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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - James Earl Ray's first-degree murder trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was postponed today until March 3. The state objected to the delay, accusing the defendant of "trifling with the court."

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Bulletin Matter

Memphis, Tenn. Ray 2nd lead add: court."

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle granted the continuance to give Ray's new lawyer, Percy Foreman, time to familiarize himself with the case.

The tall Texas attorney only last Sunday night replaced Arthur Hanes as defense counsel.

It was learned that a major issue in the split between Ray and Hanes was the insistence of the lawyer that the case be opened today as scheduled.

Hanes told the court: "The defense was ready to go to court today."

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Memphis, Tenn. Ray 2nd lead 126 2nd add: today."

The 40-year-old Ray, dressed in a blue pin-stripe suit, was taken from his third-floor cell quarters with its metal sheath windows to the second floor courtroom. This was his first journey out of his limited confines since Sept. 20, when he appeared in the same courtroom.

He was unfettered in any way by handcuffs or other devices, but appeared to need a haircut.

Observers who had seen him at his last public appearance said his face appeared more drawn than in the past.

Ray was shown a copy of his handwritten letter, asking that Hanes be replaced by Foreman. He arose with the letter in hand as Judge Battle asked him, "Did you send that letter?"

"Yes sir," he answered.

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Ray Lead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP. - A change of lawyers and a delay were granted today in the murder trial of James Earl Ray, charged with the sniper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4.

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R. H. Curry and Co., agents for the ship in Nassau, said its reports indicated the fire was quickly doused with no injuries reported.

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Memphis, Tenn. Ray Lead add: April 4.

Texas lawyer Percy Foreman took over as chief defense counsel, replacing Alabama's Arthur Hanes, who was ousted by Ray two days before the trial was scheduled to open this morning.

No date was set for the trial, but Foreman requested a 90-day continuance.

Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle recessed court after granting the change of attorneys, and the continuance motion-indicating he will announce a trial date after the recess.

Hanes, who charged in an interview before court opened, that the switch was a subterfuge to gain a delay which he opposed, was directed to put up a \$1,000 bond on a contempt of court citation by the judge.

Battle, who will preside at the trial, said Hanes violated his order against pre-trial statements about the case.

Ray, 40, appeared in the small courtroom for the hearing that lasted less than an hour.

It was Ray's first public appearance since his arraignment in London following his arrest by Scotland Yard detectives last summer.

Ray is accused of killing King with a rifle shot when the civil rights leader was here to lead a garbage strike demonstration.

By Arthur W. Everett  
Associated Press Writer  
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. Ray Lead 2nd add: demonstration.

Foreman's motion for delay said, quoting Ray, "a serious disagreement with reference to his defense has arisen between him and his said attorneys, both as to strategy and policy."

The motion said Ray had been unable to adjust his thinking to Hanes.

"Defendant . . . says that he cannot cooperate with his said attorneys and desires to engage and employ other counsel."

Foreman's motion continued.

Foreman's motion said Ray was without funds except what had been received from writer William Bradford Huie for an article in Look magazine on Ray's case.

"Attorneys have been paid to date approximately \$30,000, and an additional \$12,000 is required before they will release their statements, interviews, depositions and the results of their investigation," the motion said.

"Defendant's family and friends hope to be able to raise this money, but presently have no resources with which to obtain it."

Hanes, retained originally with his son, Arthur Jr., told newsmen at breakfast he and Ray disagreed on a delay. Hanes said the case ought to be tried now, but Ray wanted a delay.

Hanes said there was no disagreement over money, replying to remarks by Ray's brothers, John and Jerry Ray.

"This is some scheme by the brothers," Hanes said at that time.

"What for, I don't know." He said the brothers had refused to cooperate or even talk to him since he took the case soon after Ray's arrest in London June 8.

"They could not run the case with me as the lawyer," he said.

"They have been working against us."

Hanes last talked with Ray in his Shelby County Jail cell here last Wednesday.

"When I saw old Ray last Wednesday," he said, "I knew something was up. He was so relaxed, not even interested in talking about the trial."

Foreman and the two Ray brothers visited the accused man Sunday and spent four hours with him.

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#### IT WAS A SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD.

From Moscow to the Vatican came comment on the assassination of the Negro leader, which followed by 4 1/2 years the Dallas assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and preceded by two months the shooting in Los Angeles

of Sen.

Robert F. Kennedy.

In the Look article, author William Bradford Huie says Ray wrote from his Memphis jail cell: "I suppose I became involved in some sort of plot to kill King when I first took those packages into the United States from Canada. . . but nobody told me anything about any planned murder of King or anyone else."

The article quotes Ray as writing that he met a man named Raoul while a fugitive in Canada in August 1967. Ray, Huie wrote, said Raoul offered him money, a car and "travel papers" if he would establish himself in Birmingham and make himself "available."

Before leaving for Birmingham, Ray made two auto trips across the border at Detroit with "packages" Raoul had concealed in his old car, Huie wrote. Ray then went to Birmingham and made other trips for Raoul, including the Mexican border, the article said.

Ray wrote that Raoul told him, "We had one more job to do and we'd do it in about two or three months." Ray said he was promised "travel papers" and \$12,000. When he asked what the job was, Ray said he was told "not to worry about it and not to ask questions."

Ray was in Los Angeles, Huie wrote, when he "received by mail on March 15 the directive he had been expecting. He was wanted in Selma and Birmingham, Ala., where King was recruiting support for his Poor People's march on Washington."

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