

# 'Dr. King a Liar'

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## Hoover Calls King 'A Liar'

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover yesterday called the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a winner of the 1964 Nobel Prize, "The most notorious liar in the country."

Hoover made his remark in an unusual three-hour briefing for Washington women reporters at the FBI office. He took issue specifically with King's claim that FBI agents would take no action on civil rights complaints because they were Southerners.

Hoover, covering a wide range of subjects, made these observations:

- The suspension by a McComb, Miss., judge of the sentences of nine men convicted of bombing and burning a church "was a scandal-

ous thing to do." The men were not young, as claimed, but ranged in age from 30 to 44.

- "Around Philadelphia, Miss., law enforcement is practically nil and many times sheriffs and deputies participate in crime."

- + "Great progress" is being made in solving the murder of three civil rights workers who were buried at a dam site near Philadelphia.

- There is police participation in crime also in several midwestern cities, Hoover said. This is one reason why he opposes a national police force. "If they (local police) could write to a central clearing house for information you can imagine what harm this would do."

- He is "in violent disagreement with the bleeding hearts who want to raise the age of juvenile delinquency to 21," Hoover said. "I believe it should be down to 16."

In this connection he said it is the responsibility of the home to set an example for young people and parents would be charged damages for the trouble their misguided offspring cause.

### JUDGES

He also opposes "bleeding heart judges" who shield juveniles who have committed major crimes, Hoover said. He added that the FBI would have known Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, had a juvenile record not been kept secret by the New York courts.

He also put justices of the supreme court in the "bleeding hearts" class for ruling that a prisoner must be arraigned within 24 hours.

Also into the "bleeding heart" bag went other judges, whom he blamed for the "disgrace" of urban crime, adding "you can't safely walk the streets of Washington, D.C., even in the daylight."

Hoover called Dr. King, leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a liar for advising Negroes not to report any civil rights violations to the Albany, Ga., FBI office because the staff members were all souther-

When he asked Dr. King to make an appointment so he could prove that four of the five men were born in the North, Hoover said, Dr. King would not make the appointment.

Then Hoover went off the record for further comments about the minister.

### SOUTH

Over and over the FBI director emphasized that it is not his agency's business to guard anyone. This, he said, includes protecting the President and "wet-nursing" those "who go down to reform the South."

Hoover said there is "not a scintilla" of jealousy between his organization and the Secret Service. "The Secret Service is hopelessly ill-equipped and undermanned to do the job it is expected to do, but I have enough headaches of my own."

The Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy was "unfair and unjust" in its criticism of the FBI for restricting its activities in behalf of internal security, Hoover said. He called it a "classic piece of Monday morning quarterbacking."

### 'KOOKS'

Now, he said, his office is turning over to the Secret Service the names of "thousands of beatniks, crackpots and kooks."

He said in New York City alone 7000 persons would have to be taken out of circulation every time the President made a public appear-

ance if it were deemed necessary to remove "every individual who might threaten the safety of the President."

Hoover said of the John Birch Society:

"We have never investigated the society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities. I have no respect for the head of the society, Robert Welch."