

Hoover Calls Outlook on Crime

Bleak but Not Hopeless

More College and High School Disruptions Predicted for Coming Decade

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover looked ahead yesterday to the coming decade and found the outlook for America's growing crime problem bleak but "certainly not hopeless."

He also predicted more college and high school disruptions and reiterated his determination to stay on the job. "It is my hope, as long as my health remains excellent, to continue to serve my country in my present capacity," he said. "I do not have any plans to retire on Jan. 1, 1970, or on any foreseeable date in the future."

The only man ever to head his law enforcement agency, Hoover will be 75 on Thursday, beginning his 46th year as FBI director and serving his eighth president.

"Crime during the 1960's outstripped our population growth by over 11 to one," he said in written answers

to questions. "And this trend would appear to show no sign of abating in the foreseeable future."

"Based upon past statistics, there is every indication that violent crimes, in particular, will continue to show alarming increases," Hoover said. "While this outlook is assuredly bleak, it is certainly not hopeless."

"Improved law enforcement measures, strongly supported by our responsible citizens, will, I am confident, substantially aid in checking this wave of lawlessness and violence," he said.

Hoover expressed deep concern about "the increasing disrespect for the law, a growing infatuation with violence and the rise of extremism."

At the same time, he said, "We see the gradual erosion of legitimate authority based on mutual respect, tolerance and understanding."

These trends, in my opinion, are disturbing."

Hoover, who recently passed the annual physical examination required of all his men, said the greatest single challenge to an FBI agent today "is to uphold the reputation and traditions of a service which I am proud to say has been free from scandal, political influence and always devoted to the best interests of the nation."

On campus disorders and the militant Students for a Democratic Society, Hoover said: "College and high school administrators must be ready to face new disruptions in 1970, whether these student radicals are identified with SDS or appear under other names."

He said the antiwar movement that organized the mass peace demonstration here Nov. 15 was "strongly infiltrated by the (old left) Communists."



J. EDGAR HOOVER
... no plans to retire

Young Socialists Planning 'Red' Universities With Capture of Student Governments

By Austin Wehrwein
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MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27

—The Young Socialist Alliance decided at its national convention here today to push a drive for "Red" universities by capturing control of student body governments.

Larry Seigle, national YSA chairman, said the group would seek to control campus governments for the purpose of "using university facilities against the capitalistic government and its policies."

"This means turning universities into revolutionary centers . . . against the war and oppression of black people," he said.

He said the YSA had already captured the student governments of Harpur College of the New York State University system at Binghamton and had "the leadership" at the California State College at Hayward and the

university of Missouri's Kansas City branch.

The YSA is "in favor of having students and the faculty run universities on the side of the social struggle," he added.

Seigle announced the campaign after emerging from a closed-door meeting of the radical group on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Six hundred delegates attended the opening session of the four-day convention.

The YSA, a Trotskyist-Marxist group, claims it has around 10,000 members, two-thirds of them students.

Seigle also announced plans for a drive to keep the "General Electric scabs off the campus."

He said the group would use "militant tactics" to gather "mass support" to bar GE job recruiters from the nation's campuses.

He also said the group would seek to force colleges to boycott GE products.

This, he said, would back up the AFL-CIO boycott of GE products that was set off by a strike of 147,000 workers against the giant firm. The strike began Oct. 27.

Meanwhile, a dispute with police over arrangements for a Monday march was apparently settled when the YSA tacitly accepted some restrictions.

The radicals will march to the site of the 1943 Trotskyite-led Minneapolis truck drivers' strike.