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Hoover Notes a Drop in School Racial Disorders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UPI) —J. Edgar Hoover said today that racial disorders, attacks on policemen and subversive activities continued to be a threat to the country in 1970, but he noted a decline in racial incidents in schools.

The observations of the director of the Federal Bureau of investigation were included in his 1970 annual report, which had little of the rhetoric and tone of impending trouble of Mr. Hoover's testimony two months ago when he asked Congress for money for an additional 1,000 agents.

The report noted but did not dwell on the Black Panther party and the radical new left, as have recent past reports. It did not mention the alleged plot to kidnap a White House official, outlined by Mr. Hoover in Congressional testimony.

Mr. Hoover said that racial disorders in 1970 had not reached the level of the riots of the nineteen-sixties. He also said the number of racial disorders in secondary schools declined from 299 in the first four months of the 1969-70 school year to 160 during the same period this school year.

But "the number of incidents of racial disorder that did occur in our cities and in secondary schools, along with the

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many unwarranted attacks on police, strongly indicated we are far from the realization of racial harmony in the nation," he said.

Mr. Hoover said that persons identifying themselves as Black Panthers were responsible for the deaths of six police officers and the wounding of 22 others, a "marked increase" from the previous two years when five were killed and 42 wounded.

Organized Crime Cited

The report led off with a five-page recitation of F.B.I. accomplishments against organized crime. He said bureau investigations in 1970 resulted in 468 convictions of persons involved in organized crime, with 1,200 other cases pending. He said that nine of the top bosses of the two dozen criminal syndicates were arrested.

The Panthers got a page and a half in the 25-page report, about the same as the Weathermen and the National Coalition against War, Racism and Repression.

During testimony Nov. 19 to a House Appropriations sub-

committee, Mr. Hoover warned that two imprisoned Roman Catholic priests, Fathers Philip and Daniel Berrigan were the principal leaders of a group plotting to kidnap a high White House official, subsequently identified as Henry A. Kissinger.

But the report made no mention of the Berrigans or the so-called "East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives."

Mr. Hoover described the Berrigan brothers' alleged activities to the subcommittee, which was considering President Nixon's \$14.1-million budget request to give Mr. Hoover 1,000 more agents, 702 additional support personnel and related equipment.

Congress approved all the money, preserving Mr. Hoover's enviable record of never having been denied a budget request. However, he was severely criticized by a few members for attacking the priests.

The report, issued in the name of Attorney General John N. Mitchell, said, "F.B.I. accomplishments in 1970 reached new highs in nearly all areas."

But, Mr. Hoover cautioned, "Law enforcement cannot afford to look back for long on past accomplishments but must look ahead and seek new ways to meet old challenges."