

Brief Ray Hearing In London

A Routine Appearance

LONDON — (AP) — James Earl Ray made another brief appearance in the Bow Street magistrate's court today and was sent back to Wandsworth prison for another eight days.

Another court appearance for him was set for July 24.

Ray's British lawyers have indicated they will file their appeal tomorrow against Chief Magistrate Frank Milton's order of July 2 that Ray should be extradited to the United States.

He is wanted for trial in Memphis on charges of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

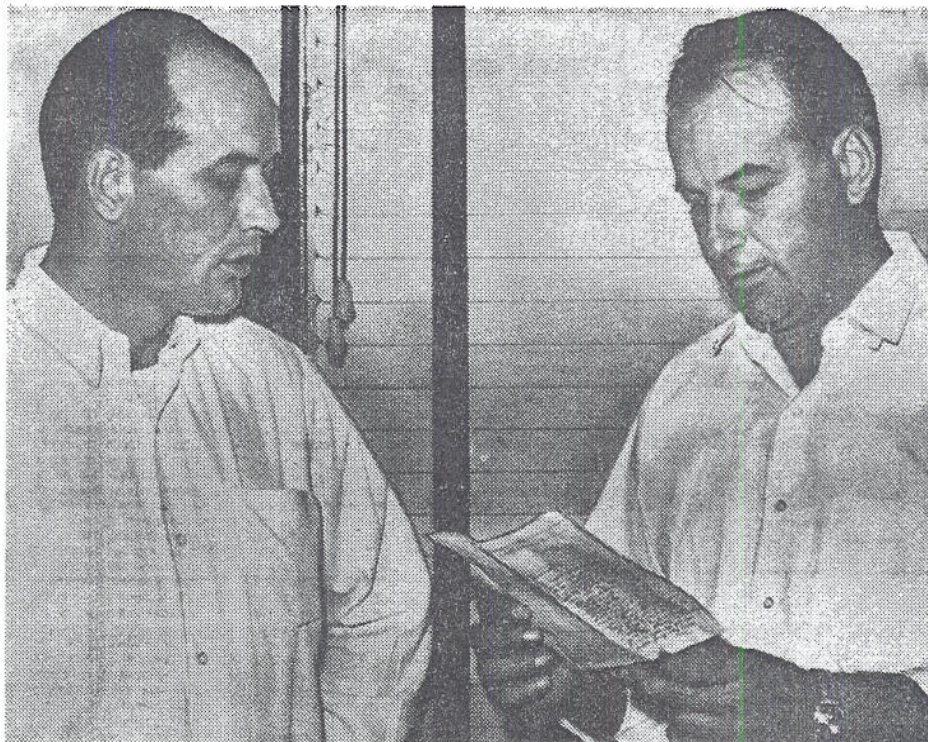
A hearing on the appeal is tentatively scheduled for July 29.

Ray was brought into court today because British law requires a prisoner denied bail to be brought before a magistrate each week until his case is settled. Ray was composed and chewing gum.

When the magistrate asked if he had anything to say, he replied:

"No, sir."

As always when Ray is before the British court, there were elaborate police precautions. Newsmen and spectators were frisked as they entered the courtroom. Detectives scanned the public gallery throughout the hearing.



A LETTER FROM LONDON—IT'S THEIR BROTHER
Jerry (left) and John Ray with note from James Earl Ray

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Ray Brothers to Memphis

Chicago Daily News

CHICAGO — Two brothers of accused assassin James Earl Ray are moving to Memphis to be near him when and if he stands trial for the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

John Ray, 35, said he has turned over to a manager the daily operation of a tavern he owns in St. Louis, and expects to rent an apartment in Memphis.

GOT LETTER

He'll be joined by Jerry, 32, who quit his job with a Chicago country club after James, 40, was identified as the wanted fugitive in the King slaying.

The Ray brothers prepared to move after receiving a let-

ter from James, written from the London prison where he has been held since his arrest June 9.

The Chicago Daily News obtained an exclusive copy of the letter, in which Ray indicated he was ready to return voluntarily to the U.S. to stand trial.

The letter was written before a British court ordered him extradited after a hearing July 2. Defense lawyers are appealing the decision, and a hearing on that is set for July 29.

TO PLACE ADS

John Ray said his first move will be to set up a "James Ray defense fund" to help pay his brother's legal expenses.

Ray also said he will place ads in newspapers and magazines to publicize the fund.

James, in his letter from London's Heathfield Road Prison, asked that \$600 be sent to Birmingham attorney Arthur Hames, and said he would "straighten it up . . . when I get back."

John said the money has not yet been sent.

He said the letter was the first communication from his brother since he escaped April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Prison.

John said he last saw his older brother on April 22, the day before he broke out by hiding in the bread box of an outbound bakery truck.