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## Hearing On Retrial To Be As Scheduled

The hearing on a motion for a new trial for James Earl Ray will be held May 26 as scheduled, two of his attorneys said here yesterday.

Attorneys Richard J. Ryan, of Memphis and J. B. Stoner, of Augusta, Ga., said they expected the attorney general's office to file an answer to their motion for a new trial before the end of the week.

The attorneys said they were informed by Exec. Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert K. Dwyer that the reply to their motion awaits only the arrival of a letter from Ray's former attorney, Percy Foreman of Dallas, before being filed in the criminal court clerk's office.

Judge Arthur C. Faquin has scheduled the hearing of arguments on a new trial for Ray in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for 9:30 a.m. May 26. Ray pleaded guilty to the murder March 10 but almost immediately repudiated his guilty plea.

Mr. Stoner, who identified himself as vice chairman of the executive committee of the National States Rights Party, declined to be interviewed. After seeing Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Ryan introduced Mr. Stoner to Judge Faquin.

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