

WITH NL CIVIL RIGHTS (300)

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NEW YORK, NOV. 25 (AP)-TWO NEGRO LEADERS TODAY CALLED ON FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER TO REVIEW HIS JOB AND POSSIBLY RESIGN BECAUSE OF ALLEGED CONFLICTS BETWEEN HIS POSITION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THAT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, REFERRED TO THE CURRENT ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, IN WHICH HOOVER, 69, IS QUOTED:

"I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THESE STATES' RIGHTERS ALL MY LIFE. NATURALLY, I GET MORE AND MORE IRRITATED WHEN I SEE CONGRESS PASSING ALONG TO US MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE HANDLED AT THE STATE LEVEL. WHEN YOU WEAKEN THE STATE AUTHORITIES YOU DO A GREAT DISSERVICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY."

THE MAGAZINE SAID HOOVER MADE THE STATEMENT AT THE EXTRAORDINARY NEWS CONFERENCE HE HELD LAST WEEK BEFORE SOME WOMEN JOURNALISTS.

AT THAT SAME MEETING, HOOVER REFERRED TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SOUTHERN NEGRO LEADER AND WINNER OF THE 1964 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AS "THE MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THE COUNTRY."

WILKINS SAID HOOVER'S VIEWS ON STATES RIGHTS "PLACE HIM ALONGSIDE MISSISSIPPI RATHER THAN ALONGSIDE NATIONAL POLICY, A POLICY CLEARLY RATIFIED IN THE NOV. 3 ELECTION.

"PERHAPS MR. HOOVER NEEDS TO REVIEW HIS POSITION AS FBI DIRECTOR IN THE LIGHT OF THAT REFERENDUM AND TO DECIDE WHERE HIS ALLEGIANCE LIES...AS TO THE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONSHIP ON THE ISSUE OF COLOR BLIND AMERICANISM."

JAMES FARMER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, SAID HOOVER APPEARS TO BE "ENGAGING IN A VENDETTA AGAINST THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT..."

"IT IS AN UNTENABLE SITUATION," FARMER SAID, "FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO BE SAYING AND DOING ONE THING, AND THE CHIEF OF THE FBI TO BE SAYING PUBLICLY SOMETHING QUITE OPPOSITE."

FARMER SAID HOOVER SHOULD RESIGN IF HE FEELS CALLED UPON TO PUBLICLY "OPPOSE THE POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

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