

Sharp Issue Is Taken

## FBI Chief Says King 'Most Notorious Liar'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has called the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. "the most notorious liar in the country" for claiming that FBI agents in Albany Ga., will not act on civil rights complaints because they are Southerners. Hoover made the statement Wednesday in an interview with a group of women reporters.

One source explained the FBI chief's blunt remarks by saying Hoover "has had these things on his chest for a long time and felt this was as good a time as any to say something."

In the interview Hoover took sharp issue with King. He charged that the Nobel Prize winner and civil rights leader had distorted the facts about FBI activities in the South.

Hoover said King had told his Southern Christian Leadership conference (SCLC) not to report acts of violence to the FBI office in Albany because the agents were Southerners and would do nothing.

"The truth is that 70 per cent of the agents in the South were born in the North and four of the five agents in the Albany, Ga., office are Northerners," Hoover said.

### WCR ? Crucial Vote Blocked

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Ecumenical Council officials today blocked a crucial vote on religious liberty. A delegation headed by three North American cardinals went directly to Pope Paul VI to protest the action. 11-19-64

## Dr. King 'Appalled, Surprised'

ATLANTA (UPI)—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today that he was "appalled and surprised" at Hoover's attack on the Negro integration leader.

King sent a telegram to Hoover from Bimini in the Bahamas where he is preparing his acceptance address for the Nobel peace prize. King's Atlanta office made the text public.

King reacted strongly to Hoover's statement to a group of women in Washington that the integration leader was "the most notorious liar in the country" for alleging the FBI had not done its proper job in Albany, Ga., racial incidents.

King accused Hoover of "maligning my integrity" and added:

"What motivated such an irresponsible accusation is a mystery to me."

King acknowledged that he has "sincerely questioned" effectiveness of the FBI in racial incidents, "particularly where bombings and brutality against Negroes are at issue."

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