

# Hanrahan Will Run In Defiance of Daley

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22—State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan said today that he will run for re-election in defiance of Mayor Richard Daley and the powerful Cook County Democratic organization.

Hanrahan, who is under indictment for his part in a 1969 raid in which two Black Panthers were killed, announced his candidacy in an emotional, five-minute prepared statement. It set the stage for one of Illinois' most bitter internal Democratic Party struggles in decades.

Hanrahan will face two opponents in the party's March 21 primary: the organization-endorsed candidate, Judge Raymond E. Berg, who replaced Hanrahan on the regular party ticket Monday, and independent Democrat Donald Page Moore.

Moore, a former special federal prosecutor, predicted that Hanrahan's candidacy will "split the Daley machine vote and give me the primary victory with about 40 per cent of the vote."

Hanrahan refused to step down from office after he and 13 others were indicted for obstruction of justice for their role in the pre-dawn raid on Black Panther Party headquarters in which two party officials were killed. His refusal to resign created a public furor.

Daley had steadfastly backed Hanrahan since the indictment. The mayor insisted that party leaders—some fearful of negative reaction from blacks and liberals—re-evaluate Hanrahan for a second term last week.

But public indignation, coupled with an unfavorable Illinois Supreme Court ruling on one aspect of his pending case, led party leaders to dump

Hanrahan has since been subjected to intense pressure from Daley and other party leaders to withdraw from the ballot in favor of Berg. They also wanted him to resign his elected office so that the Democrat-dominated Cook County Board could appoint Berg his successor.

But Hanrahan refused to do either.

"I won't back down for anything, I won't quit. I haven't committed any crime," he said today.

"If I didn't seek re-election because of the case, that would be the Black Panther's biggest propaganda victory. I don't intend to give them that victory and I don't believe you want them to have it."

Mayor Daley was restrained in his reaction.

"I guess we all recognize anyone has a right to run if they want to. This is a privilege we have always defended and we're going to have an open primary," said Daley, chairman of the party's slate-making committee.

The mayor added that he personally tried to convince Hanrahan to step aside. "I talked to Edward," Daley said, "and asked him to consider some of the things involved."

Hanrahan characteristically refused to answer any questions at the crowded news conference. He has yet to answer a question since being informed of his dumping Sunday, though he had faced the press three times.