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## Chicago's black police charge:

# Killing of Panthers 'assassination'

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (UPI) — The Afro-American Patrolmen's League, an organization of black Chicago policeman, has begun an investigation of the slaying of two Black Panther party leaders.

Fred Hampton, the party's Illinois chairman, was killed Thursday in a predawn raid by police. Mark Clark, a Peoria, Ill., Panther leader also was killed in the raid.

The mayor of suburban Maywood and several village officials and residents say they will seek murder indictments against the Chicago police who shot Hampton and Clark.

An independent autopsy performed on Hampton alleged he was shot from close range while asleep, disputing the findings of the Cook County coroner.

The vice president of the black policemen's group, Howard Safford, said he visited the scene of the shootout and concluded the deaths were "an obvious political assassination."

Safford and Renault Robinson, league president, said they have access to evidence collected by police but not yet released and would issue their own report on the slayings.

The Communist Party of Illinois termed the killings an "act of extermination to wipe out political opposition and dissent" and called for a wide

fightback campaign. Detailed story on Page 11.

Maywood Mayor Leonard Chabala, who is white, three village trustees and several citizens Sunday issued a statement calling the shootings a "blatant act of legitimized murder."

**Maywood mayor blasts 'atrocities'**  
They said they will ask Illinois Attorney General William Scott for murder indictments and for an investigation of Cook County State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan's "role in directing this atrocity."

As the tumult surrounding the incident continued:

— Dr. Charles G. Hurst Jr., head of the Malcolm X campus of the Chicago City College, said Saturday, "The time for investigations is over... we must be willing to do anything to free the oppressed people." He proclaimed today a memorial day for Hampton at the campus.

— The Rev. Curtis Burrell, director of a South Side community organization said the death of Hampton was part of a "police repression program."

— Obed Lopez of the Latin American Defense Organization said the killing "has brought the Latin community much closer to the black community and the Black Panther Party."

— Illinois Panther leader Bobby Rush, considered Hampton's likely successor, was arrested Saturday at a meeting of Operation Breadbasket. He was charged with failure to register a firearm, and was released on \$1,500 bond.



Mourners pass the bier of slain Black Panther leader Fred Hampton, the party's Illinois deputy chairman.

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## SIMILAR SHOOTOUTS

# National Pattern Followed in Raid on Panthers Here

BY KENNETH REICH  
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Police raids on the Black Panther Party here follow similar raids in other cities which have resulted in the seizure of considerable quantities of arms and the arrest of numerous Panther officials.

Many of the raids of the last two years have been marked by bloody shootouts between police and Panthers.

Last Thursday, following such a shootout in Chicago in which the party's Illinois chairman and a ranking officer of its Peoria chapter were killed and four other Panthers and two policemen wounded, an attorney for the national party organization said Congress would be asked to investigate police tactics in the crackdown.

The attorney, Charles R. Garry of San Francisco, said the Chicago shootings brought to 28 the number of Panthers killed nationwide in clashes with police since January, 1968. A number of policemen also have been killed.

Garry added that if Congress refused to act, the Panthers would attempt to bring their plight to the attention of the United Nations.

The day before Garry spoke, the party's highest officer still functioning in his position, national chief of staff David Hilliard, was arrested for allegedly threatening President Nixon's life in a Vietnam moratorium

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# Police Seize Panther Fortress in 4-Hour Gunfight; Arrest 13

Three Officers and Six Suspects Wounded; Blacks Use Arsenal of Automatic Weapons, Shotguns and Grenades

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Firing from sandbagged gun emplacements, Black Panthers fought for more than four hours Monday before surrendering to a 40-man police assault team.

The siege ended when 11 men and two women gave up. Six were wounded, two seriously. Three policemen were shot, one critically.

The battle began at dawn when four officers, with warrants to arrest suspects and search for hidden guns, battered their way into Panther headquarters at 4115 S. Central Ave.

Three were immediately shot down. Under a barrage of covering fire from officers outside, other police dragged out the wounded. A gunfight began.

### Try to Dynamite Roof

Police in bullet-proof vests raked the two-story brick building with gunfire, attempted to blast through the roof with dynamite and rained tear gas canisters into it.

The Panthers, wearing gas masks, threw tear gas containers back at officers, hurled four handmade grenades at them, and returned police fire with rifles and submachine guns.

A tanklike National Guard personnel carrier was waiting nearby—for possible use in a final assault—when the Panther defenders waved a white cloth in surrender.

A priest and other community leaders were attempting to intercede between police and Panthers to

prevent more casualties when the surrender came. Police said the defenders may have given up because the filters of their gas masks saturated with fumes, no longer kept out tear gas.

In the silence following the gun battle, the 13 emerged one at a time. An officer shouted instructions on a bull horn:

"Raise your hands in the air. Walk down the sidewalk. One at a time.

The men were half-clothed, a though they hadn't had time to get dressed.

Renee Moore, 19, her face bloodied, her yellow dress unzipped over a white brassiere, told newsmen, "We gave up because it not the right time. We'll fight again when the odds are more in our favor."

The raid on the Panther headquarters coincided with other

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