

## Capitol Punishment

# Flushing Out The FBI Men

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In the past month we have seen 15 FBI agents drop out of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York because a professor made critical remarks about J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI's stalwart leader.

Following this, 11 FBI employees were ordered to drop out of a course on "Violence in America" at American University because the professor there cast aspersions on Mr. Hoover's leadership.

There will probably be more of this as time goes on, and it is conceivable that every university of the country could soon be on J. Edgar Hoover's blacklist.

What isn't generally known is that there is a conspiracy among university professors to criticize J. Edgar Hoover publicly.

This is why they're doing it:

It is assumed that the FBI has planted undercover agents in all the major universities in the country. These undercover agents look exactly like radical students. They have their hair long, wear beards, go shoeless and use all the obscene words. In the past they have been impossible to spot on campus.

But not long ago a professor at a Midwest college made some derogatory remarks about J. Edgar Hoover. Three of the radical students immediately walked out of the class in a huff. Everyone was very surprised when they announced they were leaving the school.

It turned out they were FBI undercover agents, whose job it had been to infiltrate the radical movement.

They had been ordered to put up with any indignity to win the confidence of the radicals, except to sit there and take criticism of Mr. Hoover.

A few weeks later in California a professor in government statistics made the point that the higher the crime rate rose in the United States, the more kudos J. Edgar Hoover received from Congress and the administration. The professor was trying to show that bad news does not necessarily bring criticism from government. He said that as far as his statistic showed, there hasn't been a year when the FBI did not report a rise in crime in the United States, and each time it did, Mr. Hoover received congratulations from the President.

Two radical students in his class broke into tears and announced they could no longer stay in school. It was a blow to everyone, because one of the undercover agents had just been elected president of the SDS and had been in

charge of an antiwar demonstration in Gov. Reagan's office.

Well, these two incidents suddenly made professors all over the country realize that the easiest way to spot an FBI undercover agent was to criticize J. Edgar Hoover.

And so professors are now waging a campaign to make remarks about the head of the FBI.

The FBI knows, of course, what is happening, but they're caught in a bind. If they keep their agents on campus to catch the people responsible for student violence, they will be exposing FBI employees to defamatory remarks about Mr. Hoover.

So far the FBI has left it up to the individual agents to decide whether to stay or leave. But they're proud that in every case so far when someone has sullied J. Edgar Hoover's name, the FBI undercover agent has indignantly dropped out of school.

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