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FBI Reluctantly Tells of Drop in Racial Incidents

Washington

The FBI said yesterday there were 109 racial disturbances in American cities in 1971 and 85 disorders in secondary schools during the first four months of the current school year. Incidents in both categories were down sharply from the previous year.

The FBI made public the

figures on request when they were not contained, as usual, in director J. Edgar Hoover's year-end report released yesterday. The report also omitted the usual recent reference to the number of police officers killed or injured by members of the Black Panther party.

A spokesman said one policeman was killed and seven

injured last year by persons identified as Panthers. In 1970, Hoover reported six policemen killed and 22 wounded in such incidents.

Hoover also reported last year that there were more than 140 racial disturbances in the cities and more than 160 such disorders in high schools during the first four months of the 1970-71 school year.

"One year doesn't compare to another," a spokesman said when asked why this year's report had left out such statistics. "I don't think you're supposed to take last year's report and compare it with this one. You can't include everything. One of the problems is to keep this in a workable length." He then supplied the figures for 1971.

This year's 21-page report stressed the FBI's "continuing drive on organized crime" which Hoover said led to the conviction of more than 650 gambling or racketeering figures. He said this compared to 468 in 1970.

In addition, he said cases against some 2200 other gambling and racketeering figures, including seven national syndicate leaders and a number of their top aides and lieutenants were in various stages of prosecution.

"Much of the credit for these gains should go to court-approved electronic surveillance devices provided for by recent legislation."

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