

HANRAHAN PLANS TO STAY IN OFFICE

Vows to Fight Indictment in
Chicago Panther Case

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CHICAGO, Aug. 26—State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, who was indicted Tuesday on charges of obstructing justice after the shooting by policemen of two Black Panther leaders in December, 1969, said today that he would neither resign nor take a leave of absence.

"Instead, I intend to fight—just as the law permits any person to do," Mr. Hanrahan declared.

The embattled chief prosecutor of Cook County, who had remained silent since the indictment, made a formal statement to the press in his Civic Center office.

Earlier, Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, whose Democratic organization elected Mr. Hanrahan in 1968, said he saw no reason for Mr. Hanrahan to resign or step aside while his case was being tried.

"Would a newspaperman charged with taking money from someone illegally be fired without a hearing?" Mr. Daley asked. "Would a banker who has embezzled? They don't remove them until they are given a fair trial."

Named Tuesday with Mr. Hanrahan in the indictment were one of its assistants and 12 policemen who either participated in the raid or in the departmental investigations that followed.

Special Grand Jury

The indictment was handed up by a special grand jury empaneled by the Cook County Court in answer to demands from civic groups and bar organizations that the handling of the case be investigated. Barnabas F. Sears, a prominent Chicago lawyer, was also appointed by the court to conduct the

grand jury investigation.

Mr. Hanrahan and the others indicted were charged with conspiring to prevent the prosecution of the policemen participating in the raid. Mr. Hanrahan was also charged with presenting false evidence to another Cook County grand jury in securing indictments for attempted murder against seven Black Panthers who survived the raid.

Mr. Hanrahan again accused Mr. Sears today of illegally prejudicing the judgment of the grand jurors.

"Mr. Sears was determined to come out with an indictment—any indictment," Mr. Hanrahan said. "The public is entitled to know whether any misconduct by Sears and his assistants did happen. That's the basic issue before the court now."