

MEMPHIS—James Earl Ray sat without a word in a heavily guarded courtroom yesterday while his lawyer entered his plea of innocent and the judge announced his trial on charges of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will begin Nov. 12.

Ray, dressed in blue with his long black hair neatly combed, appeared calm. He spoke not a word during the 11 minutes he spent at his arraignment in Judge Preston Battle's courtroom.

Three deputies sat behind Ray, shielding him from the view of the rest of the room. About 80 persons were allowed into the court—all of them lawmen, court officials or reporters. Newsmen were searched before entering the room.

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