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(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, APRIL 21 (AP)-FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAYS "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE DOES EXIST IN THE NEGRO MOVEMENT" AND COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SWAYING MASSES WITHOUT THEIR REALIZING IT.

IN A CLOSED SESSION OF A HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, HOOVER ALSO DESCRIBED EFFORTS BY THE COMMUNISTS TO RECRUIT AMERICAN STUDENTS TO THEIR VIEWS.

IN JAN. 29 TESTIMONY MADE PUBLIC TODAY, HOOVER SAID THE COMMUNIST PARTY TRIES TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE AMONG NEGROES AND PARTICULARLY HAS "SOUGHT WAYS AND MEANS TO EXPLOIT THE MILITANT FORCES OF THE NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT."

THE PARTY, HOOVER SAID, TRIES TO USE "WHAT ARE OFTEN LEGITIMATE NEGRO COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES."

THE NUMBER OF NEGRO RECRUITS WHO MAY BE ATTRACTED TO PARTY MEMBERSHIP "IS NOT THE IMPORTANT THING," HOOVER SAID. HE CITED "THE OLD COMMUNIST PRINCIPLE. . . 'COMMUNISM MUST BE BUILT WITH NON-COMMUNIST HANDS'" AND CONTINUED:

"WE DO KNOW THAT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE DOES EXIST IN THE NEGRO MOVEMENT AND IT IS THIS INFLUENCE WHICH IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. IT CAN BE THE MEANS THROUGH WHICH LARGE MASSES ARE CAUSED TO LOSE PERSPECTIVE ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND, WITHOUT REALIZING IT, SUCCUMB TO THE PARTY'S PROPAGANDA LURES."

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AT THIS POINT, HOOVER ASKED TO TESTIFY OFF THE RECORD, SO THE HEARING TRANSCRIPT DOES NOT SHOW WHETHER HE WAS ASKED FOR, OR GAVE, SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AMONG NEGROES.

THE FBI CHIEF SAID SOVIET BLOC ESPIONAGE AGENTS MADE WHAT HE TERMED REVOLTING USE OF BLACKMAIL AND COMPROMISE:

"ON TWO SEPARATE INSTANCES AN AMERICAN COLLEGE PROFESSOR AND A WOMAN TOURIST WENT TO MOSCOW WHERE THEY WERE DRUGGED WHILE SEPARATELY VISITING THE SOVIET UNION, PHOTOGRAPHED WHILE UNCONSCIOUS,

PARTICIPATING IN ACTS OF SEXUAL PERVERSION, ARRESTED AND THEIR CO-OPERATION IN OBTAINING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SOLICITED UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION AND EXPOSURE."

HOOVER SAID COMMUNISTS HAVE SHOWN "CONSIDERABLE PATIENCE IN RECRUITING AMERICAN STUDENTS," OFTEN ^{of} REFERRING TO FINANCE THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION, PROVIDED THEY WOULD SEEK GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION AND COOPERATE WITH SOVIET INTELLIGENCE. SOVIET BLOC INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL, HE SAID, ALSO HAVE SHOWN PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SCIENTISTS AND EMIGRES HAVING RELATIVES OR PROPERTY UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL.

"A HIGHLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOVIET BLOC ESPIONAGE APPARATUS OPERATING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CENTERS AROUND ITS GROWING USE OF 'ILLEGAL' (DEEP COVER) ESPIONAGE AGENTS," HE SAID. "THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE WELL-TRAINED PROFESSIONALS, USUALLY OPERATE UNDER ASSUMED NAMES AND CLEVERLY FABRICATED DOCUMENTS, AND ARE SUPPLIED WITH THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT."

HOOVER SAID THE U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY, DIRECTING AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAM AT YOUTH, HAD SPOKESMEN APPEAR BEFORE 45 STUDENT GROUPS, MOSTLY IN CAMPUS, DURING 1963. HE SAID DANIEL RUBIN, NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR OF THE PARTY, REMARKED IN JUNE THAT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ATTRACTED IN THE LAST RECRUITING DRIVE, 65 PER CENT WERE STUDENTS.

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HOOVER TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION INVOLVED THE COMPILATION OF MORE THAN 10,800 PAGES OF REPORTS, EXAMINATION OF 796 ITEMS OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A DETAILED SCALE MODEL OF THE ASSASSINATION AREA INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND LANDMARKS. THE REPORTS AND MODELS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE KILLING, HOOVER SAID.

HE TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE HE OPPOSES PROPOSALS TO TRANSFER TO THE FBI THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S NARCOTICS BUREAU, ALTHOUGH HE SAID THE FBI COULD TECHNICALLY HANDLE THE WORK.

"I THINK WE ARE ENTIRELY TOO BIG TODAY, BIGGER THAN WE SHOULD BE," HOOVER SAID. "I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE THE FBI REMAIN SMALL; BUT THAT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS YEARLY ENACTED LEGISLATION EXPANDING THE INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU."

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