

Hoover Says Extremists Give Aid to Communists

The Communists "are receiving invaluable aid from far too many intended victims" in the United States, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said last night.

"I refer to the pseudo-liberals of the extreme left, as well as the misguided zealots of the ultra-right . . ." he said in a speech prepared for delivery to the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, at the Mayflower Hotel.

"I refer to the Klu Klux Klan and to other hatemongers, regardless of their color or creed . . ." he added, " . . . to the unkempt characters of phibable minds and persuasion who eagerly attach themselves to any 'cause' which runs counter to convention . . ."

"I refer also to the highly vocal rabble rousers of dubious stability and motivation who encourage defiance of the law by counseling cyni-

cism and disrespect toward family, law and order, and all forms of authority," continued Hoover, a 33d degree Mason, who last night received the Grand Cross of the Scottish Rite.

The Supreme Council will confer 33d degrees on 410 Masons at ceremonies Friday.

Blasts Communists, USA

Hoover also lashed out at the Communist Party, U.S.A., which he said constitutes "a foreign outpost on America's shores." He said the Party has placed "intense emphasis" on its campus speech program, "a program that has seen skilled hucksters of atheism and treason appear at scores of colleges and universities from New York to California . . ."

"Standing in the forefront of the Communist campaign to confuse minds, distort the thinking and win the support of our young people is the DuBois Clubs of America," Hoover charged.

In his speech, Hoover covered much the same ground as did the FBI's annual report, which was released earlier in the day.

In the report, Hoover said that "Communists have been much encouraged by the current wave of social unrest in the United States."

In Civil Rights Protests

"It is a rare civil right activity . . . that does not attract Communists to some degree," he said. "A striking example of this was seen in the riots which erupted in the Harlem area of New York City in July, 1964.

The Progressive Labor

Movement . . . , a dissident and highly militant splinter group of the Communist Party, USA, was involved in prolonging the New York demonstrations by deliberate incitement of the rioters."

Other data in the report showed that:

- FBI investigations in the fiscal year led to 13,011 convictions.

- The FBI investigated 4300 alleged civil rights violations.

- An all-time high of 1776 violations of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute occurred in fiscal 1965.

- A total of 13,491 fugitives were apprehended, 681 more than in the preceding year. The figure included 18 men who at various times were on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list.