

(350) ADVANCE FOR 7:30 P.M. EST TODAY

HOOVER

(ADVANCE) CHICAGO, NOV. 24 (AP)-J. EDGAR HOOVER DECLARED TONIGHT HE WILL NOT ALLOW THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO BECOME THE TOOL OF PRESSURE GROUPS SEEKING "TO ATTAIN THEIR OWN SELFISH AIMS TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR PEOPLE AS A WHOLE."

THE FBI DIRECTOR DID NOT NAME THE GROUPS HE HAD IN MIND IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR AN AWARD DINNER AT WHICH THE LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL PAID TRIBUTE TO HIM. BUT HOOVER MAY HAVE BEEN ALLUDING TO CONTINUING PRESSURES FROM CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS SEEKING FBI PROTECTION IN THE SOUTH.

IT WAS HIS FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT SINCE HIS STARTLING NEWS CONFERENCE OF LAST WEEK, WHEN HE EXCORIATED THE JUDICIARY, THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE WARREN COMMISSION AND A FEW OTHER TARGETS.

"AS LONG AS I AM DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, IT WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS HIGH AND IMPARTIAL STANDARDS OF INVESTIGATION DESPITE THE HOSTILE OPINIONS OF ITS DETRACTORS," HOOVER SAID. HE ADDED:

"FURTHERMORE, THE FBI WILL CONTINUE TO BE OBJECTIVE IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS AND WILL STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF ITS AUTHORIZED JURISDICTION REGARDLESS OF PRESSURE GROUPS WHICH SEEK TO USE THE FBI TO ATTAIN THEIR OWN SELFISH AIMS TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR PEOPLE AS A WHOLE."

HOOVER SAID THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT FAVOR ONE GROUP OR SPECIAL INTEREST OVER ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS. HE ASSERTED:

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"WE CANNOT, AND WILL NOT, PERMIT THE FBI TO BE USED TO SUPERIMPOSE THE AIMS OF THOSE WHO WOULD SACRIFICE THE VERY FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT RESTS."

"IT IS A GREAT MISFORTUNE, THAT THE ZEALOTS OR PRESSURE GROUPS ALWAYS THINK WITH THEIR EMOTIONS, SELDOM WITH REASON," THE 69-YEAR-OLD FBI CHIEF SAID. "THEY HAVE NO COMPUNCTION IN CARPING, LYING AND EXAGGERATING WITH THE FIERCEST PASSION. THEY CRY LIBERTY WHEN THEY REALLY MEAN LICENSE."

HOOVER TOOK CRITICAL NOTE, AS HE FREQUENTLY DOES, OF THE RISING CRIME RATE AND THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM

ABIDING CITIZENS...WE MUST HAVE JUDGES WITH COURAGE AND A HIGH SENSE
OF THEIR DUTY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND TO ADEQUATELY PENALIZE
CRIMINALS IF WE ARE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS CRIMES
AGAINST SOCIETY."

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