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According to Hard Times, a Washington weekly which broke the story in its February 16 issue, Leonard told the Goldberg commission that Chicago authorities "planned and executed the murder of Hampton." Mark Clark's death was "accidental," the journal quotes Leonard as telling the commission.

PLANNED IN ADVANCE

The Washington Star picked up the story on Feburary 19, confirming that the meeting took place and that Leonard has said the police indictments were planned. The Star story reported that Leonard said the raid was planned some time in advance,

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] director of [illegible] Research [illegible] Marsell, assistant [illegible] of the committee; Norman [illegible], staff [illegible]. Others of the steering committee, composed of Roy Wilkins (after surgery), head of the NAACP; George Lindsay of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Dr. Kenneth Clark, urbanologist, were also there.

According to Sam Brown, the fact of the meeting was supposed to remain under wraps because of its delicacy. Leonard, for example, is not allowed under law to divulge the Grand Jury proceedings to outsiders. Brown reluctantly went along with the vow of secrecy and would not confirm the report of Andrew Kopkind from Hard Times that Leonard said Hampton had been deliberately slain.

Nor would Brown say that Leonard told those present that he was seeking indictments.

"I find it [illegible] difficult politically, but I can't really [illegible]."

"If a [illegible] doesn't come out of the Grand Jury investigations [illegible] we have a very different [illegible]." Then, he said he would open up.

[illegible] in his Washington [illegible] story of Feb. 19 reported that Leonard urged the commission to stay out of the Hampton case because it looked more like a political squabble than a criminal investigation.

He wrote that he was told by a committee member who was present at the meeting that Leonard said he was seeking indictments against some or all of the policemen involved in the raid.

Kolb said that he got his story from two members of the committee who were present at the meeting. Kopkind, who broke the story, got his information from persons present and related to those at the meeting.

The two committee staff members and Brown all confirmed that the meeting had been held, but refused to say what was [illegible]. Goldberg has no comment on the entire matter and Leonard was unavailable for comment.

As an [illegible] sidelight, the Goldberg committee hasn't [illegible] its scheduled [illegible] the Ford Foundation [illegible] come through with the [illegible] of thousands [illegible] contribute.

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"The Ford Foundation has [illegible] as a result of [illegible] investigations," he said. "The Foundation does not want to prejudice its whole [illegible] as a result of one project."

One of the most unusual aspects of the affair is that Chicago bureaus and local reporters either do not read the Washington Star or Hard Times, or somebody decided that possible indictments in the Hampton slaying wasn't news.

Or maybe the politics involved are even hotter in Chicago than in New York and Washington.