

1969 raid woes haunt Hanrahan

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THE 1969 Black Panther raid still looms large on Edward V. Hanrahan's political horizon but it does not figure to play any significant role in the former state's attorney's bid for the Democratic candidacy in the west suburban 6th Congressional District.



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Hanrahan is a candidate for U. S. representative. He was defeated in his bid for re-election as state's attorney in 1972.

The United States Supreme Court's refusal yesterday to review a lower court ruling permitting a civil damage suit to be brought against Hanrahan, three assistants, and seven policeman could rekindle the controversy surrounding the events leading to the Dec. 4, 1969 state's attorney's police shooting of Black Panther Party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

The Supreme Court refusal to review the ruling paves the way for another trial in the case but no court action can be expected for several months after the March 19 primary elections.

THREE SEPARATE SUITS, asking \$16 million in damages, were filed in 1970 on behalf of the families of Hampton, Illinois chairman of the party, and Clark, a party organizer from Peoria, both killed in a raid at 2337 W. Monroe St.

"We're very anxious to have the issue of how Fred [Hampton] was murdered brought before the public," Atty. Michael Deutsch said.

He said his partners Jeffrey Haas and Flint Taylor, would ask for a jury trial before U. S. District Judge [Joseph] Sam Perry.

Perry originally dismissed suits against Hanrahan and other officials, saying they were performing their duties and could not be sued for damages. He ruled that only the 14 policemen involved in the raid could be sued.

BUT THE SUPREME COURT upheld the Aug. 23, 1973 decision by a three-judge federal panel that Hanrahan, his former assistant, Richard Jalovec, and the others could be sued. The city of Chicago and Cook County Board also are named as defendants in the suit.

"I expect the result of the suit for damages to be the same as the result of the criminal case—complete vindication for myself and the police officers," Hanrahan said. "I hope that will finally dispose of this tragic matter," he added.

Lawyers said the case probably would not come to trial for several months.