

F.B.I. Aide Says Unrest in U.S. Is Not Caused by Communists

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Oct. 12 (UPI) — A high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today that the Communist party "is not in any way causing or directing or controlling the unrest we suffer today in the racial field and in the academic community."

William C. Sullivan, top assistant to the F.B.I. director, J. Edgar Hoover, said that Communists "do attempt to exploit troubled situations" wherever they can. But he said "the Communist party today is not nearly as extensive or effective as it was a number of years ago."

Mr. Sullivan, addressing the 1970 United Press International editors and publishers conference, said the United States would be having problems from student dissent and racial tension "to a great or lesser extent if the Communist party in this country didn't exist at all."

"Now, on the other side of the coin," he continued, "we do have many of these students — some of their professors support them — espousing their own particular interpretation of Marx. And they openly proclaim their Marxism."

"Some go so far as to add Leninism. There are others who embrace Trotskyite interpretation of Communist ideology generally and Marxism particularly. There are those who accept the Chinese version."

No Conspiracy Found

He said, however, that there was no evidence that any one group of people or any single nationwide conspiracy was behind disorders on the campus or in the ghettos.

Mr. Sullivan made the statements in reply to a question. In his prepared speech, he said the Weatherman faction of Students for a Democratic Society had ordered its members to go underground and form commando-type units and wage urban guerrilla warfare in an effort to overthrow the United States Government.

He said the F.B.I. had information that the Weatherman and other "anarchistic groups" may try to kidnap United States Government officials while they are campaigning this fall or to kidnap foreign heads of state attending the 25th anniversary of the United Nations in New York this month.

He omitted this portion of his speech in delivery.

College Heads Blamed

The editors and publishers also heard a debate between Kingman Brewster Jr., president of Yale University, and James J. Kilpatrick, the conservative columnist, over the responsibility for campus disorders.

Mr. Kilpatrick said the primary blame must be placed upon "spineless college presidents and administrators and radical-liberal professors who encourage students to engage in violence."

The President's Commission

on Campus Unrest, he added, made a "preposterous" attempt to "pass the buck to President Nixon" by saying he should take the lead in overcoming student alienation.

Mr. Brewster agreed that university administrators must use their utmost powers of persuasion and discipline if necessary to maintain order on the campus. But he said it should not be done in a high-handed way that will "drive moderate students into the hands of destructive radicals."

The Yale president, whose campus has not experienced any serious outbreak of violence, said he regarded the commission report as "an admirable effort to suggest things we all can do about these problems without laying blame or finding scapegoats."