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S 3 Invade Home of Witness T in Ranger Probe, Beat Her

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Mrs. Annabelle Martin, 39, who was a witness before the Senate investigating subcommittee inquiry into the Blackstone Rangers 19 months ago, was beaten yesterday by three youths who invaded her south side home.

"We came to beat your damn brains out, I'm gonna kill you," she said one of the three black youths told her after knocking her down over a bar stool and taking an iron pipe from a companion.

Runs to Get Gun

"I ran to the bed and got the gun under the pillow, and I started shooting. I got him in the back. He fell and he got up and then they ran."

Mrs. Martin said the last of her 10 children had left their home at 5629 Racine av. to go to school and she was brushing her teeth in the bathroom when she heard a noise at the back door. She thought it was the dog, but said when she went into the bedroom the three youths, 17 to 19, burst in and attacked her.

She testified at the McClellan subcommittee hearings in 1968



Mrs. Annabelle Martin testifying before McClellan committee.

that eight of her nine sons were or had been members of the Blackstone Rangers. She testified that the Rev. John Fry, a south side Presbyterian minister, tried to get two of her sons out of town after they were involved in a slaying ordered by the president of the street gang.

Sons Aren't Scared

Mrs. Martin said one of her sons, Sanders Martin Jr., 15, had been shot by Blackstone Rangers two months ago in Englewood High school. Altho her nine sons range in age from 8 to 17, she said:

"My boys are all big boys now and they aren't scared."

Mrs. Martin formerly lived at 6501 Halsted st. and after she testified at the Senate subcommittee hearing she was given a police guard. Comdr. Harold Miles of the Englewood district

said policemen were detailed to her home 24 hours a day.

"I got tired of having policemen around," she said, explaining why she moved to the west side last April. She said she remained on the west side only a week, during which she was threatened by youths, and then moved back.

The Rev. Mr. Fry said he learned of the incident late last night when called by THE TRIBUNE. He said he had no knowledge of who the offenders might be but said he would look into the matter "with great depth and feeling."