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## Biographer of Ray Is Arrested Over Articles on Dr. King Case

**Huie Cited for Contempt as  
Violator of Judge's Ban  
on Pretrial Publicity**

MEMPHIS, Feb. 7 (AP)—William Bradford Huie, biographer of James Earl Ray, was arrested on a contempt of court warrant today after testifying for two hours and 40 minutes before the Shelby County grand jury.

The warrant was issued by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, the judge who will preside when Ray goes on trial March 3 on a charge of assassinating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The contempt citation was issued in connection with magazine articles that Mr. Huie wrote. The citation was based on a strict order issued by Judge Battle against pretrial publicity.

Mr. Huie, who says he has knowledge of a conspiracy in the King slaying, had been directed to appear before the grand jury to tell all he knew about the case.

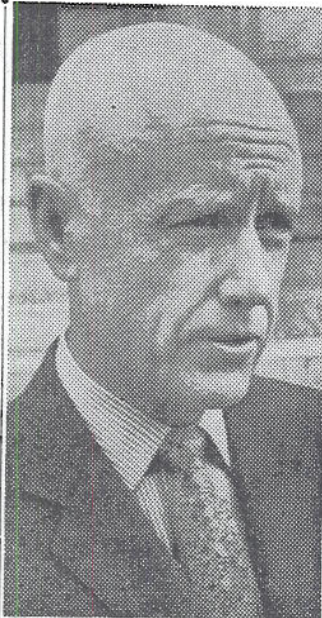
### Look Magazine Articles

Mr. Huie's articles on Ray appeared in Look magazine. He purportedly paid Ray up to \$35,000 for the material he used in writing them.

Shortly after Mr. Huie concluded his session with the grand jury, Ray's attorneys appeared before Judge Battle for a hearing on several defense motions.

These included a request by the prisoner to have a photographer make a series of pictures of him in his steel-plated jail cell. Ray said a magazine had offered to pay him up to \$5,000 for exclusive rights to publish the pictures. He said he needed the money for his defense.

Before going before the jury, Mr. Huie told newsmen he could name others he said were involved in Dr. King's slaying



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**William Bradford Huie before his arrest in Memphis.**

—but probably would not do so before the grand jury.

"I can't name people who I think may be involved until they are arrested. I could be sued for libel," said the dapper Alabama author.

Asked how the grand jury could return indictments if he did not name names, Mr. Huie replied, "I am not in the law enforcement business. The only information I have is information given me by James Earl Ray. All of it has been made available to the F.B.I. and the State of Tennessee."

Judge Battle has cited several other persons for violating his no-publicity edict, including two Memphis newspapermen and Ray's former attorney, Arthur Hanes, onetime Mayor of Birmingham.

Mr. Huie posted \$1,000 bond and was freed following his arrest. He had been ordered to present to the grand jury any documents he had collected for his articles on Ray and a book on the case, scheduled for early publication.