

Hoover Links Reds To Antiwar Drives; Cites Campus Role

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—J. Edgar Hoover said today that the Communist party had played an "ever-increasing role in generating opposition to the United States position in Vietnam."

In a report to Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach on last year's activities, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed party actions suggesting that "this organization is still a force to be reckoned with."

In line with the party's plan to "take advantage of the upsurge in 'radicalism' among American youth," party leaders are stepping up their efforts to reach students through college speeches, he said.

Mr. Hoover said the party was using the W.E.B. DeBois Club as a "front" for its penetration of college campuses. He said the party had attempted to bolster its youth membership through a training session in June, 1965, at Camp Midvale, N. J., and another meeting "under secret conditions" on an Indiana farm last September.

Mr. Hoover said the party and other subversive groups had "supported and participated in" demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. He singled out the student march on Washington last April 17; the Washington Summer Action Project in August; the nationwide International Days of Protest Oct. 15 and 16; the March on Washington for Peace in Vietnam Nov. 27 and the National Antiwar Convention in Washington Nov. 25 to 28.

Mr. Hoover quoted Communist party officials as having said that membership had jumped by 1,000 or 2,000 above its 10,000 total of a year ago. He also quoted a party official's statement that the Supreme Court decision of Nov. 15, which said party members could refuse to register with the Government on self-incrimination grounds, had led to a rush for information and membership.

Mr. Hoover said the 12,640 convictions in bureau cases involved more than \$250-million in fines. He cited the F.B.I.'s work in apprehending persons accused of Ku Klux Klan activity, and said agents were expanding their civil rights role by conducting detailed investigations in connection with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.