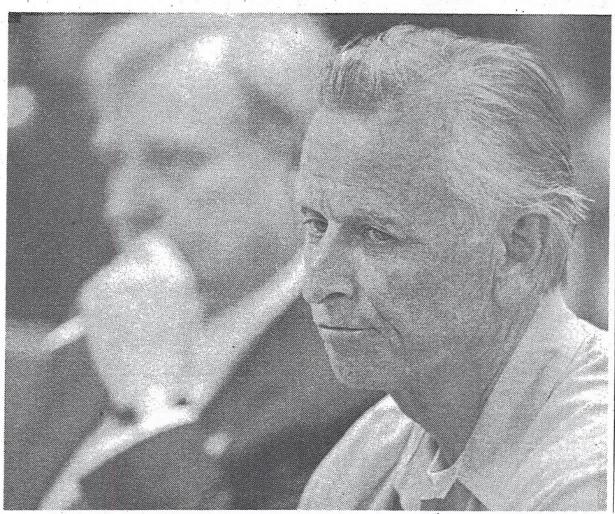
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Dr. King's Assassin Loses Bid for Parole

James Earl Ray lost his bid for parole yesterday as the Parole Board, in Nashville, rejected his claims that he had not killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. At his first parole hearing in 25 years, Mr. Ray, right, sat with his lawyer, William Pepper, as the board voted 3-0 against parole.