

HOOVER DEPLORES ATTACKS ON POLICE

Declares Extremists Killed
7 in Over 100 Assaults

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—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that black extremists fomenting racial turmoil killed at least seven policemen in the last six months in more than 100 attacks.

Many of the attacks were "unprovoked and nothing more than planned ambushes," he said.

"Extremist all-Negro, hate-type organizations, such as the Black Panther party, continued to fan the flames of riot and revolution during 1969," Mr. Hoover said in a year-end summary of the bureau's operations.

"Many of these groups, whose leaders preach violence and hatred of the white race, have been involved in shootouts with local police," he said.

The director said that the attacks, in which 120 law enforcement officers were wounded, were in sharp contrast to "the large-scale riots of previous years."

Black Panther leaders contend that the police have killed 19 party members since March, 1968, including the Illinois Panther chairman, Fred Hampton, one of two party leaders shot to death Dec. 4 in a police raid on a Chicago West Side apartment.

The Justice Department announced in mid-December that a Federal investigation of the Chicago incident would be made by a special grand jury and a team of Government lawyers headed by Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard.

Student Unrest Cited

Mr. Hoover, who became 75 years old yesterday, also warned today that the American way of life was being increasingly threatened by a barrage of "unbridled vulgarity, obscenity, blasphemy, perversion and public desecration of our cherished ideals and symbols."

In a monthly message published in the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin, Mr. Hoover said that "immorality is becoming more of the rule than the exception" because, "in the face of these perplexing conditions, many citizens are practically moral cowards." He called on all Americans to "hold the line on decency" and not to "let depravity and degeneracy corrupt our populace."

In his year-end report on bureau operations, Mr. Hoover said that campus unrest reached "new heights" in the 1968-'69 academic year despite a split in the ranks of Students for a Democratic Society, which he termed "the main thrust of the New Left movement."

The bureau director said that there had been demonstrations on more than 225 college campuses, with 61 incidents of arson and bombing. In the disorders, he said, more than 4,000 persons were arrested and nearly 200 buildings were seized or were the targets of sit-ins. Known damage to facilities totaled at least \$3-million, he said.

Mr. Hoover said that the bureau's campaign against organized crime "moved into high gear" in 1969. As a result of "hard-hitting penetrative investigations, added manpower and new legislation," he said, more than 370 hoodlums and gambling and vice figures were convicted in the Federal courts during the year and "nearly a quarter of the underworld's top leaders were awaiting trial" at the year's end.