

Bobby Rush Surrenders

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Rush was later freed on \$1,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Central district court on Dec. 17.

Earlier in the meeting, a poignant plea for peace and unity was sounded by Rev. Jackson and the brother of slain Fred Hampton, chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party, who was killed by police along with another Panther in a predawn raid Thursday on his Westside apartment.

Bill Hampton, 22, delivered a message from his parents asking that peace be maintained so as not to mar the principles for which their son died.

"If you believe in Fred and what he stood for, maintain peace," Hampton told the hushed audience. He exhorted the black community to "come together so that when he puts his hand

on one of us, he's messing with all of us", apparently referring to police.

Hampton also told the crowd, "we must get rid of (State's atty. Edward) Hanrahan," whom he charged with carrying out the orders issued by Pres. Nixon to wipe out black youths.

"We now have definite information that my brother was murdered," he asserted, in reference to an alleged private autopsy performed Friday night at A.A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home at 3654 W. Roosevelt rd. That autopsy reportedly confirmed charges that Hampton was murdered as he slept.

However, Cook County Coroner Andrew Toman has denied finding any evidence supporting this allegation, after an official autopsy was performed.

Ald. A.A. "Sammy" Rayner of the 6th Ward, owner of the funeral home reportedly has indicated that he was not present when the private autopsy was conducted.

In his message Saturday morning, Rev. Jackson again called for either a withdrawal of white police from the black community or the appointment of blacks to decision-making levels in the police department.

"If we're 42 per cent of the population, then we should have 42 per cent of decision-making jobs in the department," Jackson asserted.

He said that Chicago's three black police commanders are "in a bind" and should have been promoted to higher positions "long ago".

Jackson also disputed police versions of Hampton's slaying and said there is a qualitative difference between the raid on Hampton's apartment and a previous raid on homes of Chicago policemen charged with being members of the Klu Klux Klan. "There was no

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Maywood leaders condemn Hampton killing

C.O.R.E. asks cop probe

DEMANDS FOR an investigation into the killing of Fred Hampton and another Black Panther official continued in

the wake of a Panther autopsy that purports Hampton was murdered.

Roy Innis, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, yesterday asked federal officials to investigate not only Hampton's death, but the alleged killing of 27 other Panthers in clashes with police throughout the county since January, 1968.

In identical telegrams to President Nixon, Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, and Mayor Daley, Innis said C. O. R. E. joins a "large concerned public with questions" about the deaths.

LOCALLY, a group of May-

wood officials condemned the state's attorney's police raid that resulted in the deaths of Hampton, 21, chairman of the Illinois Black Panther party, and Mark Clark, 22, a Peoria Panther leader.

Donald Harwell, a Maywood village trustee, told CHICAGO TODAY, that the group has requested an appointment with Atty. Gen. William J. Scott today to discuss procedure to follow in filing murder charges against the police who took part in the raid.

Mayor Leonard V. Chabala has proclaimed today as a day of mourning for Hamp-

ton in Maywood. Hampton was raised in Maywood.

ON THE CITY'S south side, the Rev. Curtis Burrell, director of the Kenwood-Oakland Community organization, said the slaying of Hampton was "part of a police repression program in the nation against outspoken black leaders and white radicals and other minority groups in America."

The state's attorney's office has said police went to Hampton's home last Thursday with search warrants after they were told illegal weapons were in the building. Police said they announced themselves at the front door, but someone in the building fired a shotgun blast thru the door.

Cairo calm after fires in black area

Special to CHICAGO TODAY

CAIRO, Ill. — Calm prevailed in this racially tense town after two Negro-owned businesses burned early today.

The fires were in a record store owned by Ivan Ewing, a brother of the regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a vacant restaurant.

The restaurant, which has been closed for 3 years, was reportedly under consideration for purchase by the black United Front organization.



Dorothy Storck

Cabbie sees a parallel to My Lai

DRIVING ALONG MICHIGAN avenue in the pocket of prosperity known as the Gold Coast you can watch the Christmas tree lights for a long time.

They are very pretty, especially in a traffic jam.

"It certainly seemed to me to be a phony deal," the cab-driver says, after a while. And you wonder if he means the lights, or Christmas, or what.

"I saw the picture of his bed," the driver says, "and how'd he get all those bullet holes in it and the wall if he was shooting back the way those po-leese said?"

The driver is not talking about Christmas or the lights. He is talking about Fred Hampton, Black Panther, who died at dawn last Thursday, along with a Panther from Peoria named Mark Clark. Unbelievably—a Panther named Mark Clark.

THE DRIVER HAS TAKEN the time to read all the newspapers and match all the statements reported in all the editions and he has noticed that some of those statements didn't match at all.

The cab driver is black, but that really isn't important. Not in the protected island of the Gold Coast. He is just wondering and talking about something that seems to him to have been a strange thing.

He figures probably that the death of two Black Panthers in a police shootout in the dawn hours is to be expected. Black Panthers are preaching revolution and that's enough to jar anyone with a good sense of property values.

Make no mistake. Black people have property values and fears of revolution, just as white people do. But white children from the suburbs can preach that and you can laugh at them. A black boy from the ghetto can preach it and that gets more serious because he may mean it. And arm himself for it.

IT WASN'T THE FACT that Fred Hampton got killed that bothered the cab driver. You could expect that, probably Fred Hampton would get killed sooner or later. That's what being in the vanguard means sometimes; and 23 Black Panthers across the country have died in police shootouts since January.

It was the method of the killing.

"He didn't even have a chance," the cab driver said. "Looks to me as if they just busted in there and gunned him down."

No anger there. Just a curiosity under the Christmas tree lights and this terrible sense of resignation.

"Don't seem like human life is worth all that much anymore. Like that thing in Viet Nam where they just gunned down the village. Don't seem to matter much anymore."

And there it is.

NOT THE PEOPLE WHO DIED, exactly, Fred Hampton may have been an "A" student, but then—so were many others.

He may have had a following and been what the high school clinical psychologists say is a "natural leader." So are a lot of others.

What matters is that it begins to look like a massacre. That is what the guy slogging his cab thru the lights of Michigan avenue was somehow thinking.

If we have determined that Fred Hampton is the Enemy.

If we have overlooked the ethnic, the environmental, the open alleyways which are closed to the likes of Fred Hampton.

If we have decided by decree that Fred Hampton and Black Panthers like him are to be at the other end of the wipe-out, which is where it was at dawn Thursday in the squalid apartment on west Monroe street, then we have to condone a lot of other things.

PLEASE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Do not write to me now about the badness of the Black Panthers and the threat to us that they may be.

Do not write in to tell me that wipe-outs are O. K. for the best of reasons.

Because I have heard all those reasons, including the ones about self-preservation.

I do not believe what the Black Panthers with their



FRED HAMPTON

ancient books of Lenin are trying to say. I believe in the reasons they are trying to say it.

Yes, they are arming. It is frightening, isn't people arm themselves because they think they that to protect their rights? The National Rifle as scares me a lot.

Even old-time police reporters are bothered by discrepancies in the stories of that dawn raid on the Panthers.

THERE ARE PLENTY of questions to be asked: does a man who is supposed to be fighting for his life with two precise bullet holes in his head, lying bloodied on his bed?

Why is it necessary for 15 policemen to maul without tear gas, at 5 a. m.?

Why, if there was indeed intense Panther fire scribed by police officers, were there no bullet holes toward the Panthers and the bedrooms?

Why were the police wounds so slight — a grazed leg?

There should be an inquiry by an impartial tribunal into all of this.

But beyond this, the question is there. Is America a place where vendettas can replace hauling a court for due process?

What is replacing due process? War?

It's passingly strange that under the Christmas on the safe side of the city a black cab driver could connect My Lai and Fred Hampton.

Whites Appalled By Cop Action, Join Black Furor

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yet another example of a "plot" to eliminate black leadership.

Suburban whites who sympathize with the black struggle for freedom but who are more removed from scenes of massive police confrontations, registered more surprise and alarm at the Hampton killing, an event which has taken on international proportions. Those whites said it is becoming harder to accept on faith the idea that the police department serves the best interests of all at all times.

But these suburban white leaders of local fair housing groups and human relations committees will be the first to admit that the reaction of the vast majority of their neighbors is one of either total apathy or a mild support of what appears to them to represent police attempts at maintaining law and order by quelling the activities of a militant gang.

It was sometimes impossible, when the Daily Defender questioned whites yesterday to determine which prevailed; an attitude of genuine enagement over the police raid and the shooting, or a deep fear that the action "would stir the blacks up," causing retaliation of some sort against the stable white community. Certainly this is one of the white man's greatest fears, that if blacks gain equal opportunities, they will use these opportunities to vindicate themselves for 100 years of slavery.

A sampling of white reaction follows:

Carl Van Kast, president of the northside Metropolitan Fair Housing Alliance and president of the Citizens for an Equal Opportunity Community:

"There is so much influential and prestigious support for an investigation of the police department that we wholeheartedly support the investigation. It looks something like the Pinkville incident in Vietnam, in which they just walked in and killed those who were not in combat.

"The white community just don't understand fully what black organizations are doing and saying and are really like.

It certainly looks like the killing of Fred Hampton is part of a plan to eliminate black leaders one at a time. This is certainly a direct conspiracy to eliminate and suppress black leadership, just as there has been an indirect conspiracy over the years. But I have my doubts whether there can be an investigation now because of the Chicago "8" conspiracy trial, since it would involve more policemen taking the witness stand. This conspiracy against blacks is Hanrahan's responsibility. Whether he knows anything about it or not, he is responsible for it."

Edward Holmgren, executive director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities:

"I am concerned and dismayed by the actions and would certainly feel there is a need for a full-scale investigation into the circum-

stances surrounding the shooting."

Mrs. Ann Rubalcaba, publicity director for the MFHA and the CEOC:

"It look pretty stinky in Hanrahan's office, frankly. He is really stirring up the people. I don't see that we have gangs that weren't created in the first place by people like Hanrahan. This is just political. Someone is bound to benefit from it somewhere along the line. I don't like it, but that's the way it reads. Hanrahan is trying to show he is cleaning up. But if they are really interested in cleaning up the city, why don't they go after the syndicated? These are just small gangs. They are going after the wrong end. Making a raid at 4 in the morning when the Panthers weren't doing anything looks like they (the police) just wanted to kill somebody. If the blacks go after this and see that it is investigated and who behind Hanrahan prompted the raid, they could have a black mayor by 1972. I know that Hanrahan is a Daley man. When the blacks say they are being gotten rid of, I believe it. If black legislators and black policemen got against it, they could do something."

Henry Lacine, chairman of the Mount Prospect Human Relations Committee:

"This killing hasn't entered my mind too much. I work with quite a few blacks, though, and they admit there was probably some shooting by Panthers first, but whether Hampton was involved in it, I wonder. I think there is more behind it than what is being brought out. There is more than meets the eye in the situation on both sides. It certainly raises a lot of questions. I had a fairly decent opinion of Hanrahan; he's a tough states attorney. I've seen how he's gone after some of these syndicate boys. You hear about genocide, but you don't believe it. This is hard to believe. This is the United States. But then you see what the Democratic Convention did, with police overreacting and so forth. As far as most whites living in the suburbs, they are pretty apathetic about it all."

Ronald Hulka, a civil rights worker and former publicity manager for the Mount Prospect Human Relations Committee:

"I had heard a little about Mr. Hampton's work on the Northside. Then today (Monday) I heard there was another raid in California. It's hard to understand. I'm beginning to worry whether there will be some violent reaction on behalf of the black people. It could snowball. I can't understand why there is this great confrontation (by police) that does cause violence. Police are apparently not concerned with the wites vigilante groups that are now training with artillery and so forth, such as the Minutemen. If police are going to raid the Black Panthers why don't they raid all militant groups and do it equitably?"

John Ballard, executive director of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago:

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Man On The Street Reacts



The man on the street had his say Monday when the Daily Defender Inquiring Photographer sought opinions on the slaying of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton and downstate Panther Mark Clark.

As pointed out in previous issues of the Daily Defender, those opinions ran high against the actions of the State's Attorney policeman involved in the so-called raid on the victim's apartment.

Mrs. S. A. Brown, said the killing of Fred Hampton was a very strange incident and under the conditions and the photos in the papers it appears not to be a shoot out but murder and if it is proven so she hopes the persons involved will be prosecuted.

Jannie Curry, said the Fred Hampton killing is one of the most controversial of all the Black Panther and police melees, with every one claiming that it was murder and by the examination of the premises no bullet holes were found in the door and the photographs of the room makes the whole affair look like Hampton might have been murdered.

Mrs. W. Sampson, said: "There seems to be

quite a bit of evidence that makes the Fred Hampton killing look like there was a one-sided battle in which Hampton was killed. I won't say that the killing was murder but it looks mighty like it."

Lillian Purnell: "There has been so much evidence that pointed towards the fact the whole Hampton shoot-out was not a shoot-out at all but a murder. There has been a delegation who has asked murder charges brought against all the policemen involved in the so-called shoot-out.

McClinnie Clay: "With the hate the police have for the Black Panthers I feel that any time they can get a chance to kill one of them and have an alibi they will do it. This is what I feel happened: Fred Hampton was murdered."

Carl Braddock: "From the hate the police has for all members of the Black Panthers, with all the blood stains in the bed and no bullet holes in the door which the police say they were shot at through, I think the police broke in and killed Hampton.

Rubin Swope: "The killing of Fred Hampton is a one-sided affair as far as the public

is concerned all the evidence produced so far looks as if Hampton was murdered and did not have a chance to even surrender. I am sure that with so many people saying that he was murdered the whole truth is bound to come out. I personally think he was murdered."

Bernice Brown: I cannot truthfully say that Fred Hampton was murdered but from all the evidence that has been found in the case, it appears that it might be a case of murder. If it is I am sure the truth will come out. There is too much pressure behind the whole affair not to get at the bottom of it."

Lillian Purnell: "The Hampton killing is one of the biggest topics today. With the majority of the people feeling that Hampton was murdered and from the photos and the stories about the affair I too feel there is a possibility of foul-play in the whole affair."

Mrs. S. L. Gladdie: "I can't come right out and say Fred Hampton was murdered by the police, but there is new evidence coming up every day which might make the initial story of the shoot-out told by the police look a little fishy. This may be a case of murder."

Rights Groups Unite In Probe Demand

By JOHN D. VASILOPOULOS

Daily Defender Staff Writer

Furged and indignant spokesmen for human rights groups throughout the city Monday, demanded immediate investigations into State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan's police, who some say, murdered, in cold blood Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

Daniel Miller, president of the United Auto Workers Chicago area Fair Practices and Civil Rights Council condemned Hanrahan's men for "the brutal and unwarranted slayings of the two Black Panther leaders."

before there is the chance to cover up this incident.

He also said an investigation should be undertaken into the arrest of Kenwood Oakland Community Organization Executive Director Leonard B. Sengali who was arrested for murder Thursday morning, only hours after the police raid on the Panthers.

Berry added, "Whatever the Panthers believe in, they shouldn't be shot down like dogs in the street."

Hamilton M. Loeb, Jr., chairman of the

the committee's regional director issued a statement saying that a investigation should be undertaken because of the conflicting accounts of the alleged "shootout" by Hanrahan's police squad.

"The incident," they said, "demands careful review and public scrutiny."

Edward McClellan, Urban Programs Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here, hit at the state's attorney and Cook County Coroner's office for their "failing and lack of sophistication in seal-

Hanrahan talks of raid

By William C. Harsh Jr.

State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan conceded Monday that his office gave no advance notice to Chicago police of the raid in which Fred Hampton was killed.

His voice rising at times during a press conference, Hanrahan replied when asked if it was customary for such notification to be made:



STATE'S ATTY.
EDWARD V.
HANRAHAN

"The information (leading to the police action) was received by our office and developed by our office, so the raid was made by our office."

After keeping reporters waiting for 8½ hours, Hanrahan agreed to answer questions about the raid by state's attorney's police in which two Black Panthers were slain.

Hampton, 21, Illinois Black Panther Party chairman, and another state Panther leader, Mark Clark, 22, of Peoria were shot to death before dawn last Thursday in an apartment at 2337 W. Monroe.

Asked to answer a charge made by critics of police techniques used in the raid that lives could have been saved and bloodshed averted

by flooding the apartment with tear gas, the county prosecutor said:

"When the officers were fired upon, I question whether gas would have been an adequate weapon to protect them. . . .

"We are still convinced that our officers used good judgment, considerable restraint and professional discipline."

Hanrahan charged that his office has been treated unfairly by the news media. He said:

"Inflammatory statements and false charges have been made by the Black Panther Party and others.

"Unfortunately, such remarks have been given widespread publicity by many newspapers, radio and television stations — despite the fact that the speakers had no reliable knowledge of the occurrence."

On city police force

Hanrahan said the 14 men on the raid were from among 104 Chicago Police Department members who are permanently assigned to his office. The men are on the Chicago police payroll but are under Hanrahan's direction and control.

The raiders were under command of Sgt. Daniel Grotts, the state's attorney said, but he declined to name the other men in the detail.

"Did you order the raid?" a reporter asked.

Hanrahan replied only: "The search (for contraband firearms) was made by our office."

The state's attorney said the raid was made

before dawn to (a) lessen the danger of injury to innocent passers-by, (b) prevent the gathering of a crowd which might hamper or act with hostility toward the policemen, and (c) avoid the danger of sniper fire from roofs and elsewhere.

A reporter asked whether residents of upper floors of the apartment and of nearby buildings were warned of possible danger. They were not, Hanrahan replied, adding:

"Operations of the Chicago Police Department in certain areas of the city, especially when searching apartments of some individuals, necessitate such measures."

Basic facts cited

Asked about his earlier refusals to discuss the case, Hanrahan said that "legal restraints against pretrial publicity prevented our office from answering the false charges."

The prosecutor then went on to cite what he called "basic facts" of the case.

Hanrahan said the raiders carried a search warrant, based on reliable information that illegal and perhaps stolen firearms were stored in the apartment. He added that 18 weapons and stores of ammunition were confiscated by his men.

He declared that the raiders "knocked several times and announced their purpose," that the policemen made no attempt to use their weapons until they were fired upon and that the raiders were answered by gunfire when they ceased firing three times and called upon the apartment occupants to surrender.

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Hints U.S. probe in Hampton case

By Ray Brennan and James Campbell

State Sen. Charles Chew (D-Chicago) said Monday that he understood a Justice Department staff man would be assigned to Chicago from Washington to look into the fatal shooting of Fred Hampton.

However, a Justice Department spokesman said in Washington that a decision had not been formalized on the matter.

He said a determination was expected Tuesday on a possible federal investigation into the death of the Illinois Black Panther Party chairman.

"Information in the case was brought to us by Sen. Chew and will be discussed by top officials of the Civil Rights Division," the spokesman said. "No commitment has been made."

Chew talks to attorneys

Chew said he conferred in the capital with Thomas Hutchinson and Robert Murphy, Justice Department civil rights attorneys.

"I got an excellent response from them and I understand they are sending a man to Chicago," Chew said by telephone from Washington.

The department spokesman replied that Hutchinson and Murphy lacked authority to make such an assignment.

He said a decision would await the return to Washington from a trip of Asst. Atty. Gen. Jerris Leonard, chief of the Civil Rights Division.

State Rep. Harold Washington (D-Chicago) said he would join Chew in Washington to press for a federal investigation.

Hampton, 21, was shot to death before dawn last Thursday in a raid by State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan's police on an apartment at 2337 W. Monroe.

Also killed by the raiders, who confiscated 18 guns and quantities of ammunition, was Mark Clark, 22, a militant Black Panther member from Peoria.

The killings brought increasing protests Monday from Chicago civil rights, church, labor and other organizations. A number of them declared that the killing of Hampton was "murder."

Evidence being collected

Renault Robinson, president of the A.A.P.C.

Chew said he had presented to the two civil rights lawyers in Washington documents showing results of an independent autopsy on Hampton's body, with photographs and charts of the apartment where the two men were killed.

The Illinois legislator said he had presented the same information to Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D-Mich.), chairman of the Caucus of Black Congressmen, and asked him for advice on how to proceed.

"Rep. Diggs asked me for additional information, including transcripts of statements made by witnesses in the case," Chew said. "I am flying back to Chicago as soon as possible to make certain that the data gets to him."

In Chicago, meanwhile, a spokesman announced that Illinois Atty. Gen. William J. Scott's staff is studying state laws for basis on which to start an investigation.

Scott's first assistant, Frank J. McGarr, made the announcement after meeting with three Maywood village trustees and civil rights leaders from the suburb.

Trustee Donald G. Hartwell, leader of the delegation, said he had told McGarr:

"This was a case of modern day lynching. The police came to kill in the night, as did Adolf Hitler and his assassins of years ago. All the facts call for a full, impartial investigation."

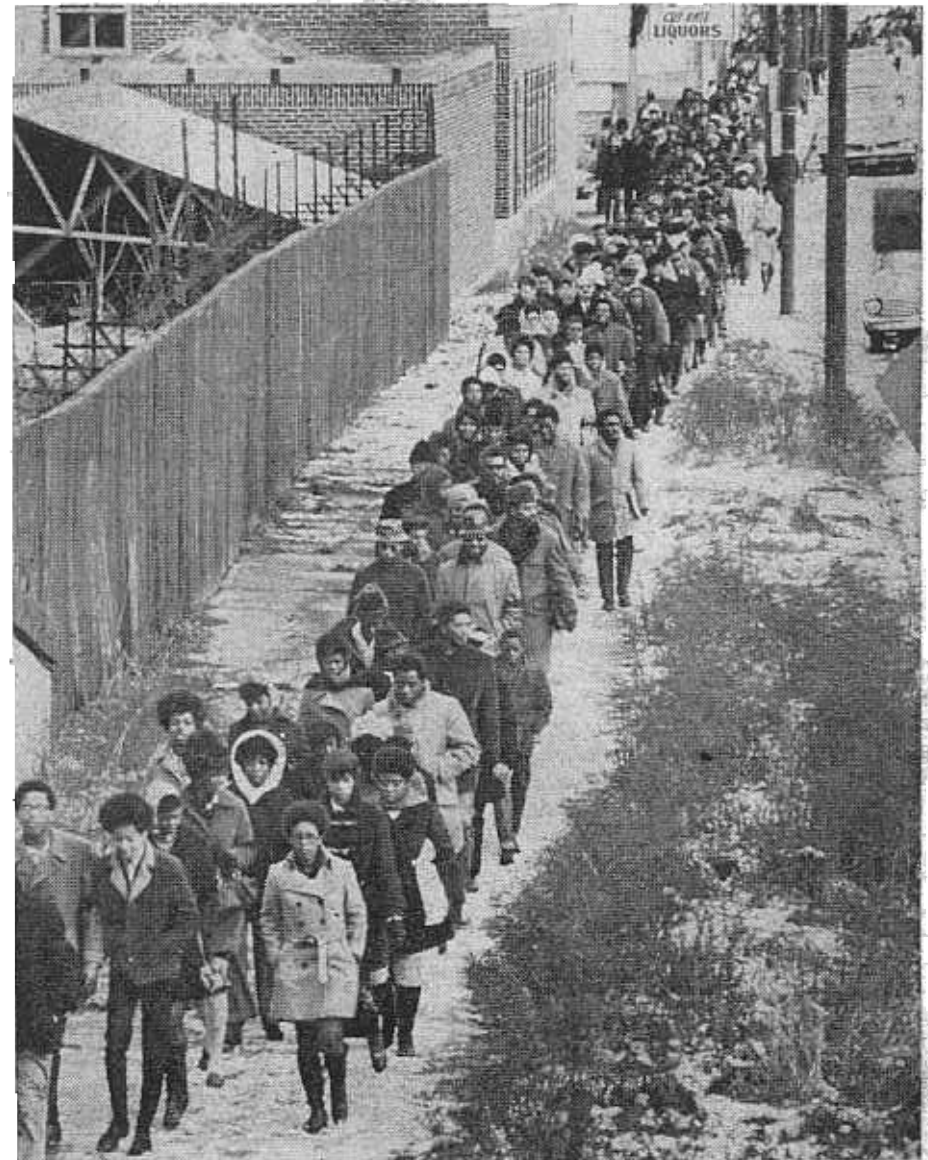
McGarr said that his office faced legal difficulties because of a lack of jurisdiction over criminal matters.

"They (Hartwell and the other Maywood people) were an intelligent group and they presented a good case," McGarr said. "However, at this time we cannot see how our office can concern itself under the law."

Under the Illinois Civil Rights Act, McGarr said, the maximum penalty for a violation is six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine. Pointing out that the Maywood delegation had charged murder in the killings, McGarr said:

"The penalty would be totally inadequate in such a case."

Hartwell said he felt the delegation had been given a satisfactory hearing by McGarr,



In organized march from Malcolm X City College, students head for funeral home at 3654 W. Roosevelt where the body of slain Black Panther leader Fred Hampton rests. Black students walked out of four high schools Monday to protest the fatal shooting. The walkouts were from Chicago Vocational, Gage Park, Tilden and Forrestville. (Sun-Times Photo)