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Memphis, Tenn. AP - TWO NEWSPAPERMEN, A LAWYER AND A PRIVATE DETECTIVE HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR VIOLATING A BAN ON OUT-OF-COURTROOM NEWS STATEMENTS IN THE CASE OF James Earl Ray.

Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON Battle, who is scheduled to hear Ray's trial on charges of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., issued the show cause orders Tuesday.

Battle ordered the four men, including Ray's chief defense counsel, Arthur J. HANES Sr., of Birmingham, Ala., to appear before him Sept. 27.

In addition to Hanes, a former Birmingham mayor, those cited were Renfro T. Hays, a private detective working for Hanes, and Charles EDMUNDSON OF THE Memphis Commercial Appeal, and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis PRESS-Scimitar.

Battle took action after receiving a "petition for contempt" by a committee of seven attorneys he named to monitor what is being reported about the Ray case.

Attached to the petition were stories published last week in which the two reporters quoted Hanes and Hays about various aspects of the Ray defense.

Ray is scheduled to go on trial Nov. 12.

When Ray was returned to the United States from England July 19, Battle issued an order banning defense and prosecution attorneys, their agents and employees, all law enforcement officials of Memphis and Shelby County, all potential witnesses and all employees at the courthouse and county office building from "giving interviews or making extra judicial statements prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

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