

Police and Panthers

The renewed wave of police slayings has been traced, in part, to a militant wing of the Black Panthers.

This faction, led by Eldridge Cleaver, is promoting guerrilla warfare against the police. A rival faction, led by Huey Newton, is opposed to violence against police.

Most white radical groups, according to police intelligence, are also backing away from violence.

The militant Black Panthers, meanwhile, are reported to be gunning for police. More than 50 lawmen have been murdered since the first of the year, 30 in February and March alone.

The militants seek to produce hostility between the people and the police, according to intelligence reports. This would bring the kind of chaos to America that the revolutionaries could exploit.

The nonviolent factions, both black and white, seek the same ends. But they believe the police killings will only solidify public support for the police.