

Hoover Assails 'Weathermen' Faction Of SDS Organization

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Weatherman faction of Students for a Democratic Society now stands as a principal force guiding the country's violence-prone young militants," FBI director J. Edgar Hoover asserted Monday.

Hoover said the Weatherman, a splinter group of the SDS, were during the last year "in the forefront of much of the violence, activity deliberately calculated to provoke violent confrontations."

Following the FBI's report on activities in the fiscal year ended June 30, Hoover directed

some of his sharpest criticism at the Black Panther party, which he said "continued to be the most dangerous and violence-prone of all extremist groups."

He decried financial support by some white liberals of the militant black organization "despite its record of hate, violence and subversion."

Hoover said the Panthers and the Weathermen could be blamed for much of turmoil on the nation's campuses and in its major cities during the past year.

The FBI director cited as an example of Weatherman violence the group's rampage in Chicago last October 8-11, for which 12 of the group's leaders are under indictment on federal

charges of crossing state lines to incite a riot.

"The following month," Hoover said, "they were in Washington, D.C. protesting the Vietnam war by hurling rocks, sticks and bottles at the Department of Justice Building and leading screaming hordes through Washington's business section, causing severe damage

to buildings and automobiles."

In the seven months since then, Hoover said, Weatherman have dedicated themselves to urban guerrilla warfare, have taken intensive self instruction in the use of guns and bombs while their leaders have gone underground to escape prosecution.