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President Nixon and J. Edgar Hoover at FBI Academy graduation

## 'Permissiveness' Is Ending

### Letter of the Law

#### Washington

President Nixon said yesterday "the era of permissiveness with regard to enforcement of the law is at an end in the United States."

Speaking at FBI National Academy graduation exercises, Mr. Nixon also said that while FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover may be controversial "the great majority of the American people back Mr. Hoover and back law enforcement officials."

Having known Hoover for the past

24 years, Nixon said, "I can say from experience that he is a man who has never served a party. He has always served his country and he deserves credit for that."

Returning to the stiff law and order stance that he embraced as a presidential candidate, Mr. Nixon pledged administration support to law enforcement officials "in their attempt to re-establish respect for the law."

Associated Press