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Newsman Await Sentencing

An attorney for two Memphis newsmen convicted of contempt of court in the James Earl Ray case said today he will postpone Supreme Court action until the men are sentenced.

Armistead Clay, counsel for Roy Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, has appealed the conviction through lower courts which have refused to review the action because of the absence of sentence.

Judge Arthur Faquin, who took over the Ray case with the sudden death of Judge W. Preston Battle March 31, is scheduled to pass sentence after a hearing May 23.

Faquin, however, said he might delay the hearing until after May 26 when he is scheduled to rule on Ray's motion for a new trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray pleaded guilty before Battle March 10 and was sentenced to 99 years in the state penitentiary at Nashville.

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