

## Chicago Groups Urge Inquiry Into Killing of Panthers

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CHICAGO, Dec. 8—Dozens of black community organizations, along with some predominantly white civic groups, called today for independent investigations of what happened when 15 policemen assigned to the State's Attorney's office raided a West Side apartment at 4:40 o'clock Thursday morning.

The police have asserted that a woman opened fire on them with a shotgun, touching off a "shoot-out" lasting at least 10 minutes. During the shootout, the 21-year-old chairman of the Illinois Black Panther party and another Panther leader were shot to death.

The Panthers charged that Fred Hampton, the chairman of the Illinois Panthers, had been "murdered in his bed." They

contended that the police had burst into the apartment and began shooting, and that no one else had a chance to shoot.

The areas in the apartment where the police were clear of bullet holes. The areas where the Panthers were are riddled.

### State's Attorney Queried

In a brief telephone conversation, Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan was asked about questions raised by the police account.

He said he was "concerned about people who raise these questions, and people aren't looking into their background."

Asked about the lack of bullet holes in the areas of the apartment where the official account said that the police officers had been under heavy fire, Mr. Hanrahan said:

"I don't believe the assump-

tion that underlies that question is correct. I don't think your observations were accurate, if that is what you found."

He declined to elaborate further, saying, "We have given our statement."

Asked why the police, who had equipped themselves with a submachine gun, had not brought tear gas, he said:

"We took the precautions we believed were appropriate for effecting that search warrant."

Asked why the raid was carried out at 4:40 A.M., he said, "We believed that it was effected at an appropriate time."

The Illinois Attorney General's office declined today to investigate the shooting.

The Attorney General had been asked by the Mayor and three of the village trustees of

Maywood, the suburb in which Hampton had grown up, to press murder charges against the 15 policemen involved in the raid and to investigate Mr. Hanrahan's role.

The Mayor, who is white, and some of the other officials had been attending the National League of Cities conference in San Diego, Calif., when they heard of the slaying. They flew back and toured the raided apartment.

"We were rather appalled—more than rather—because the evidence of the bullet holes in the walls simply doesn't jibe with the statement of the police," said Thomas W. Strieter, a village trustee and assistant professor of theology at Concordia College in River Forest.

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