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RAID ON PANTHERS HAUNTING DALEY

Protege of Chicago Mayor
Faces Possible Charges

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CHICAGO, May 1—Seventeen months ago, policemen attached to the Cook County state's attorney's office kicked in the door of a cramped, grubby apartment on the city's shabby West Side at 4:40 A.M.

There were repeated bursts of gunfire. When they emerged, Fred Hampton, the Illinois chairman of the Black Panther party, was dead, along with Mark Clark, a Panther organizer from Peoria.

Today that raid has come back to haunt Mayor Richard J. Daley's Democratic organization in one of the hottest political controversies here in recent years. The controversy involves one of the Mayor's protégés and an unusual judicial ruling.

For three days last week, State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan was behind closed doors in the county courthouse arguing the most important case of his career—his own.

For the special grand jury before which he was testifying has reportedly already indicted him and other law-enforcement officials for their roles in the raid and in the investigations that took place in the ensuing controversy.

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Exit Through a Jail

On the night of Mayor Daley's re-election victory celebration earlier this month, Mr. Hanrahan was the one Democrat called from the crowd to stand beside him. Now, Mr. Hanrahan has been slipping into the grand jury room through a construction area and leaving by way of a prisoner's elevator and a tunnel leading to the nearby county jail to avoid reporters.

When Chief Judge Joseph A. Power of Criminal Court heard reports a week ago Thursday that indictments had been voted, he said in court this week, he summoned the grand jury and the special prosecutor, Barnabas F. Sears, to a closed session in his chambers.

In that unusual session, he ordered the grand jury to hear

all the witnesses who had appeared before an earlier Federal grand jury that had investigated the incident and he told the jury not to conduct any deliberations until they heeded his instructions.

On Monday, Judge Power held Sears in contempt and fined him \$50 an hour around the clock until he agreed to call the additional witnesses. Mr. Sears objected that a judge cannot interfere with a grand jury, and many lawyers here considered the ruling unusual.

Yesterday, the judge set a hearing date for motions by assistant state's attorneys and policemen involved in the raid and the aftermath. The motions ask for dismissal of the grand jury because reports of the indictments have appeared in newspapers and because the jury might have been "biased, prejudiced or improperly influenced by the 'exhortations, pleas and arguments' of Mr. Sears.

The 50-year-old Mr. Hanrahan has been a protégé of the Mayor and a man rapidly on the rise in Chicago's ruling Irish hierarchy.

After Our Lady of Sorrow's Grammar School, St. Phillip's High and Notre Dame, there came the Army, Harvard Law School and a precinct captainship in the old 36th Ward.

In 1955, when Mayor Daley won his first term, Mr. Hanrahan became a city assistant corporation counsel. From there he went up the accepted route: Assistant State Attorney General, First Assistant Attorney General, and then United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

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In 1968, the Mayor named him to run in a tough, politically crucial race for County Prosecutor, and despite the Presidential election, the organization bent nearly all its efforts on his behalf.

The State's Attorney's post that he now holds is one of the most important local offices for the organization because of its power of defining investigations.