

Red Youth Unit Leads Viet Protests—Hoover

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 — (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover hinted Tuesday night that a Communist youth group is pulling the strings in recent nationwide demonstrations against U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

Leaders of the W. E. B. Dubois Club of America, the FBI director said, "were prominent among Communists who attended a special youth leadership school sponsored by the party last June to prepare for a stepped-up campaign of recruitment and agitation among youth.

Training Bears Fruit

"Already this fall, there are signs that these training sessions have begun to bear fruit—in the form of defiant protest against law and authority," he said.

Hoover described the Dubois Clubs as "an illegitimate spawn conceived by the Communist Party and nurtured by a trusted band of youthful adherents to the cause of world Marxism."

The clubs, Hoover said, are "standing in the forefront of the Communist campaign to confuse the minds, distort the thinking and win the support of our young people . . ."

Hoover, in a speech before the Supreme Council of 33d Degree Masons for the Southern Jurisdiction, did not specifically link the

Dubois Clubs to the recent rash of anti-draft and anti-Viet Nam demonstrations that have erupted across the nation. But these have been paramount among the gatherings in the period to which he referred as "this fall."

Courts Are Criticized

The 70-year-old Hoover—himself a Mason 45 years—also chose the Masonic forum to renew his criticism of some of the nation's courts.

"The jousting in legal numbo-jumbo resorted to by too many of our judges makes a farce of our judicial system," he said.

"Tragically, the atmosphere of many of our courtrooms is still polluted by some jurors who deliberately close their minds to the evidence before them.

"Too many of our judges seek out technicalities rather than guilt or innocence. A trial should truly represent an enlightened search for truth so that deception, surprise, technicalities and delay will be obliterated."