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Daley Backs DA Indicted In Chi Raid

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CHICAGO (AP)— Chicago

Mayor Richard J. Daley today came to the defense of his political protege, State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, charged yesterday in a long-suppressed indictment with conspiracy to prevent prosecution of eight policemen who killed two Black

Panther leaders in a weapons raid.

"Where's the evidence? Where's the obstruction of justice?" Daley demanded.

Hanrahan, hand-picked by Daley to run for the politically powerful state's attorney post in 1968, claimed innocence. "I've done absolutely nothing wrong," he said. "I welcome a full hearing as soon as possible."

The Dec. 4, 1969, raid in which Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were killed was embroiled in controversy from the beginning.

Had Search Warrant

Raiding officers said they drew gunfire when they attempted to serve a search warrant at Hampton's West Side apartment during pre-dawn hours that day.

Black Panthers contended the raiding party opened fire without warning and that Hampton was killed as he slept.

A federal grand jury which investigated the case in the spring of 1970 said police had fired at least 90 shots into the apartment, but that evidence presented to it indicated that only one shot could have been fired from the apartment. No indictments were returned, however.

Judge Joseph A. Power, chief of the criminal division of Circuit Court, ordered convening of the special grand jury last summer after the federal grand jury, a regular county grand jury and a coroner's inquest ruled the death of Hampton and Clark justifiable homicide.

Power named Barnabas F. Sears, a highly respected Chicago lawyer, as special

prosecutor and the special grand jury started its investigation in December 1970.

The investigation proceeded without incident until late April when it was reported that the special jury was prepared to indict Hanrahan.

At that time, Power ordered Sears to call before the special jury all witnesses who had appeared before the federal jury.

Sears refused. Power held him in contempt and ordered the jury not to conclude its investigation.

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled June 23 that Power, once a member of the same law firm with which Daley started, could not order the jury to hear more witnesses. Two days later, Sears handed up the indictments. Power ordered them sealed.

The indictment of Hanrahan and the others was made public by order of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Supt. James B. Conlisk Jr. of the Chicago Police Dept., another long-time friend of Daley, was named a co-conspirator but not indicted.