

# Gray Emphasizes Style

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Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III said yesterday that changes he has made or is considering involve "questions of style that may give a new look, but not new substance," to the bureau.

In his first public speech since his appointment two weeks ago as temporary successor to the late J. Edgar Hoover, Gray said he had no intention of departing from basic policy established during nearly a half-century of the Hoover regime.

A series of moves by Gray affecting the FBI's public image—the relaxing of rigid dress and hair-cut codes, programs to hire more women and members of minority groups and suggestions outside advisers—spurred questions about how far he would go in reshaping the bureau.

But Gray told the Thomas More Society, a Catholic lawyers group, here that "in making certain changes in the style of operation, I impute no impropriety or fault to my distinguished predecessor, although this may be so interpreted in some quarters."

No deviation is planned, Gray said, from the Hoover policy of resistance to making the FBI a national police force. "As long as I am head of the FBI, it will not take the first small step" in that direction, he said.

Gray said he was "still looking for answers" to frequent criticism that the FBI director "has too much potential power"

He said he had "an open mind" about establishing an advisory committee of recognized law enforcement authorities to help plan for the fu-

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ture, but he was strongly opposed to "any full-scale investigation" of the FBI from outside.

Still unresolved, Gray said, was the question whether the FBI had "files that might be called secret files or political dossiers."

Gray said he has been informed "as a result of my preliminary inquiries" that no such files exist. He added:

"Without having any in-depth knowledge of the bureau's files as of this moment, I will simply state that the matter of files and communi-

cations is one of the serious avenues of inquiry I am pursuing with the top officials of the FBI as I continue to acquire the knowledge necessary to discharge my responsibilities."

Gray, whose appointment by President Nixon is scheduled to last at least through the November election, said he wanted to deny "speculation that my appointment is somehow part of a scheme for the President to gain political control of the FBI."

He said he was not a political adviser or counsellor or

"political crony of President Nixon's." Faithful to a "professional" relationship with the President, Gray said he would obey the President's only instruction: "that the FBI and its director continue to be absolutely nonpolitical."

### Tanker Crew Saved

MEXICO CITY, May 17 (AP) — Thirty-six persons were rescued from the British tanker "Golden Jay" which sank Sunday in the Pacific about 200 miles south of Mazatlan, a spokesman for the Mexican Navy said Tuesday.