## Called Sole Participant Called Sole Participant Barrister David Calcutt, the Suspect Tells Brish Court

### Another Hearing Set for July 2 On Extradition

LONDON (UPI) - James Earl Ray today denied in court ly combed, hunched forward to that he assassinated the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He said he did not even bear him a grudge. .

you kill Dr. Martin Luther the FBI for 27 years. King?" His reply was firm, quick and almost matter of fact: "No sir."

flanked by two Scotland Yard state of Tennessee contends that detectives. The jaw muscles be- Ray shot King. neath his stubble of beard witched as he heard himself de a bathroom and that then he scribed as the "single hand" heard the shot which killed the that killed King in Memphis, civil rights leader. Tenn., on April 4.

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British attorney acting for the United States, accused Ray of executing the "calculated, brutal and senseless murder" of King with a rifle which bore his fingerprints.

"In my mind this was the single hand work of this defendant," Calcutt said.

In his own testimony Ray told the court he had never met

"I have never had any kind of grudge against him," he said.

Ray, his dark brown hair neatthe iron-railed prisoner's dock as Calcutt called a U.S. fingerprint expert who teytified Ray's fingerprints were on the rifle Ray's voice was squeaky at that killed King. The expert was first but when his British de- George J. Stonebrake of Silver, fense attorney asked him: "Did Spring, Md., who has been with

#### Seen Entering Bathroom

Ray was obviously nervous as Ray entered a Bow Street Calcutt told of Charles Q. Ste-Magistrate Court for an extradi- vens, a resident of the Memphis tion hearing chewing gum and boarding house from which the

He said Stevens saw Ray enter

(In Memphis, Stevens was reported to have dropped out of sight. He had occupied room No. 6 of Mrs. Bessie Brewer's rooming house. Authorities say Ray was in Room 5. Mrs. Brewer also has dropped out of sight.)

There are two extradition counts against Ray. Tennessee wants him on the murder charge. Missouri wants him for breaking jail in 1967 while he was serving time for firstdegree bank robbery.

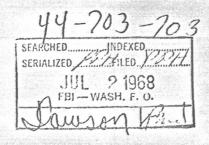
Ray's British defense attorne;, Roger Frisby, contends that the slaying of the controversial civil rights leader was a political crime which is not covered by U.S.-British extradition agreements.

Magistrate Frank Milton set See RAY, Page A-10

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JAMES EARL RAY Denies Killing



# Killing of Dr.-King Denied

July 2. Ray, who was wearing a blue sportshirt and a dark trate then discussed under what and said, 'Oh, God!' Butler said.

illegal passports and carrying counsel's questions. a pistol, rose after his lawyer announced to a stunned court:

"I call my client."

Ray, flanked by two Scotland "Did you know Martin Luther Yard detectives, marched to the King personally?" Ray, flanked by two Scotland witness stand.

One of the detectives guarding him against possible assassination attempts shifted between "No, sir," Ray said. He spoke King was hit as he stood on a court.

I think you should sit here

jacket, was ordered held with name Ray should be sworn in. "After a moment or so he add-out bail. "He was arrested as Ramon ed, "I feel so trapped." Ray, who has been silent since George Sneyd. It was decided his arrest at London airport not to swear him in at all but the witness who saw Ray en-June 8 on charges of having merely to have him answer his ter a rooming house bathroom

London Airport June 8?" Fris-

by asked. "Yes, sir," replied Ray.

"No sir."

tion attempts shifted between "No, sir," Ray said. He spoke King was hit as he stood on a him and the main body of the quickly and clearly and showed motel balcony. Investigators little emotion.

Then Frisby asked: "Did you bathroom window in the room-kill Dr. Martin Luther King?" ing house across the street.

And with no change of expression and almost matter-of-factly came the denial.
"No, sir," Ray said.

tain pen, took the procedure him and said: 'This tragic down in shorthand and then read it back to Ray. He asked if it inal." were correct and Ray said, "Yes, that's correct."

The clerk then asked Ray if he

would I sign it?"

#### Won't Sign Document

There was more consultation between the magistrate and ed Ray at the hearing. He rode Frisby and Frisby then said Ray to the court in a black police

should not sign the document. paddy wagon.
The chief Scotland Yard superintendent, Thomas Butler, said the accused slumped to a seat when told during an interview that he was suspected of being Ray, wanted for murder with a gun and other crimes in the United States.

But Butler said Ray made no admission of guilt.

"The accused had been stand-

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> Calcutt identified Stevens as overlooking the motel where "Are you the man arrested at King died, heard a shot fired from the bathroom and saw Ray come out of the room a minute later.

> > Calcutt said Ray bought the murder rifle with a telescopic sight and fired the fatal bullet

said the shot was fired from the

#### Third Court Apparence

As Ray stood - showing no apparent emotion - in the pris-The court clerk, using a foun-oner's dock, Calcutt looked at death was the work of this crim-

> Calcutt described the crime as "the working of a single hand."

Today's was the third British would like to sign his statement. court appearance for the Ray suddenly leaned forward 40-year-old escaped convict from in the chair, looked slightly sur- Missouri since Scotland Yard deprised and said, "Well, how tectives arrested him at a London airport June 8 and charged The comment uttered with a him with possessing false pass-trace of Southern accent drew ports and a loaded pistol. He mild titters from the courtroom. was traveling under the name of a Toronto policeman, Ramon George Sneyd.

One hundred policemen guard-

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