

Extreme security precautions predicted during Ray's trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Security plans for the expected trial of accused assassin James Earl Ray call for the voices and faces of every person at-

tending the trial to be recorded on sound and video tape.

Charles Holmes, public relations adviser to Sheriff William Morris, said it would be the first time such a precaution has been taken.

Ray is in a London jail following his arrest there. He is appealing his extradition to Memphis to face charges of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. April 4.

THE TRIAL will be held in one of the five Shelby County criminal courtrooms. The largest of these courtrooms seats just over 100 persons, including the trial principals.

Holmes said each person would be filmed at the entrance to the courtroom, and each would be asked to speak into a microphone. He said there was no plan to make a panoramic film of the courtroom while the trial was in progress.

Most of the public seats are to go to newsmen but reservations, officials say, will be assured for relatives of the defendant and of the family of Dr. King.

SHERIFF William Morris said a segment of the general public will also be seated, even if all of the newsmen present at any one time may not be seated.

Holmes said identity cards with photos will be issued to all newsmen accredited for the trial. More than 50 such accreditations already have been requested.

"There will be no carnival air here," Sheriff Morris promises. "This is a serious matter. The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

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