

## HOOVER SAYS TAPS GAIN CONVICTIONS

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F.B.I. Chief Asserts Use of  
Devices Jail Gangsters  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director of  
the Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, said today that convic-  
tion of gangsters had increased  
and much of the credit had to  
be given to evidence gleaned  
from electronic surveillance de-  
vices.

"These devices have been in-  
creasingly valuable in penetrat-  
ing these complex, tightly knit  
conspiracies involving intricate  
security precautions, and most  
of the 1,200 arrests under the  
Organized Crime Control Act  
were made possible by them,"  
Mr. Hoover said.

He said that convictions in  
the field of organized crime  
rose from 468 in 1970 to more  
than 650 in 1971 and added,  
"Much of the credit for these  
gains should go to court-ap-  
proved electronic surveillance  
devices provided for in recent  
legislation." He made his re-  
marks in the bureau's annual

year-end report on its activ-  
ities.

Mr. Hoover said cases against  
2,200 other gambling and rack-  
eteering figures were in various  
stages of prosecution.

In other cases, the bureau's  
director said the Weatherman  
organization, while continuing  
to engage in acts of extreme  
violence, at present appears to  
have narrowed down to a hard-  
core membership.

He said that two of the lead-  
ing forces in the antiwar move-  
ment in the United States had  
been infiltrated or dominated  
by the Communist party.

These were identified in the  
report as the People's Coalition  
for Peace and Justice and the  
National Peace Action Coalition.

"The P.C.P.J., infiltrated by  
the Communist party, U.S.A.  
called for the demonstration in  
Washington, D.C., in May, 1971,  
which was designed to shut  
down the U.S. Government,"  
the F.B.I. report said.

The report also said that the  
National Peace Action Coalition  
"is dominated by the Commu-  
nist Socialist Workers party and  
its youth group, the Young So-  
cialist Alliance."

The two organizations called  
for a massive demonstration in  
the nation's capital in April, the  
report said, adding that the  
demonstration was peaceful and  
drew an estimated 200,000 par-  
ticipants.