

**DR. KING'S DEATH CALLED 'POLITICAL CRIME'**

**Ray's Barrister Sets Guidelines**

LONDON, June 28 (UPI) — A rain began to fall as urbane British barrister Roger Frisby walked out of Bow Street Magistrate's Court, furred umbrella and pigskin briefcase in his left hand. Photographers ran alongside him, shutters clicking.

The photographers pursued him because Mr. Frisby is the figure of the hour in the American attempt to bring to justice the man accused of

killing civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Mr. Frisby had just told the court yesterday that the man accused of being the sniper — escaped Missouri convict James Earl Ray — should not be extradicted from England because the assassination was a political crime. He maintained at the opening session of an extradition hearing Ray had no personal reason to kill Dr. King.

The first day of the hearing established guidelines for what could be a long legal fight to bring Ray to Tennessee to face murder charges.

In an effort to bolster his case, the court-appointed barrister put Ray on the stand. He attempted to establish that the 40-year-old Ray had no personal motive for the slaying.

"Did you know Martin Luther King personally?" Mr. Frisby asked.

"No sir," Ray said.

"Have you ever met Martin Luther King personally?"

"No sir."

"Did you have any grudge against him?"

"No sir."

"Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King?"

"No sir," Ray replied.

One witness was Thomas Butler, Scotland Yard detective chief superintendent, who told of arresting Ray at a London airport June 8. Ray had in his possession a loaded pistol and two Canadian passports identifying him as Ramon George Sneyd. Mr. Butler said Ray "slumped down on a seat behind him, put his head in his hands and said 'Oh, God, I feel so trapped.'"

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