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FBI Report

Hoover Accuses New Left of Marked Change

Washington

FBI Director J. Edgar his 75th birthday. Hoover suggested yester-day that New Left and militant black groups are "encouraged and inflamed from without" in a violent campaign against the Gov-

Panther party of ambushing tain its position as the most policemen, and he sought to link the huge anti-war rally here last November 15 with "international Communist elements.'

The charges came in Hoover's report on FBI opera-tions during 1969. It was is-

sued one day after the longtime FBI director marked

Assailing what he called the New Left movement, Hoover said: "America today is struggling with forces from within, encouraged and inflamed by forces from without, as it strives to reprogressive, civilized nation in the world."

The movement underwent a marked change during the past year, he said, and many groups now advocate violent revolution.

Hoover blamed New Left

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J. EDGAR HOOVER 'Inflamed from without'

groups and particularly the Students for a Democrațic Society, for violence on college campuses during the year. He said there have been 16 incidents of arson on campuses, two bombings and more than 350 arrests since last September.

COMMUNISTS

Turning to the U.S. Communist party. Hoover said its 50th anniversary celebration during 1939 was "a muted one which befitted the curhe said the fortunes of the U.S. Communist organization are now on the upswing.

"While all the problems facing party leadership have not been eliminated. the elimination of factionalism within the party is seen as a strong indication that many other problems will be solved," he said. other

Hower suggested the party will allempt to expand its influence in the anti-war movement through Arnold Johnson, its public relations director and a member of the executive committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

INTERNATIONAL

Besides Johnson, he said, a number of members of the New Mobilization's steering committee "are, or have been, affiliated with old-line Communist groups, and they are coordinating their activities with international Communist elements."

He added that "it was neither by accident nor coincidence that the November 15 demonstrations sponsored by the New Mobilization were accompanied by "anti-U.S. demonstrations in other countries throughout the world on the same day.

Releasing figures showing more than 100 attacks on police by black extremists in the past six months. Hoover said "extremist, all-Negro, hate-type organizations, such as the Black Panther party, continued to fan the flames of riot and revolution during

CASUALTIES

He listed seven police officers killed and more than 120 injured during the confrontations, but gave no figures on the number of casualties among the militant Negroes.

For their part, Black Panther leaders claim police have killed 28 party members since March, 1968, in-cluding Illinois Panther chairman Fred Hampton. one of two party leaders shot to death December 4 during a police raid on a Chicago west side apartment.

Panther party leaders have also charged that the Government has embarked on a deliberate program of genocide against the black militant organization.

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

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