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Judge in Hanrahan Trial Declines To Bar Police Guns in Courtroom

CHICAGO, June 13 (AP) — Judge Philip J. Romiti declined to rule on a prosecution motion today that policemen on trial with State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan be disarmed before entering the courtroom.

Hanrahan and his 13 code-

fendants, who include 12 policemen, are charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the aftermath of a police raid in which two Black Panther party leaders were slain.

Romiti said he would hold the motion in abeyance. Police Department regulations require that personnel wear their weapons at all times.

The judge's decision came before the first prosecution witness, Sgt. Mitchel Kretch, a 22-year police veteran assigned to Hanrahan's office, testified.

Hanrahan said he feels the criminal prosecution of one of his assistants, the 12 policemen and himself "has thrown a bad light" on law enforcement officials.

Hanrahan made the comment Tuesday in rebuttal to the opening statement of special prosecutor Barnabas Sears as his trial began Tuesday.

Mark Clark, 21, and Fred Hampton, 20, Black Panther party leaders, were shot to death during the raid Dec. 4, 1969, by a racially mixed detail of Chicago policemen assigned to Hanrahan's office.

"By distorting the honorable actions on my part, every public official and police officer acting in good faith can easily become the target of accusa-

tions and persecution," Hanrahan said.

Before he started hearing arguments, Romiti made a short inspection of the apartment to acquaint himself with evidence expected to be submitted during the trial.

In his opening arguments, Sears said he would prove that a police crime laboratory investigation after the raid was incomplete and shoddy, and failed to support the official version of the raid expounded later by Hanrahan and the others.