

RACIAL TENSIONS rise after the Black Panther clashes. The FBI may get embroiled.

Even moderate Negroes, like Young of the Urban League, suspect a national plan to wipe out the Panthers. He sees a pattern of clashes involving the FBI as well as local police. The NAACP's Wilkins echoes the theme. Civil rights leaders don't expect satisfaction even if the Justice Department goes ahead with a requested investigation. *WSJ 12/12/69*

FBI men keep silent on any role in a crack-down on the Panthers. But Hoover's sleuths do watch black extremist activity, feed findings to local authorities. The FBI chief has warned about the Panthers. The Justice Department worries more now about trouble stirred by extremist groups than about more spontaneous racial outbreaks.

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Liberal politicians concerned over the Panther clashes voice preference for an inquiry by Milton Eisenhower's Commission on Violence or by Federal grand juries.