

Bay Priest Says Hoover Should Quit

The priest-editor of the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Oakland has called for the resignation of FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Monsignor Francis A. Maurovich, in an editorial published in *The Catholic Voice*, said Hoover "ought to retire now before his brilliant career of service to his country is further clouded by suspicions of self-aggrandizement."

AIDE

Bishop Floyd Begin of the Diocese of Oakland was no available yesterday for comment on the editorial. An aide said he had received no inquiries concerning it.

The editorial continued as follows:

"If voluntary retirement does not seem imminent, the President should step into the picture and ask for his retirement for the sake of the country and for the sake of the man himself.

"Before any legal charges are made, Hoover's dropping of names, connected with an alleged bombing and kidnap plot, at a Senate hearing to justify his request for more FBI funds was clearly a violation of professional integrity.

"It appears to me that Hoover, embarrassed by the antics of the Berrigans who eluded the FBI for months, is trying to vindicate his department and at the same time put a lid on the peace movement or at least stifle the large participation of priests and nuns in it."

PRIESTS

The Berrigans are the pacifist priests, the Revs. Daniel and Philip Berrigan, now in jail for burning draft records in Catonsville, Md., a suburb of Baltimore.

"I have never been a great rooter for the Berrigan brothers," Monsignor Maurovich wrote. "Draft card burning just does not appeal to me as an effective way of convincing American people that U.S. involvement in Vietnam is immoral. . . But J. Edgar Hoover has made a Berrigan rooter out of me."