Bound Over for Another 8 Days

Ray's Appeal Hampered

LONDON, July 16 (UPD — A British court today bound over James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for another eight days on charges of violating gun and passport laws.

Sources close to Ray's defense said his lawyers were running into "local difficulties" hampering his appeal against a court-ordered extradition to America to stand trial for Dr. King's murder.

Ray's appearance at Bow Street Magistrates Court was routine. The law says he must be taken before a magistrate every eight days while held on the charges of carrying a gun and two forged passports, charges on which Ray was arrested June 8 to end a worldwide manhant.

Defense sources said the "difficulties" they were talking about were not administrative and not connected with legal obstacles to their contention that Dr. King's slaying was a political crime.

Political crimes are not subject to the Anglo-American extradition treaty.

Ray's British lawyer, Michael Eugene, has only one day left to file an appeal of Ray's extradition order, issued two weeks ago.

Frank Milton, chief metropolitan magistrate, ordered Ray held until July 24 on the gun and passport charges.

Only a few spectators were on hand when kay arrived from Wandsworth Prison in a black Maria escorted by three Jaguar police cruisers.

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