

## Defense Studied

# Ray Insanity Plea Hinted

By United Press International and Associated Press

LONDON — Alabama lawyer Arthur J. Hanes spent about an hour today in Wandsworth Prison, conferring with James Earl Ray, the man wanted in Tennessee to stand trial for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

When he came out of the jail gate, Hanes said:

"He is feeling all right. His health is good. He is being well looked after. His mental attitude is good. We talked of many things." Included, he said, was payment of attorney's fees.

Questioned sharply as to who was paying his fee, Hanes snapped that his client "gave me the impression he could meet my fees."

### EXPECTS PAY

The lawyer added:

"No organization has contacted me, no organization has paid me. I expect to get paid. I have faith.

"This is a challenge and a big case. The man called on me for assistance and the man needs help, and I intend to give it. I would do the same for anyone, black or white. I'm made that way."

Hanes added: "If this man comes to trial, if he's the man, he will plead not guilty. A plea of not guilty will be entered."

He said he felt "confident of a successful defense."

"For me, a successful defense means a verdict of not guilty."

### MANY CHOICES

Hanes, who said on arrival at London Airport earlier today that Ray might plead innocent through reason of insanity, was asked by a reporter if Ray showed any sign of insanity.

"None," he replied and emphasized that the plea of

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insanity was only one of a number which might be used.

Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, at all times insisted on calling Ray by the name under which he was arrested in Britain — Ramon George Sneyd — although the British court has accepted FBI testimony that he is Ray.

In the eyes of the British government, Hanes was only a private party and not a legal adviser in an official capacity.

### 'ORDINARY'

Home Secretary James Callaghan, referring to Hanes, said he "did not qualify for the special conditions applicable to legal advisers under the statutory prison rules."

Hanes had been in London in late June, but did not see Ray then, although he reportedly asked permission of British authorities.

Callaghan said Ray had asked to receive a visitor June 24 and was given the go-ahead June 25 on the condition that he be an "ordinary visitor."

Before driving back to his hotel, Hanes said he would have another meeting with Ray tomorrow morning.

By decision of a British court last Tuesday, Ray can be extradited as a fugitive criminal wanted for murder and armed robbery.

But his defense lawyers have 15 days to lodge an appeal in a higher court, which would further delay him being handed over to American authorities.

Hanes successfully defended the men accused in the slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, a civil rights worker killed in Alabama in 1965. Some of those men were linked to the Ku Klux Klan.



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Confers with Ray