

FBI Chief Says 'Teen at Fault'

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said yesterday the "fool-hardy" theory that society is to blame for young people's troubles is one major reason why some youths' morals are near animal level.

Hoover said in a message in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin that stiffer penalties for teen-age criminals would help reduce rioting at resort cities and street assaults.

"Young thugs and teen-age criminals may be pressing their luck by increasing their violent escapades while blaming society for their faults," he said.

"It appears that the public is beginning to gag on the

steady sociological diet of excusing the conduct of teen-age hoodlums because 'society has failed them.'"

"Of all the factors involved, I am convinced one of the most damaging is the false teaching which tends to blame society for all the frustrations, woes, and inconveniences, real and imaginary, visited upon our young people.