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Hoover Challenged on Campus Report

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WASHINGTON — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has touched off a political controversy by reporting to Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell that college students are organizing to support anti-Administration candidates.

Hoover's observation on campus political activity came as part of a preliminary 22-page report on the FBI's activities for the year ending June 30.

The report's tabulation of student injuries, as compared to police injuries, during the past year's campus disorders also was denounced by an expert on violence as "biased."

Hoover's report released Monday noted, "There was a sharp increase in protest demonstrations on college campuses during the school year . . . A total of 1,785 such demonstrations took place."

"Looking to the months ahead," the report continued, "the FBI director noted that student committees have been formed

on numerous college campuses and will spend the summer planning activity for the coming fall term. These groups plan to encourage the support of political candidates opposed to Administration policies and will insist that schools be closed for a period so that students will be free to participate in this activity."

Lawrence Speiser, Washington director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the report on student political activity, "whether ineptly stated or deliberate, can't help but increase the anxiety over whether we're headed into a period of political repression based on the major federal investigative agency taking cognizance of lawful political activity for students."

John Spiegel, director of Brandeis University's Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence, challenged a section of the report which declared that of the 462 injuries suffered

during the campus disturbances, "nearly two-thirds" involved police and college officials.

Spiegel said the center's studies indicated that at least half the casualties were students. Moreover, he noted that the report mentioned "eight individuals" were killed and added, "It's interesting that the report did not bother to identify them as students, which shows the report's bias."

Thomas E. Bishop, FBI spokesman, questioned the source of the center's data and said, "You can take your choice between the integrity of the FBI for reporting its information and the Lemberg Center and figure out which one you think is most qualified to give correct and accurate data."

Spiegel said press reports of injuries constituted the major source of the center's data. "What's important to keep in mind, however," he said, "is that police officers report all injuries, no matter how minor, whereas students often do not bring their injuries to official attention."

When asked why Hoover would comment on student support for anti-Administration candidates, Bishop said: "If you can't figure that out . . . You are either blind to the

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facts of life or you don't want to see the facts of life."

At Princeton University, Prof. Henry Bienen, director of the Movement for a New Congress, which is coordinating student political activity around the country, said:

"It is not that students have insisted that universities be closed, but that many students and faculty members have tried to arrange a schedule change. This is not a diminution of academic time. Does the head of the FBI mean to suggest that forming committees to engage in political activity is somehow subversive? And why does he mention it in the context of violence?"

President Nixon's campus advisers have warned him that college unrest is so severe that some colleges may be unable to open in the fall.

The advisers, Alexander Heard, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and James E. Cheek, president of Howard University, also have cautioned Mr. Nixon that strong statements condemning student protesters have heightened the crisis. Heard and Cheek declined to comment on the FBI report.

Weatherman Group Has Violent Role --- Hoover

FBI Chief Also Assails Black Panthers as 'Most Dangerous' of Extremist Groups

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, was during the last year "in the forefront of much of the violent activity deliberately calculated to provoke violent confrontations."

Criticizes Panthers

Presenting 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 Weather-

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

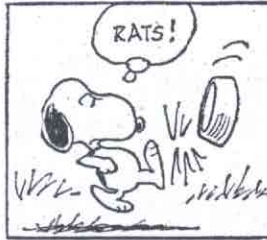
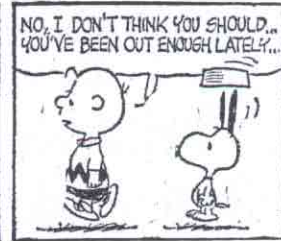
He cited as an example of Weatherman violence the group's rampage in Chicago last Oct. 8-11, for which 12 of the group's leaders are under indictment on federal charges of crossing state lines to incite a riot.

"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 has dedicated itself to urban guerrilla warfare, has taken intensive self instruction in the use of guns and bombs while its leaders have gone underground to escape prosecution.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



Of 12 Weatherman leaders indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago April 2, only one, 22-year-old Linda Sue Evans, has been arrested, the FBI said.

Hoover said the past 12 months were marked by "an increased emphasis on terrorism by many groups," foremost among them the Black Panthers.

Commenting on monetary contributions from prominent donors, he said:

"With these funds, its representatives have been able to travel freely, and make frequent public ap-

pearances at colleges, universities and even secondary schools. In this way, they are able to spread their doctrine of hate and revolution and further aggravate the volatile situation on our campuses."

He said the Panthers were attempting "to picture the organization as an innocent victim of police and other official oppression," but added that Panthers in Baltimore and New Haven, Conn., were charged with two separate murders and that Panthers in New York were awaiting trial in connection with a bomb plot.