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Bunche Faults White House On Civil Rights Commitment

Negro Nobel Prize winner Ralph Bunche said yesterday he shares the views of black leaders who "do not have great confidence in the commitment" of the Nixon administration to the civil rights struggle.

"One of the reasons for that," Bunche said, "is that there is very little confidence" in Vice President Agnew or Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

The Under Secretary General of the United Nations made his remarks on the ABC television program "Issues and Answers" carried here by WMAL.

Bunche said racism was the "number one domestic problem" in the nation today "in terms of its potentiality for disruption, for trouble in the country."

Waging War on Racism

He said that "any administration today, if it is going to deal realistically with this problem," must wage war on racism on the same scale as

the Vietnam war with a cost of about \$30 billion a year.

Bunche said he did not endorse, but understands, the demands of younger Negroes for separatism and black nationalism. "This is the inevitable product of frustration," he said, "the cynicism that has developed out of the feeling that, after all, integration and equality in this country was a false promise . . . a hoax."

Bunche also said he could understand the endorsement of violence voiced by Black Panther leaders but he did not consider violence a practical solution to Negro problems.

"I was distressed at the race riots in major cities," he said, "but I think there will be more."

Such outbreaks were inevitable, Bunche said, "because what was missed by so many who were walling about them was the fact that it wasn't that the Negro wanted to embrace violence but somehow he had to establish self-respect; he had to command attention."

Speaking on another televi-

sion interview program, David Hilliard, chief of staff of the Black Panther Party, said his statement that "we should kill President Nixon" was meant as "political rhetoric."

Under Indictment

Hilliard, who is under federal indictment on a charge of threatening the life of Mr. Nixon, said his speech in San Francisco last Nov. 15 was "the language of the ghetto. This is the way we relate. Even the profanity, the profanity is within the idiom of the oppressed people."

Hilliard spoke on the CBS program "Face the Nation," carried here by WTOP.

Hilliard said his organization does not advocate violence, "but we do understand that in order to get rid of the gun it will be necessary to take up the gun."

He said the Black Panthers have no faith in any of the investigations being conducted into clashes between police and Panthers, except for those being handled by black congressmen.