

# Hoover Declines Mitchell Bid To Speak at Police Session

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has rejected an invitation by Attorney General John N. Mitchell to be a principal speaker Thursday at a conference of 140 state and local policemen.

Sources inside the Department of Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police said yesterday that the 76-year-old Hoover bypassed the event because of personal animosities toward at least two of the participants, Quinn Tamm, IACP executive director, and Patrick V. Murphy, New York City police commissioner.

Tamm and Murphy were both excluded by the FBI on June 3 when President Nixon met with police officials of the nation's leading cities on ways to prevent police killings.

Although IACP and New York City police officials were invited to a subsequent, June 7, FBI seminar on police killings at which Hoover spoke, neither Tamm nor Murphy were included.

An IACP official said the reason Hoover wouldn't speak at Thursday night's law enforcement banquet at the Washington Hilton was because, "He simply won't be under the same roof as Quinn Tamm."

The FBI refused to acknowledge that Hoover even received an invitation. But a spokesman for Attorney General Mitchell said an invitation was extended and that an

aide to Hoover indicated without explanation last Friday that the FBI director would not attend.

Mitchell will speak in Hoover's place Thursday night.

Both Murphy and Tamm are on the program of the two-day conference on ways to reduce crime. FBI officials, including Assistant Director Joseph J. Casper, will participate in the workshop sessions.

IACP is handling arrangements for the conference, supported by a \$52,154 contract from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. All of the invitations were extended in Attorney General Mitchell's name.

Hoover reportedly disagrees with Murphy over gun controls, access to criminal intelligence data and other matters. Published reports indicate that Hoover broke with Tamm when he thought Tamm was emerging as a spokesman for law enforcement.

LEAA Administrator Jerris Leonard said he wouldn't place much stock in reports that Hoover refused to speak to the policemen because of personal animosities.

"I just think he doesn't like to make that type of speech," said Leonard.