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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP — James Earl Ray, the man charged with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held under secret and maximum security when he is returned here for trial.

Phil M. Canale, Shelby County attorney general, said Ray would be returned to stand trial for first-degree murder with all "deliberate speed."

Ray was arrested in London Saturday at the end of a 65-day search. U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen. Vinson is in London in an attempt to speed extradition.

Where Ray will be housed before and during any trial is a point that normally talkative police sources are not discussing.

It is anticipated he would be held in the county jail downtown, but the detention area could be the city jail, the county penal farm, or detention facilities in the federal building.

Canale said Sheriff William N. Morris has exclusive control over security arrangements. Morris was unavailable for comment, but an aide said secret plans for handling Ray had been under study for a month and a half.

The extreme secrecy stems largely from the slaying in Dallas of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy. There also are lingering thoughts among many people here of a conspiracy in the King assassination, a theory that law enforcement officials generally discount.

Gerald Fanion, deputy director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, said the Negro community especially holds the conspiracy belief.

Canale said another reason for secrecy is that the prosecution wants no pretrial publicity that might hamper their case.

Canale confirmed Saturday for the first time that the Shelby County grand jury had returned a first-degree murder indictment against Ray May 7, under his own name and the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, and Harvey Lowmyer.

Ray will face hearing in England Monday on charges of having fraudulent passports and of possession of a deadly weapon. Scotland Yard said Ray was carrying a loaded revolver when arrested.

Canale said if Ray seeks a hearing under the U.S.-British extradition treaty of 1935, the procedure to return him to Memphis might run from three to six weeks. If he waived such a hearing, Ray conceivably could be returned to Memphis within a week.

Under normal circumstances, it takes four to five months before a person charged with murder is brought to trial in Memphis.

King was slain the evening of April 4 as he stood on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel. He had come to Memphis to aid 1,300 city sanitation workers, 98 per cent of them Negroes, in a strike.

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