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# Hearing June 27 On Ray Extradition

LONDON, June 18 (AP) — A British magistrate scheduled today a hearing on June 27 on the United States Government's application to return James Earl Ray to Tennessee for trial on a charge of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ray's British attorney, Roger Frisby, indicated in Bow Street Magistrate's Court that the 40-year-old escaped convict would fight extradition. The lawyer asked Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton for as much time as possible to prepare his case.

Milton said he wanted to hold the hearing as soon as possible, and they compromised on Thursday of next week.

British extradition hearings usually last a day or two, and the magistrate generally gives his decision as soon as he hears all the evidence.

### Returned to Prison

Ray was brought to Bow Street today for the second time since his arrest 10 days ago. The magistrate ordered him returned to Wandsworth Prison.

Two attorneys from Birmingham, Ala., Arthur J. Hanes and his son, Arthur Jr., are expected in London soon to assist Ray's British attorney.

In Birmingham, the elder Hanes said he planned to leave tomorrow to confer with Ray, who, in a letter signed "R.G. Sneyd," asked Hanes to take the case. Sneyd is the name Ray was using when arrested.

The lawyer said he did not know who will pay Ray's legal fees but said, "I understand this man has funds."

### 2-Minute Session

The hearing in London today was the customary two-minute session when a court has decided on a postponement. The small courtroom was filled with about 100 persons, mostly reporters.

Ray, wearing a blue checked suit and glasses, sat impassively in the dock while attorneys and the magistrate discussed details.

After Milton fixed the extradition hearing date, Ray spoke only two words: "Thank you."

He was separated from the spectators by a wall of policemen and detectives. Police lined the corridor through which he reached the courtroom.

### Two Charges

Attorneys for the United States Government told the magistrate that Ray was wanted on a charge of murdering the Rev. Dr. King in Memphis April 4 and also on a charge of escaping from the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City when serving an armed robbery sentence from St. Louis.

Documentary evidence already has been produced in London, the U.S. lawyers told the court, and a fingerprint expert will be flown over to testify at the extradition hearing.

Ray was arrested at London airport June 8 and charged with entering the country on a forged Canadian passport and carrying an unlicensed loaded pistol.

After a preliminary hearing before Milton June 10 on the passport and weapon charges, he has been held under round-the-clock guard at Wandsworth Prison while Scotland Yard tried to reconstruct his movements and contacts in the three weeks he is believed to have spent in London before his arrest.

The U.S. Embassy forwarded the request for his extradition to the British government last Wednesday. Under the 1931 extradition treaty between Britain and the United States, British courts can grant extradition only if U.S. authorities present evidence sufficient to send Ray to trial under British law.

Extradition of Ray was also requested because he is wanted by Missouri to complete the prison term for armed robbery. Although extradition on this charge would be almost automatic, the U.S.-British treaty specifies that a suspect can only be tried on the charges for which he has been specifically extradited. Therefore unless he



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Arthur J. Hanes Sr.

is extradited for the murder of the civil rights leader, he can-

not be prosecuted on that charge in the United States, ville, Ala. Two of the accused went free on state charges but were convicted on federal conspiracy charges. The third died.

When he was Mayor, Hanes accused the Rev. Dr. King of being one of the instigators of Birmingham's troubles. Now, he is getting ready for a hurried trip to England to talk with James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing the Rev. Dr. King when the civil rights leader was directing a protest in another southern city, Memphis, Tenn.

Hanes, 51 years old, said he and his son and partner, Arthur

Hanes Jr., would fly to London tomorrow to look into the case. He said he hoped to determine whether he would have full representation of Ray in the United States. He said he would interview Ray and, if he accepted the case, begin preparation of the defense immediately.

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