

AUTHOR EXPELLED BY F.B.I. SOCIETY

Former Agents Term Book
on Bureau 'Detrimental'

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The author of "Inside the FBI," which gives an unflattering description of J. Edgar Hoover, was expelled yesterday from the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The society's executive committee expelled Norman T. Ollestad, a 32-year-old West Coast attorney, for writing a book "detrimental to the good name or best interests of the society."

The society is a nationwide organization with 4,900 to 5,000 members, according to its president, Francis A. Regan, a Chicago accountant.

Publisher Backs Author

In ending his membership, the executive committee said that Mr. Ollestad had failed to appear at its session at the Statler Hilton Hotel yesterday to offer "explanation or defense."

Mr. Ollestad's publisher, Lyle Stuart, said the author had decided "it would be a waste of time" to come to New York.

He said Mr. Ollestad had asked the society to explain its charges against him, but was told only that he "wrote the thing."

Mr. Stuart said the society was incensed because the book, which was published last month, was critical of the bureau and damaged the "image" of its director, Mr. Hoover.

The book also touches on wiretapping. Mr. Hoover has maintained that wiretapping was approved by Robert F. Kennedy when he was Attorney General. Mr. Kennedy has denied it.

Mr. Ollestad writes that Justice Department clerks knew the F.B.I. was tapping lines in the department, but what Mr. Kennedy did not.

The book says:

"One day the director himself was reported to have overheard the brand new Attorney General saying that "... J. Edgar Hoover was too damned old to run the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the nineteen-sixties."

Mr. Ollestad writes that Mr. Kennedy sought to exercise his privileges as Mr. Hoover's Superior but that on one occasion Mr. Hoover ignored two calls from Mr. Kennedy and ap-

peared in his office only when he was "ordered."

Mr. Ollestad also describes the instructions he says new agents received about conforming to Mr. Hoover's tastes.

"The director doesn't like bald-headed agents. They destroy our image... The director doesn't like mustaches either, so don't leave anything lying around on your face," the book says.

"Occasionally, the director enjoys standing on a little box when he greets people in his office," new agents were told, according to Mr. Ollestad. He says they then were told not to look at the floor when meeting Mr. Hoover.

Society Declines Comment

Mr. Regan declined to discuss the book or the charges by the society against the author.

However, he denied an assertion by the publisher that the expulsion of Mr. Ollestad was first talked about at a meeting of society members at Disneyland. "Not true," he said.

He also would not talk about

the possible economic losses to Mr. Ollestad that might follow his expulsion. The publisher had said there were "patronage benefits" involved in membership in the society since members sometimes referred legal clients to one another.

The national offices of the society at the Statler-Hilton are in a suite with a prominently displayed bronze head of Mr. Hoover on a pedestal flanked by two globular yellow lamps.

Mr. Hoover celebrates his 50th anniversary with The Justice Department today.