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No Rush Is Seen On Ray Motions

Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin, named to conduct proceedings in the James Earl Ray case, indicated last night there will be no rush in acting on defense motions.

"I have no idea when any motions in Ray's behalf will be taken up," Judge Faquin said. He also said it has not been decided whether contempt of court hearings set for next Friday will be heard on that date.

The cases of FBI Agent George Bonbrake of Washington and magazine writer William B. Huie of Hartselle, Ala., cited for possible violation of an order limiting pretrial publicity in the Ray case, were set for Friday by the late Judge W. Preston Battle.

Sentence was due to be passed also Friday on four men already found guilty of contempt in the same connection.

Judge Faquin was named yesterday by his fellow judges in Criminal Court to succeed Judge Battle in the Ray case.

He was chosen, senior Judge Perry Sellers said, because he had been designated from the beginning as "back-up" to Judge Battle.

In Nashville, Chief Justice Hamilton Burnett of the Tennessee Supreme Court said Ray, by his plea of guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., waived his right of normal appeal. Ray can seek relief only through a writ of habeas corpus, he said.

A writ of habeas corpus can be filed at any time by any convict. The court usually sets a hearing within one to two months. Ray's new attorney, Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, an enthusiastic supporter of former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, has not indicated when a writ will be filed.

Judge Faquin was graduated from Central High School and

attended the University of Tennessee for two years before joining the Marines in 1942. After nearly four years in the Marines, he returned to Memphis and studied at the University of Memphis Law School.

He got his law degree in 1949 and spent the next 15 years in private practice, as an assistant attorney general and as a General Sessions judge.

In 1965 he won a Bar Association preference vote for a vacancy on the Criminal Court and was appointed by former Gov. Frank G. Clement.

Recent notable cases tried in his court include the conviction of Margo Freshwater for murder in a liquor store hold-up and conviction of four young men for disturbances at Carver High School last spring.

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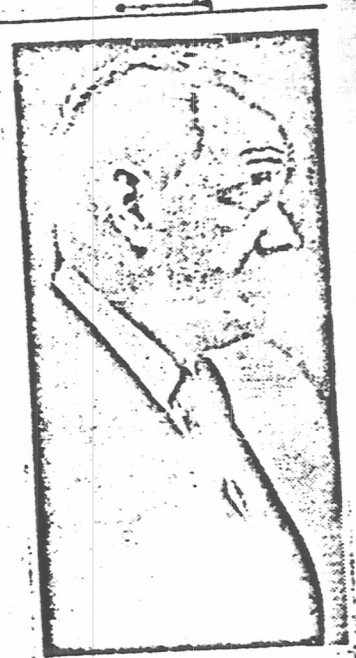
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