
any other state, there is no
don to be found a more
valuable and scholarly person
trial which has been con-
ducted with such integrity,
straight, patient and un-
flinching legal discrimination
that reflected in this
magnificent record. What has been
done here in the trial
is, indeed, a lasting tribute
to the trial judiciary of this
state."

Battle was a member of
legal organizations, and
ten times was elected to
the state bar.

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...from the garbage strike and the murders and riots at the time of Dr. King's slaying.

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...Los Angeles, of course, include the vast sum of money spent by the FBI and the

...Hired by LG&W

...moved to Los Angeles.

...Branford, former assistant metropolitan editor of The Commercial Appeal, lives at 494 Fairbrook. The LG&W job pays \$15,000 a year.

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...to rebuild "another generation of children." "We cannot afford to let the government rest of anti-poverty program, but of point on a crumbling house reconstruction." Speaking in N Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ed the ideals of "racial and ty" in what she said was society.

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Robinson Cruce is alive and working as a taxi driver. Vh Cruce is his full name. He

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