

Federal Judge Robert M. McRae Jr. today dismissed a suit filed on behalf of James . Earl Ray seeking a ban on publication of certain information regarding the case.

McRae made the dismissal with prejudice saying, "There is not enough proof to go forward in this matter."

J. B. Stoner, Ray's attorney, said the decision would probably be appealed.

Ray, in a deposition read in court today, said his two former atterneys. Percy Foreman of Houston and Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., conspired along with author William Bracford Hule to further their own financial interests in handling his defease.

Ray, serving a 93-year sentence for the admitted slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, gave the deposition in the Tennessee prison at Nashville.

Ray's present atterneys, stoner of Savannah, Ga., and Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, said their client entered into contracts with Hanes and Inic and later with Foreman through which he would furnish information to Huic for publication in magazine articles, books and movies.

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morcer . . . even though no one has been electrocated in Tennessee to see any cars. . on their fath these contracts temperatured the criminal defense for the paint (Ray)," said Stoner, the only reason Ray signed the contracts was that they were imposed on him by his attorneys and he was given no alternative under the circumstances other than to sign."

Referring to articles pubblished by Hanes, Huie and Foreman in an April 15, 1969 issue of Look Magazing, Stoner said, "We think the articles show very clearly that the defendants, (Foreman, Hanes and Huie) were always more interested in

making money through these activities than in representing the plaintiff in his criminal case . . . an obvious conflict of interests."

Ray was imprisoned in London when he signed the first of a series of contracts and agreements, Stoner said. Others were signed while he was locked in the maximum security section of the Sheiby County Jail, Stoner said.

"These are involuntary contracts, since he was locked up, at the mercy of his attorneys," he added.

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John J. Hooker Sr. of Nashville, representing Foreman and Huie, said he has had "considerable difficulty in trying to decide what this suit is about.

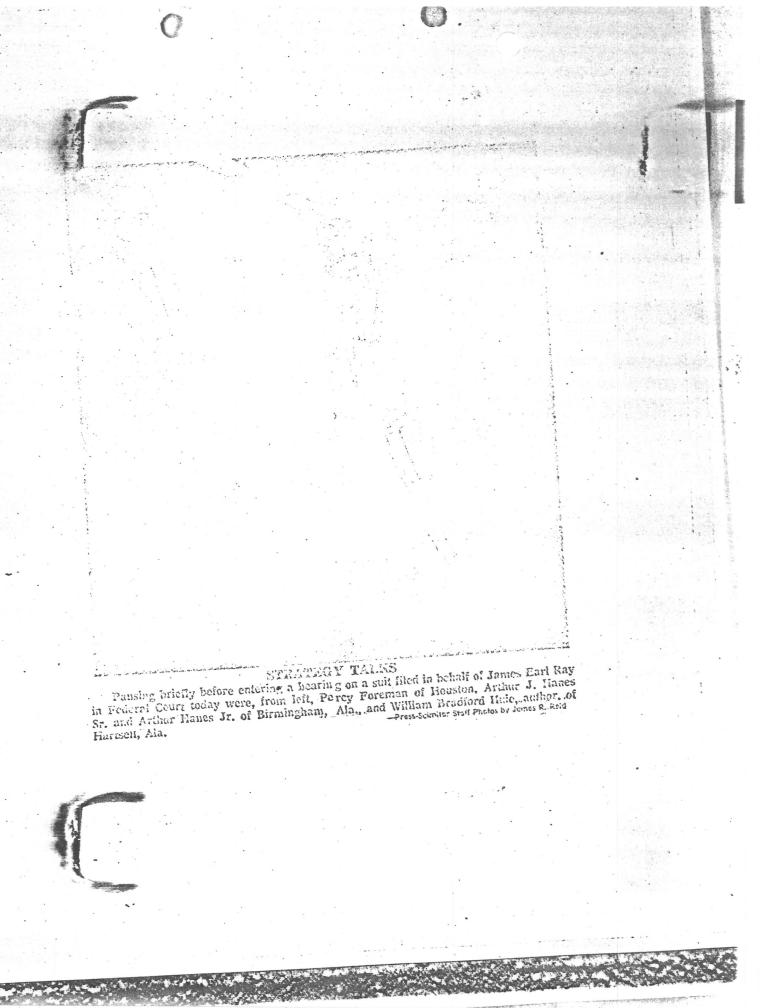
"Mr. Ray first charges that his civil rights in some way were violated," Hooker continued. "As I read the statutes, any conspiracy to violate s o m e o n e 's rights must involve force, intimidation or threat. But there is not one line in Mr. Ray's statement to suggest that anybody threatened, attempted to intimidate or, apply pressure to Ray."

Booker said Ray look the

initiative in seeking representation by Hanes and that "Huie was in it because he is a widely published writer who wanted to discover the truth about the murder of Dr. King. Foreman was in the case at the request of Ray's brother."

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