

SURVIVOR TELLS OF PANTHER RAID

Denies Shots Were Fired at
Chicago Police in 1969

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CHICAGO, July 22—A survivor of the 1969 raid on a Black Panther apartment here insisted yesterday that no shots were fired at the State's Attorney's special police squad when it broke into the apartment and killed two Panthers leaders, Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

As the trial of State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan and 13 other defendants went through its second sweltering week, Deborah Johnson, 21 years old, took the witness stand and testified that she was sleeping beside Mr. Hampton when another Panther rushed into the room calling, "Chairman, Chairman, wake up, the pigs are back."

Before Mr. Hampton was fully awake, she said, she heard shots and felt the mattress vibrate as bullets struck it. Although she was eight months pregnant with Hampton's child at the time, she said, she rolled on top of him to protect him.

When she looked up again, police officers were standing in the bedroom doorway. She said that they led her out, leaving Mr. Hampton lying face down on the bed.

Says She Heard Shots

She said that as she left, she saw no blood on Mr. Hampton. As she was taken into the apartment's kitchen, she testified, she heard two shots and then heard a policeman say, "He's barely alive, or he'll barely make it."

Then she said that she heard two more shots and heard another Panther scream from the living room and a police officer say, "He's good and dead now." As she was taken from the house, she testified, she saw Mr. Clark lying in a pool of blood on the living-room floor.

Miss Johnson testified that two shotguns were in the other bedroom and two in the living room of the apartment. But she insisted that Fred Hampton did not have a gun in her bedroom, nor did she see any other occupant of the apartment fire at the raiding party.

Evidence presented by Federal agents to a Federal grand jury two years ago showed

that more than 90 shots had been fired into rooms of the Panther apartment, but that only one bullet, a shotgun pellet, had been fired outward from the apartment.

Miss Johnson was the first survivor of the pre-down raid on Dec. 4, 1969, to testify publicly in the case. Seven Panther survivors had previously refused to testify before two grand juries investigating the incident.

Charges Are Listed

Mr. Hanrahan, the eight police officers who conducted the raid, four other policemen and an Assistant State's Attorney, are accused of conspiring to protect the raiding policemen.

Mr. Hanrahan is also accused of presenting evidence that he should have known was false to secure the indictment of the seven survivors on charges of attempted murder.

Those charges were later dropped after Mr. Hanrahan conceded that he did not have sufficient evidence to bring the seven to trial.

Mr. Hanrahan is seeking reelection to a second term as Cook County's chief investigator and prosecutor.

The trial had been delayed by legal maneuvers for more than a year. It opened two weeks ago with the 14 defendants waiving a jury trial and asking for a bench trial by Criminal Court Judge Philip Romiti, former dean of the De Paul University Law School.

He was elected in 1968, with Democratic support, on the same ticket as Mr. Hanrahan.

Soon after the raid, the eight policemen who had conducted

it reported that when they knocked on the apartment door and identified themselves, they were met by a fusillade of bullets.

Earlier this week, under questioning by the special prosecutor, Barnabas F. Sears, Edward Holt, a Chicago police crime laboratory officer, testified that police policies for handling evidence had been violated when the guns found in the Panther apartment were cleared.

He said that the raiding policemen had taken the weapons away from the scene before crime laboratory technicians could check them for fingerprints.

Mr. Holt, named as an unindicted co-conspirator, also said that he and Sgt. Charles Kolu-drovic, another defendant, had signed reports that they knew contained "honest mistakes."

The next day, Mr. Holt said under cross-examination that the inspection of the Panther apartment had been hasty because it was in a dangerous, high-crime neighborhood and police officers feared they would be attacked.

Before Miss Johnson took the stand, her attorney asked Judge Romiti to order the defendants to remove their pistols from the courtroom.

The attorney said that Miss Johnson was "scared out of her mind" because the same persons who fired at her two and a half years ago were wearing guns in court. Judge Romiti ordered the weapons removed.

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