

# Hanrahan Trial Witness *Star 8/1/77* Faces Contempt Action

CHICAGO (UPI) — A judge has started contempt of court proceedings against a survivor of the 1969 police raid on a Black Panther apartment who refused to testify at the trial of Cook County State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan.

Blair Anderson, 20, one of seven Panthers who survived the Dec. 4, 1969, police raid in which two Panther leaders were killed, refused to give any reasons for not testifying.

"If I stated my reason, that would be just as harmful to me as if I agreed to testify," Anderson told Circuit Court Judge Philip J. Romiti yesterday.

Prosecution attorney said Anderson's refusal may be due to a statement he allegedly made about the raid and which was discovered July 22 in the files of a Black Panther attorney.

In the statement, Anderson is quoted as saying he had a shotgun in his hands the morning of the raid, and he accuses another Panther of firing a gun at police during the raid. That contradicts other Panther claims that police did virtually all the shooting, then fabricated evidence that the Panthers shot, too.

Hanrahan and 13 other law enforcement officers are charged with conspiring to block prosecution of the raiding policemen by covering up

evidence and planting false evidence.

Raid survivors Harold Bell, Brenda Harris and Louis Truelock, who also purportedly made statements admitting they handled weapons during the raid, are also scheduled to testify.

## Judge Orders Due Process on Prison 'Solitary'

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — A dispute over an inmate's chess board has led to a ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Masterson that due process must be followed before an inmate is put in solitary. He said yesterday that the need for prison security "cannot be used to justify the deprivation of human rights."

The ruling came on a suit filed by Gaylord Nearl, 33, of Philadelphia, a former inmate at Greaterford State Prison. He was put in solitary confinement for seven days in 1964 when he tried to appeal a \$1 fine for illegal possession of a chess board.

Nearl, who was paroled in 1969 after serving five years for armed robbery, sought \$10,489 in damages. He was awarded \$514.80.