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Hoover-New Left 480

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WASHINGTON AP — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declared Saturday "America should take note before it is too late" of a "strong revolutionary Marxist movement" bent on destroying established authority in the nation.

In a message at the close of the academic year, Hoover lambasted the New Left movement in general and singled out the Students for a Democratic Society as a group "rapidly gaining a definite Marxist-Leninist coloration."

"While the New Left movement may or may not make the dean's list this year, it rates an A-plus in revolutionary exploits," Hoover wrote in the June edition of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

"The SDS and its adherents," he declared, "have rocked campuses from coast to coast with violence, riots and sabotage."

The FBI director said it has become apparent that New Left students are not on college campuses to seek education.

"Rather," he said, "this conglomerate of malcontents is engineering a drive to destroy our educational system."

Moreover, he said, the movement is being controlled more and more by "the followers of Karl Marx through the Old Left organizations of the Communist Party, USA (pro-Moscow), the Progressive Labor Party (pro-Peking) and the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyites).

"Not since the New Left came into being has the influence of Marxism-Leninism been so strong," he said.

Hoover contended "many of the criminal acts of the New Left" are committed as expressions of free speech rights guaranteed by the First Amendment.

"Corruption of the First Amendment would be a better term for such antics," he asserted. "Certainly, free speech and dissent are not synonymous with despotic destruction and force."

Accusing militants of terrorizing educational institutions, Hoover said, "Crime under the ivy-covered arches of a college campus is no more excusable than crime in our city streets."

The FBI director, who claims to have undercover FBI agents infiltrated into various New Left groups, also reported a movement is underway to centralize the splintered militant forces.

"SDS leaders know that if a revolution is to be brought about, they must inject more discipline and organization into the movement," he said. "The antidiscipline, freewheeling, individualistic, anarchistic mood of the New Left must be controlled and molded into a strong, centralized Marxist-Leninist revolutionary force."

Another issue to be resolved, Hoover said, is whether the New Left students will be able to forge an alliance with the working class in order to "bring about a revolution."

Factionalism exists with SDS ranks on whether such an alliance should be formed, Hoover said, but the "pro-Peking, pro-Moscow and Trotskyites" are in agreement that the linkage is "a mutual necessity."

And "the pro-Peking Progressive Labor Party," he said, "already has a strong beachhead inside the national SDS. On some key issues, the PLP comes close to having enough strength to swing votes in national meetings."

Hoover suggested that the conflict on whether the SDS "can promote a viable revolutionary youth program" free of foreign controls or influence will be "bitterly and hotly contested" at the SDS national convention this summer.

Meanwhile, he said, the New Left "has made it emphatically clear that mere change and revision are not its objectives.

"Armed with a long list of 'non-negotiable' demands, its immediate goal is the complete overthrow and control of our educational system. We all know what its ultimate goal is."

Hoover, in an apparent reference to college administrators, took issue with compromise as the way to resolve campus disputes.

"Concessions and appeasements will not satisfy those bent on anarchy and nihilism," he said. "America should take note before it is too late."

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