

DREW PEARSON**Hoover Lobbies For More Power**

WASHINGTON — The general public doesn't know it, but J. Edgar Hoover has been lobbying effectively on Capitol Hill to put all police training in American cities under the FBI if they get any funds from the federal government.

Under the law, Hoover is forbidden to engage in politics.

He is supposed to be under the jurisdiction of the attorney general and keep aloof from Capitol Hill. Despite this, he has sent FBI agents up to key congressmen to persuade them to give the FBI training jurisdiction over local city police. The "safe streets" bill allocates a certain amount of federal funds to help local



DREW PEARSON law enforcement, and Hoover has demanded that no city get these funds unless the FBI has training authority over its police. This runs counter to the right of cities and states to handle their own local problems, and is also opposed by Attorney General Ramsey Clark and many senators. Clark contends the FBI has enough to do without supervising local police training. Many congressmen argue that the United States must not fall into the European pattern of a national police force, similar to the Deuxieme Bureau of France or the KGB of Soviet Russia.

The Hoover proposal is also opposed by the International Association of Police Chiefs, which has done an excellent job of correlating police training throughout the United States and Canada. Quinn Tamm, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is a former assistant director of the FBI who nevertheless has incurred the wrath of J. Edgar Hoover because Tamm wants to keep police training local.

Various states have built up excellent training programs for their police, they include California, Michigan, New Jersey and Connecticut. Florida, despite the meddling of Gov. Claude Kirk, who put the Wackenhut Detective Agency in charge of crime control, has also made excellent pro-

FLORIDA POLICE are now taught the problems of sociology and race relations through the Florida Institute of Law Enforcement at St. Petersburg Junior College. The FBI, in contrast, has long been an unintegrated organization. Only recently have a few Negro agents been admitted.

Leading police chiefs resent the fact that Hoover discriminates against police officials who maintain their independence of the FBI. If they are too independent, they say, Hoover refuses to process their fingerprints or cooperate regarding information on interstate crime. The FBI operates two big computers in Washington that correlate information on stolen guns, stolen autos and wanted persons. This is a very important clearing house of crime information. However, Hoover has been known to withhold this information from police chiefs whom he considers too independent.

Opposed to Hoover on FBI police training have been some of the top police chiefs of the nation. Supporting him has been Sen. John McClellan, D-Ark., a powerful member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Emanuel Celler, the Brooklyn Democrat who heads the House Judiciary Committee.

THE PERSON who had most to do with LBJ's momentous decision not to run as his wife. She had