

'Bad Influences'

Hoover Assails Weathermen, Black Panthers

Washington

The Weatherman faction of Students for Democratic Society now stands "as a principal force guiding the country's violence-prone young militants," FBI director J. Edgar Hoover asserted yesterday.

Hoover said the Weatherman faction, a splinter group of SDS, was during the last year "in the forefront of much of violent activity deliberately calculated to provoke violent confrontations."

Presenting the FBI's report on activities in the fiscal year ended June 30, Hoover directed some of his sharpest criticism at the Black Panther party, which he said "continued to be the most dangerous and violence-prone of all extremist groups."

SUPPORT

He decried financial support by some white liberals of the militant black organization "despite its record of hate, violence and subversion."

Hoover said the Panthers and the Weathermen could be blamed for much of the turmoil on the nation's campuses and in its major cities during the past year.

The FBI director cited as an example of Weatherman violence the group's activities in Chicago last October 8-11, for which 12 of the group's leaders are under indictment of federal charges of crossing state lines to incite a riot.

ROCKS

"The following month," Hoover said, "they were in Washington, D.C., protesting the Vietnam war by hurling rocks, sticks and bottles at the Department of Justice Building and leading screaming hordes through Washington's business section, causing severe damage to buildings and automobiles."

In the seven months since

then, Hoover said, Weatherman members dedicated themselves to urban guerrilla warfare, have taken intensive self-instruction in the use of guns and bombs while their leaders have gone underground to escape prosecution.

Of 12 Weatherman leaders indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago, April 2, only one, 22-year-old Miss Linda Sue Evans, has been arrested, the FBI said.

GROUPS

Hoover said the past 12 months was marked by "an increased emphasis on terrorism by many groups," foremost among them the Black Panthers.

Hoover said funds donated to the Panthers have allowed "its representatives to travel freely and make frequent public appearances at colleges, universities and even secondary schools. In this way, they are able to spread their doctrine of hate and revolution and further aggravate the volatile situation on our campuses."

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