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For 'Obstructing Justice' In Panther Raid

# Chicago State's Attorney Indicted

CHICAGO (AP) — State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, a political protege of Mayor Richard J. Daley, was charged by a special Cook County-Chicago Grand jury Tuesday with conspiring to obstruct justice in the aftermath of a police raid

in which two Black Panthers were shot to death.

Supt. James B. Conlisk of the Chicago police force was named as a coconspirator but was not indicted. Richard Jalovec, an assistant to Hanrahan, and 12 policemen involved in

the raid were indicted with Hanrahan.

The charge of obstructing justice may be prosecuted either as a felony or misdemeanor.

Hanrahan told newsmen "I've said it before and I'll say

it again. I've done nothing wrong and I wish a hearing at the earliest possible time."

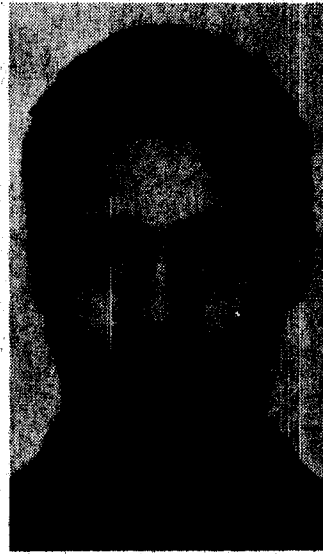
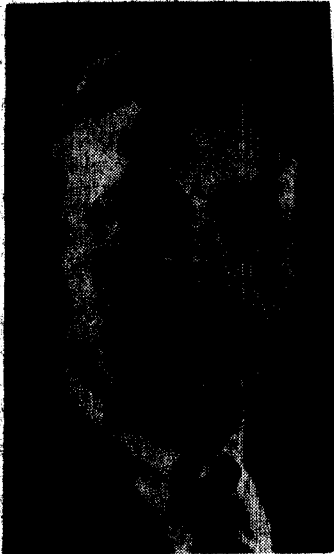
Daley refused to comment on whether he would continue to support Hanrahan. "No one with any sense would answer that question today," he said.

Opening the indictments by Judge Joseph A. Power of Circuit Court ended four months of controversy and legal snarls that began with reports in April that the special panel had voted to indict Hanrahan and the others.

The question of whether the indictments should be made public prior to an investigation as to whether prejudicial publicity had tainted the grand jury was resolved earlier Tuesday when the Illinois Supreme Court ordered Power to release the indictments.

The indictments specifically charge that the 14 defendants conspired to obstruct a criminal prosecution of eight policemen, also named in the indictment, who participated in the Dec. 4, 1969 raid at a West Side apartment in Chicago.

Killed in the raid were Fred Hampton, 21, Chicago, and Mark Clark, 22, Peoria. Seven Panther party members seized in the raid were charged with attempted murder.



STATE'S ATTORNEY INDICTED IN PANTHER RAID—Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, left, and 13 other persons were indicted by a special grand jury Tuesday on charges of attempting to obstruct justice in

the aftermath of the police raid in which two Black Panther party members were killed. The slain men were Fred Hampton, center, and Mark Clark, right. (AP Wirephoto)