

FBI Steps Up Fight On Red China Spies

Hoover Combats Peking

WASHINGTON — (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover has told Congress the FBI expects to step up its efforts to combat Communist Chinese "intelligence-gathering and revolution-inspiring activities" in the United States.

The FBI director said Peking considers the United States "its chief enemy."

Hoover made the statement to a closed Senate hearing three weeks before President Nixon announced plans to go to the People's Republic of China as a step toward normalization of relations.

Testimony Today

The director's statement was released yesterday as the Senate acted on a bill

that includes FBI appropriations. A spokesman said Hoover would have no comment.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee planned to hear testimony today on U.S. relations with China, a session certain to produce criticism of the journey Nixon plans before next May 1.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, the Democratic leader, and Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott said Nixon had asked for restraint in Congress in discussions of his planned journey to China.

Restraint

"The President will have to walk very carefully and the Congress will have to act very responsibly so that there will be no slip between the cup and the lip which would in any way hinder the coming meeting," Mansfield said.

"I don't think the President is trying to muzzle anybody at all," said Scott. "He is simply stating the momen-

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tous nature of the occasion and the necessity for restraint."

Hoover, in testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the FBI budget, volunteered his written statement on Communist China.

"Red China continues to regard the United States as its chief enemy and is forging ahead with its intelligence-gathering and revolution-inspiring activities against the United States," Hoover said.

Intelligence

"Chinese Communists carry out their intelligence activities through representatives in third countries and contacts with sympathetic Chinese-Americans.

"The large number of Chinese entering this country as immigrants provides Red China with a channel to dispatch to the United States undercover agents on intelligence assignments . . .

"Our work in Chinese Communist matters is expected to increase substantially."

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