Chicago Judge Refuses To Quit Panther Case

By a Washington Post Staff Writer

CHICAGO, April 30-Cook followed the fatal police raid County Judge Joseph A. on the Panthers' apartment, Power refused today to dis- Sears publicly denounce qualify himself from presiding the judge for interfering imover a grand jury investiga properly with the grand jury. tion of the police killing of Judge Power responded that two Black Panthers in December, 1969.

He dismissed without comment a petition for his removal filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and two other groups that charged he had developed "marked personal feelings" about the case. The ACLU, the Chicago

Businessmen for the Public Interest are the three groups to creation of the special aimed at disbanding the grand whose petitions originally led grand jury investigating the jury and supressing any in-deaths of Panthers Fred dictments. Hampton and Mark Clark.

Running Battle

of the Criminal Courts, subsequent investigations, and quently appointed himself to by a Chicago police sergeant preside, and for 10 days he has also active in the investigation the special prosecutor, Barna- that concluded the police raidbas F. Sears.

Last Monday, he fined Sears duct. \$50 an hour and cited him for contempt for refusing to call ions to dismiss the grand jury more witnesses, before the were scheduled for May 10. grand jury, Before that, it had Sears, meanwhile, said the been refiably reported that grand jury will resume meet-the panel had voted to indict ing next week. His \$50-an-hour State's Attorney Edward V. fine still is in effect and by Hanrahan for obstructing jus- mid-day amounted to nearly tice during investigations that \$5,000.

Sears publicly denounced he had been personally embarassed by Sears' remarks.

That and other retorts by Judge Power were cited today by the ACLU as reasons for him to remove himself.

Bar's Bid Blocked

Judge Power also refused today to permit a lawyer for Council of Lawyers and the the Chicago Bar Association to intervene in the case. The bar group wanted to oppose in court three separate petitions

Both petitions had been flled by police involved in the fatal raid, by three assistant Judge Power, Chief Judge state's attorneys involved in ers were innocent of miscon-

Hearings on all three mot-