## U.S. speeds extradition of accused King assassir

Earl Ray, the accused as- cated the decision had not sassin of Dr. Martin Luther vet-been made as to which, King Jr., Monday was halfdragged into a Magistrate's Court where he was ordered held without bail on gun and passport violations in Britian. United States efforts to extradite him will come later, possibly this week.

Hay, a 40-year-old American escaped convict, then was taken under heavy guard to Brixton Prison to await another hearing June

His appearance in court lasted only 82 seconds during which he either scowled or screwed his face into a half grin as he answered "No" to two questions.

U.S. EXTRADITION offorts will not have to wait until the second hearing. Embassy officials said both the States of Missouri and Tennessee were preparing extradition papers - jjail break in Missouri and the King murder charge in Memphis, Tenn.

LONDON-(UPI) - James American sources indiif either, of these States' possible extradition claims would be used. They said Ray could simplify things by waiving evtradition though he has not spoken on this matter - or Britain could simply deport him as an undesirable.

The British Foreign Office said it understood U.S. authorities were "in the process" of applying Ray's extradition and that such a request would be "judged on its merits."

U.S. TSST. ATTY. GEN. Fred M. Vinson Jr., who flew to London Sunday to try to speed up extradition, met with senior Scotland Yard officials after the hearing to dicuss steps to be taken towards extradition. The formal request will be made by the State Department through the Embassy.

Vinson met with Ray briefly on Sunday but American sources said he did not ask him whether he would waive extradition and the Embassy said it still does not know Ray's attitude.

A formal request for extradition would be made by the State Department directly to the British after Ray appears for his don Airport at the end of a second hearing June 18. Worldwide hunt that began The Embassy indicated April 4, when King was

such a request probably would not be ready within the next "couple of days."

4 4 4 VINSON REFUSED to see newsmen and the Embassy refused to disclose any information on Ray's activities, or even his whe-reabouts before his arrest at 11:15 a.m. Saturday.

Ray was brought into court by 12 police guards. almost shuffling as they propelled him along into a court room where for the first time in memory every person entering the Magistrate's Court was searched by detectives. The detectives themselves were armed which is unusual for Britain.

Magistrate Frank Milton, especially careful of Ray's civil rights championed by King in the United States, asked Ray if he objected to limiting press coverage of his hearing and if he had a lawyer. He answered "No" to both questions.

MILTON GRANTED him legal aid, a free attorney, and ordered him held in jail until a' least June 18. It gave prosecution and defense more time to prepare to argue Ray's case against charges he held fraudulent passports and a gun and five bullets illegally when -arrested Saturday at Lon-

slain in Memphis. Tern.

Bundled into a paddy wagon, escorted by black police cruisers, Ray was taken from the court lo Brixton Prison, a grimy, brick compound in a working class area of London.

RAY SPENT his moment in court inside an eight by three foot wrought iron dock, six uniformed and six plainclothed police around him. One was Thomas Butler, the Scotland Yard "Flying Squad" chief who arrested Ray.

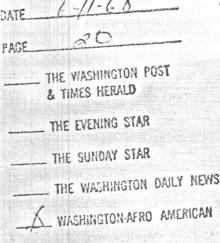
The defendant wore the checked, gray green sports jacket, the blue cotton sports shirt and dark slacks he wore into captivity when caught in the airport en route from Lisbon to Brus-

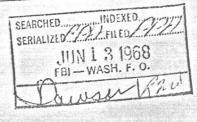
To Ray's right, on a hardi wooden bench in the court where Charles Dickens oncetook notes for his novels, sat U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen. Vinson, son of the late U.S. Chief Justice.

IN WASHINGTON, the State Department said a formal request for Ray's extradition would be made through the U.S. Embassy in London "within the next few days."

"I cannot give a precise date when the request will be presented in London, but very likely it will be within the next few days," a State Department spokesman

said.





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