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Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Clarence Kelley said yesterday that bombings by leftwing revolutionaries were on the increase in the United States and he could not understand the lack of public outrage.

"Decent Americans were outraged over (Ku Klux) Klan bombings, beatings and killings," Kelley told a Senate internal security subcommittee. "Where is that outrage today?"

Kelley said there were 46 bombings in the first six months of this year, one more than in all of 1974, and close to double the 24 blasts claimed by or attributed to revolutionary groups in 1973.

Kelley said FBI efforts to combat terrorism have been complicated because those responsible had adopted the cell system to prevent infiltration.

"Many terrorists are expert in the use of false identification, and are able to melt into a whole subculture of communes that extends across the nation," he said.

Kelley said he found it difficult to understand why some segments of the American public give both moral and material support to terrorist groups although he acknowledged that these organizations are credited with "so-called idealism." Reuters