

Hoover Claims New Left Encouraged from Without

Sees Violent Campaign Against Government

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WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover suggested Friday that New Left and militant black groups are "encouraged and inflamed from without" in a violent campaign against the government.

He accused the Black Panther Party of ambushing policemen, and he sought to link the huge antiwar rally here last Nov. 15 with "international Communist elements."

The charges came in Hoover's report on FBI operations during 1969. It was issued one day after the longtime FBI director marked his 75th birthday.

Assailing what he called the New Left movement, Hoover said "America today is struggling with forces from within, encouraged and inflamed by forces from without, as it strives to retain its position as the most progressive, civilized nation in the world."

When asked to elaborate on Hoover's reference to "forces from without," an FBI spokesman said the statement "speaks for itself."

In his statement, Hoover referred to the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and said: "a number of the individuals on the New Mobilization's steering committee are, or have been, affiliated with old-line Communist groups, and they are coordinating their activities with international Communist elements."

"They attended several meetings both inside and outside Communist countries abroad in the six-month period preceding the November demonstrations and conferred with Communist representatives from various countries, including some from North Vietnam and the National

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Liberation Front of South Vietnam."

The New Left movement underwent a marked change during the past year, he said, and many groups now advocate violent revolution.

BLAMES SDS

Hoover blamed New Left groups, and particularly the Students for a Democratic Society, for violence on college campuses during the year. He said there have been 16 incidents of arson on campuses, two bombings and more than 350 arrests since last September.

Turning to the Communist Party, USA, Hoover said its 50th anniversary celebration during 1969 was "a muted one which befitted the current status of the party." But he said the fortunes of the U.S. Communist organization are now on the upswing.

"While all the problems facing party leadership have not been eliminated, the elimination of factionalism within the party is seen as a strong indication that many other problems will be solved," he said.

Hoover suggested the party will attempt to expand its influence in the antiwar movement through Arnold Johnson, its public relations director and a member of the executive committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

'OLD LINE' ROLE

Besides Johnson, he said, a number of members of the New Mobilization's steering committee "are, or have been, affiliated with old-line Communist groups, and they are coordinating their activities with international Communist elements."

He added that "it was neither by accident nor coincidence that the Nov. 15 demonstrations sponsored by the New Mobilization were accompanied by "anti-U.S. demonstrations in other countries throughout the world on the same day."

Releasing figures showing more than 100 attacks on police by black extremists in the past six months, Hoover said "extremist, all-Negro, hate-type organizations, such as the Black Panther Party, continued to fan the flames of riot and revolution during 1969."

He listed seven police officers killed and more than 120 injured during the confrontations, but gave no figures on the number of casualties among the militant Negroes.