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As in a similar speech in Chicago last month, Hoover did not name the individuals he has in mind.

In an address prepared for the Pennsylvania Society and the Society of Pennsylvania Women, Hoover said:

"Let me emphasize that the American civil rights movement is not and has never been, dominated by the Communists -- because the overwhelming majority of civil rights leaders in this country, both Negro and White, have recognized and rejected Communism as a menace to the freedoms of all."

But Hoover, condemning what he termed "notable exceptions," called for "a constant vigil against these imposters, as well as against other zealots who would shortcut the orderly processes of government and demand a mantle of special privilege under the law...."

"Self-serving individuals such as these are not a genuine part of the civil rights movement, nor are the brick-throwing rabble or the raucous hoodlums who have attacked the forces of law and order and have turned orderly protests into nightmares of violence and bloodshed. Theirs is a doctrine of hatred,-- defiance and anarchy -- which cannot and must not be tolerated. Their acts are of the greatest disservice to the civil rights cause."

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