

'Loyalty to Hoover'—An FBI Issue

Aspin's Nip At the Army

Washington

FBI Director Clarence Kelley said yesterday his efforts to correct past abuses of the bureau are hampered by employees who still prefer the "authoritarian" methods of J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the agency.

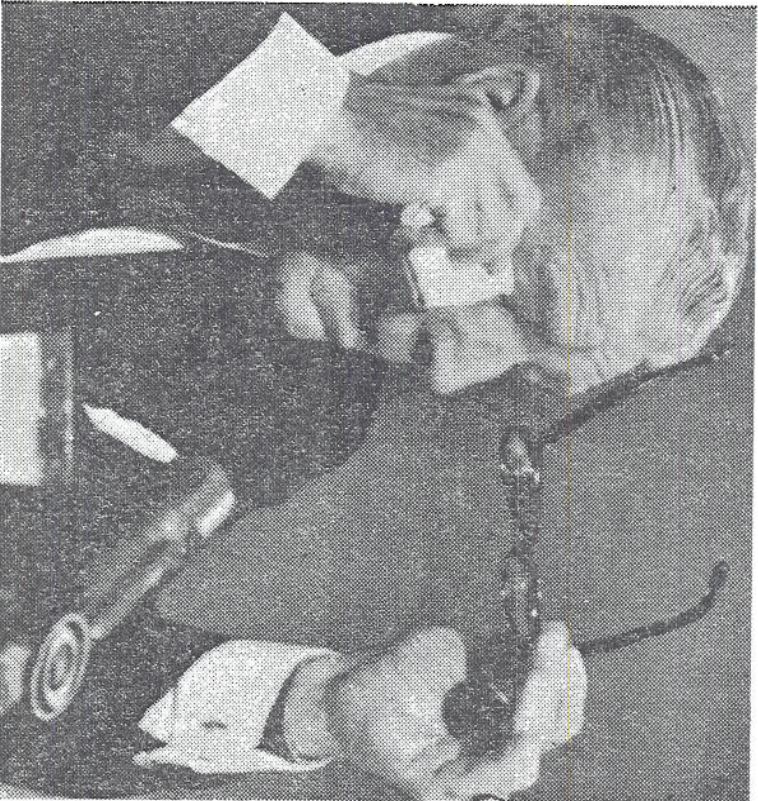
"Some cling to the idea that you can do anything you want so long as you follow certain ideas that were embedded in them throughout the many years of the leadership of Mr. Hoover," Kelley said.

"I'm not critical of Mr. Hoover," he added, "I'm merely saying that it was an authoritarian type of administration. Mine is not."

Kelley chose his words carefully in discussing the issue of loyalty within the bureau more than four years after Hoover's death.

"I feel that I have control of the FBI... The great majority of the organization are loyalists to the FBI and I represent the FBI," Kelley said. He did not claim to have the personal loyalty of his subordinates.

Almost every individual in a position of power in the bureau



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FBI DIRECTOR CLARENCE KELLEY
A pause before he went on TV yesterday

joined during the Hoover era, Kelley said, but no one currently in a position of leadership in Washing-

ton held the rank of assistant director or above while Hoover was director.

Kelley's appearance on CBS television's "Face the Nation" was the first step in a new campaign to repair the damage to the FBI's prestige resulting from a Justice Department investigation of burglaries and other abuses by bureau employees.

Kelley said "from three or four on up" bureau officials may be disciplined as a result of the current investigations. But he indicated that special agents who participated in burglaries to obtain information may be treated leniently.

He said surreptitious entries "might well be not construed as doing anything other than following the authority that they think stems from those higher up."

Edward P. Morgan, a Washington attorney hired by a society of former agents to look after the legal interests of any "street level" agents who might be caught up in the investigations, said in a recent interview that the trail of responsibility appears to go as high as former attorneys general.

Kelley told Congress earlier this year that the FBI in 1966 stopped using burglaries — "black bag jobs," in the bureau's terminology — to obtain information. Since

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Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.), said yesterday that Army generals get free sherry with lunch in their private Pentagon dining room.

The Army replied that the sherry isn't free — that a choice of juice or sherry is included in the price of the lunch.

Aspin is campaigning to have Pentagon dining service contracted to private companies and not subsidized by taxpayer money.

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that time, investigators have learned of break-ins in 1972 and 1973 by FBI agents and of at least one burglarly as recently as last month by a paid informer.

Kelley said someone in the bureau intentionally deceived him into thinking the black bag jobs had been terminated in 1966. But he said he does not yet know who it was.

"If I find those that have knowingly deceived me, I will take some action," he said.

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