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WASHINGTON AP - FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Sunday "police watchers and self-styled law enforcement reformers" have no place in American society.

"Their altruistic mouthings are a front and a sham, for they have already prejudged law enforcement as an enemy to their nihilistic cause," Hoover said in the June issue of the monthly FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

"Their real objective," said Hoover, "is to intimidate and harass police."

Although the aging director did not identify specific groups, he made it clear he referred to the civilian police review boards that have been established in a number of major cities.

"Groups have been established to gain 'community control' over police departments," he said. "Some, receiving financial support from well-meaning but mislead organizations, have set up 'police watching' programs."

Changes in police techniques suggested by such groups have ranged from establishing indigenous police forces in city ghettos to using specially trained, unarmed forces in civil demonstrations, Hoover said.

"If these ideas and techniques seem half-baked, it is because they are," he said.

"Our system of government provides adequate and proper safeguards for remedial action against indiscretions of policemen," Hoover said.

"Certainly, we do not need to resort to sidewalk kangaroo courts made up of militants and malcontents who cannot even discipline themselves."

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