

Hoover Notes Drop in School Incidents

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FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said yesterday that racial disorders, attacks on police and subversive activities continued to be a threat to the country in 1970, but he noted a decline in racial incidents in schools.

Hoover's observations were included in his 1970 annual report, which noticeably lacked any of the rhetoric and tone of impending trouble of Hoover's testimony two months ago when he asked Congress for money for an additional 1,000 agents.

The report noted but did not dwell on the Black Panther Party and the radical New Left, as have recent past reports. It did not mention the alleged plot to kidnap a White House official, outlined by

Hoover in congressional testimony.

Hoover said racial disorders in 1970 did not reach the level of the riots of the 1960s. He also said the number of racial disorders in secondary schools declined from 299 in the first four months of the 1968-70 school year to 160 during the like period this school year.

But "the number of incidents of racial disorder that did occur in our cities and in secondary schools, along with the many unwarranted attacks on police, strongly indicate that we are far from the realization of racial harmony in the nation," he said.

Hoover said persons identifying themselves as Black Panthers were responsible for the deaths of six police officers and the wounding of 22

others, a "marked increase" from the previous two years when five were killed and 42 wounded.

Hoover's report led off with a five-page recitation of FBI accomplishments against organized crime. He said FBI investigations in 1970 resulted in 468 convictions of persons involved in organized crime, with 1,200 other cases pending. "Top bosses of nine of the two

dozen criminal syndicates" were arrested, he said.

The Panthers got a page and a half in the 25-page report, about the same as the Weathermen and the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression.

This coalition, Hoover said, has plans for "closing down Washington" if the U.S. government does not totally with-

draw from Vietnam by May, 1971.

Hoover said Rennie Davis, who was convicted in Chicago for violation of antiriot laws, is a leader of the coalition. It is an expansion of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which now includes civil rights groups, welfare groups, and women's groups, Hoover said.