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Inquest Set In Slaying Of Panthers

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Cook County (Chicago) coroner named three lawyers and a physician, two of them Negroes, today to a jury of experts who will conduct an inquest into the fatal shooting of two Black Panther Party leaders in a police raid.

Fred Hampton, 21, chairman of the Illinois division of the Panthers, and Mark Clark, 22, a Peoria leader of the party, were shot to death Dec. 4.

Coroner Andrew J. Toman, a physician, named to his jury Julian Wilkins, Negro lawyer and former official of the Chicago Bar Association; Dr. Theodore K. Lawless, Negro dermatologist; Benedict Mayers, lawyer, criminologist, sociologist and psychologist on the Chicago City College faculty; Phil Corboy, lawyer and member of the board of managers of the Chicago Bar Association.

Jerris Leonard, assistant U.S. attorney general, was in Chicago heading a federal investigation of the Black Panther episodes of Nov. 13 on the South Side and of Dec. 4 at Hampton's flat.