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CORE Demands Hoover Ouster

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James Farmer, national director of CORE, demanded the resignation of FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover yesterday and charged he is conducting a "vendetta" against civil rights groups.

Farmer was one of several civil rights leaders to react strongly to Hoover's speech in Chicago Tuesday night in which the FBI chief lashed out at "zealots or pressure groups . . . spearheaded at times by Communists and moral degenerates."

The speech came shortly after a national magazine reported that at a news conference last week Hoover had said, among other things:

"I have been one of these states' righters all my life . . . (civil rights) difficulties were due to the rath-

er harsh approach to the Mississippi situation by the authorities here in Washington, by the Department of Justice. . . . I can't speak in too high terms of (Mississippi) Governor (Paul) Johnson's maturity. He backed up the FBI. He's doing an excellent job as governor of Mississippi."

"It is an untenable situation for the Administration and the Justice Department to be saying and doing one thing and the chief of the FBI to be saying publicly something quite opposed," Farmer said.

"If he opposes the policies of the Federal government he may presumably state his views privately. But he should resign before arguing the states' rights position publicly."

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