

## A Claim FBI

Fanned War  
Among Blacks

Los Angeles

The FBI encouraged warfare between black groups in California in 1969, according to a Senate intelligence committee memo disclosed in separate stories yesterday by the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union.

The Union said FBI involvement in provoking hostilities that led to four killings and four woundings was revealed in a 1200-page bureau report recently turned over to the Select Senate Committee on Intelligence.

From January to August of that year, FBI agents in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, at the direction of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, were instructed to pit members of the Black Panther party against a group known as US, the Union said.

The two organizations were classified in an FBI counterintelligence program as militant "hate groups," the paper said.

At Black Panther party headquarters in Oakland, spokesman David G. Du Bois said the party had "consistently maintained that the FBI was involved during that period. The Senate documents just confirm this."

A source connected with the Senate committee told the Union that one technique used by the FBI to cause friction between Panther and US members in San Diego was the drawing and distribution of bogus cartoon posters attributed to US showing the Panthers as corrupt.

The San Diego posters were approved by Hoover's office and distributed by FBI agents and informants, the paper said.

The Union said that throughout the summer of 1969, during which four persons were killed and four wounded in strife between the black groups, the

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posters continued to appear on walls and telephone poles.

The Union quoted an FBI memo sent to Washington on Sylvester Bell, one Black Panther who was shot to death, as saying: "In view of the recent death of Black Panther party member Sylvester Bell, a new cartoon is being considered in the hopes it will assist in the continuance of the rift between the Panthers and US."

The Union also quoted a similar Sept. 18, 1969, three-page memo as stating: "Shootings, beatings and a high degree of unrest continues to prevail in the ghetto area of southeast San Diego. Although no specific counter-intelligence action can be accredited with contributing to this over-all situation, it is felt that a substantial amount of the unrest is directly attributable to this program."

James B. Adams, deputy associate FBI director, told the Los Angeles Times that the purpose of the federal agency was never to promote violence.

"We are not trying to get people to kill each other, but to disrupt these groups, to reduce their effectiveness," Adams said.

The Senate committee source told the Union that during 1969 the FBI was also conducting a campaign in San Diego and San Francisco to discredit a Black Panther program of free meals for ghetto children.

Spencer Davis, a spokesman for the Senate committee, told the Union that the Los Angeles FBI office sponsored activities against local Panther and US members that resulted in threatening phone calls, fire-bombings of Panther and US headquarters, beatings and shootings among feuding blacks.

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