

U. S. and Britain Co-Operate on Extradition

Yard Wants to Know Where Ray Got \$\$

LONDON, June 11 (UPI) — Scotland Yard today hunted London contacts of the man accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The search centered on persons who may have helped the 40-year-old escaped convict supplied with money before his arrest at London International Airport Saturday.

The hunt spread to Brussels and Lisbon where, according to unofficial reports, Ray may have been picking up funds funneled thru a Swiss Bank account.

EFFORTS TO EXTRADITE

The detectives hunted while U. S. and British government lawyers co-operated in an effort to extradite Ray to America to stand trial for the slaying of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

U. S. Assistant Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr., was aiming for as speedy an extradition as possible — by June 23, legal sources said. But court observers here said the process could run into a

long hot summer if Ray exercises his civil rights to the extent of an appeal to the House of Lords, Britain's supreme court.

With the aid of the British Foreign and Home offices, Mr. Vinson yesterday secured from London's Chief Magistrate a provisional murder-extradition warrant.

That warrant meant Ray would be held here pending a full extradition hearing in court. Legal sources said the U. S. murder case against Ray would be heard in Magistrates Court Thursday.

APPEAL POSSIBLE

If the magistrate decides the case is strong enough, he would grant a full-fledged warrant. The Home Office then could — and probably would — order Ray's extradition to America. However Ray can appeal the Magistrate's ruling and that could mean months of court fights, the observers said.

Frank Milton, London's Chief Magistrate, granted Ray a court-appointed lawyer, Michael Dresden. At the same 82-second hearing Mr. Mil-

ton ordered Ray held until June 13 on the technical arrest charges — that of holding illegal passports and a pistol without permit when arrested at the airport.

Police sources said Ray was at the airport on the last of a series of a money-fetching trips.

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