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'Wide Surveillance'

## McGovern Assails Hoover, FBI Again

### Washington

Senator George S. McGovern (Dem-S.D.) said yesterday he believes the FBI has under surveillance "virtually every political figure, every student activist, every leader for peace and social justice" in the Nation.

McGovern, a Democratic presidential hopeful, made a strong new attack on the FBI and director J. Edgar Hoover. He charged that President Nixon is afraid to remove the 76-year-old Hoover even though "he has become irresponsible."

### SPEECH

"The obvious truth is that Mr. Hoover is retained in office not out of a sense of confidence, but out of fear," McGovern said. "Out of political fear that the administration cannot afford to remove this 'sacred cow' from the public scene."

McGovern's fresh criticism of Hoover came in a

speech at Lewis-St. Francis College in Lockport, Ill. He said documents stolen from an FBI office at Media, Pa., showed that FBI surveillance is widespread.

McGovern referred to some of the documents — copies of which were sent anonymously to certain newspapers and portions of which which were published — as resending "clear evidence" of FBI spying on citizens "whose only crime seems to be a social conscience that moves them to social action."

House Democratic whip Hale Boggs, of Louisiana, who triggered the round of heated controversy over Hoover and the FBI, reserved an hour of time on the house floor Thursday for a speech amplifying his claim that the FBI tapped congressmen's telephones. Boggs declined to tell reporters yesterday what he intended to say.

Republican national chairman Robert J. Dole, a Kansas senator, defended the FBI and Hoover before GOP governors in Williamsburg, Va., saying Senator Edmund S. Muskie (Dem-Me.), and other critics of the agency were making "a concerted and deliberate effort" to downgrade it into "an American version of the gestapo."

### CRITIC

On the house floor, a former FBI agent, Representative Samuel L. Devine, (Rep-Ohio), also criticized Muskie indirectly for making public names of persons Muskie said were under FBI surveillance at 1970 earth day ceremonies.

Devine said "ambitious politicians and newspapers which act as fences for stolen documents" were violating the privacy of individuals by using names."

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