

Panthers Lose Fight Against 9 Witnesses

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CHICAGO, Jan. 14 (UPI)—investigating the shootings. Chief Federal Judge William Panther legal aides contend J. Campbell today refused to the results of the autopsy are keep nine witnesses from the results of the autopsy are privileged communication be- testifying in a federal grand jury investigation of a police between the doctors and the raid in which two Black Pan- legal staff. ther leaders were killed.

In doing so, Campbell Panther lawyers and spokes- scolded Panthers and their men have claimed Hampton representatives for "trying to was shot to death as he lay sleeping under the influence of a sedative. They said the stop the grand jury process." testimony of the witnesses would interfere with the He said it was the Panthers themselves who had pressed rights of Panthers who are for the federal investigation awaiting trial on charges re- of a Dec. 4 police raid on a sulting from the raid.

West Side apartment in which But Campbell ruled the Fred Hampton, Illinois chair- right of the grand jury to man of the Panthers, and an investigate possible violations other top Illinois panther, of federal law is "paramount Mark Clark, were killed. and transcends the rights of agents of potential defend-

"We have here a repeated ants in criminal cases." attempt by the same people In another development, who instituted this investiga- two of 16 Panthers being tion, trying to thwart the very sought on charges of kidnap- same investigation," Campbell ing a man and a woman last said.

The nine witnesses include Hampton was among those originally charged in the case. The two who surren- three doctors who conducted dered today were Robert J. independent autopsies of the Bruce, 21, and Nathaniel W. bodies of Hampton and Clark. Junior, 22. Campbell on Tuesday refused to bar the same doctors from testifying before a Cook County grand jury which is also

Panther Party Declared Not Object of U.S. Probe

The White House said yesterday that Justice Department attorneys are investigating some individual members of the militant Black Panther organization in San Francisco, but that the organization itself is not the object of the federal probe.

There were some reports of a widespread investigation of the Black Panther Party which is headquartered at Berkeley, Calif. but White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the investigation is only directed at individuals suspected of making threats on the President's life, crossing state lines to incite to riot and other such offenses. He said some of the individuals happened to be Black Panther members.

In San Francisco Tuesday, Black Panther chief of staff David Hilliard pleaded innocent to charges of threatening the life of President Nixon during an antiwar rally Nov. 15.

Hilliard, 27, in a speech before 100,000 persons at Golden Gate Park, said, "We will kill Mr. Nixon." The defense maintains the statement was mere rhetoric, "language of the ghetto."

Paul Halvonik, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the ACLU was supporting Hilliard.

"The U.S. Supreme Court was held that political hyperbole, even when the talk is about the President's life, is protected by the First Amendment," Halvonik said.