

# Masons Hold Closed Meet In Chicago

Prince Hall Masonic grand master from several states met in Chicago last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in a closed session, apparently to map strategy, after U. S. District Judge Walter LaBuy issued an injunction nullifying a controversial edict issued last Dec. 23 by Dr. F. Curtis Rogan, grand master of Illinois Prince Hall Masons.

The edict restrained master Masons from participating in activities of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, except to collect dues and keep up property.

Judge LaBuy ruled also that the Shrine is a separate and distinct organization. It has been rumored that the grand masters are considering creating their own Shrine order.

Hosts at the meeting last weekend were: Dr. Rogan and Barney Goldsmith illustrious potentate of Arabic Temple 44 of the Shrine in Chicago, and a member of Dr. Rogan's cabinet.

Goldsmith threw in with the Rogan forces when the court battle between the two fraternal organizations opened April 1.

The suit for an injunction restraining Illinois Masons from obeying Dr. Rogan's order was filed by Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Shrine, and Paul E. X. Brown of Atlanta.

Daniel Carmell special master in chancery who heard testimony in the case recommended early in July that an injunction be issued nullifying Dr. Rogan's edict.

Judge LaBuy signed the injunction last Wednesday. Earlier he had denied a plea from attorneys for the Masons to let the edict remain in force pending an appeal. He assessed each side 50 per cent of the cost of the litigation.