

**NEW JUDGE NAMED
TO RAY-KING CASE**

MEMPHIS, April 3 (AP) — Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin Jr. was named Thursday to succeed the late Judge W. Preston Battle Jr. as the presiding judge in the James Earl Ray case.

The announcement was made following a meeting of the four

remaining Criminal Court judges.

Moving up as the presiding judge in the case, Judge Faquin will conduct all post-trial hearings, including Ray's request for a new trial in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The announcement came a short time after Ray had hired his third defense lawyer in an effort to win the new trial. State Corrections Commis-

sioner Harry S. Avery said today that Richard J. Ryan of Memphis had been hired by Ray to represent him in criminal matters. There was no word when Mr. Ryan might seek to visit Ray again.

Ray previously sought a new trial in a letter to Judge Battle, who died of a heart attack Monday. Judge Battle had sentenced Ray to 99 years in prison after Ray pleaded guilty in the King death.