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## JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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Death claimed John Edgar Hoover, 77-year-old director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at his Washington, D.C., home on May 2, 1972. Cause of death was listed as an apparent heart attack. Thus ended a 48-year tenure as director of what has become the foremost law enforcement agency in the world. During this time, Mr. Hoover served under eight Presidents and sixteen Attorneys General. Today, the FBI stands as an enduring monument to this singularly gifted American.

Significant is the fact that Mr. Hoover died on the same day and month as Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin.

In his position as FBI Director, Mr. Hoover was required to deal with the sordid side of our society; directing the daily fight against America's twin enemies—communism and crime.

However, as a Christian, Mr. Hoover found strength and solace in Christ:

"For me Jesus is a living reality. He is truly man's hope for joy and salvation. No matter what problems confront me, I know that I can count on our Redeemer for strength and courage."

As a consequence of this belief in the Redeemer and his Word, Mr. Hoover was sincerely distressed with the erosion of the moral fibre of our country:

"An attitude of permissiveness is becoming more and more evident in our society today, leading to the progressive relaxing and discarding of all forms of restraint and discipline. This attitude has actually been fostered and, in effect, promoted by too many educators, sociologists, clergymen, public officials and parents."

Terming Communism "—the scourge of

our generation—" Director Hoover frankly warned that the Christian pulpit was the prime target of Communism:

"No assignment is more strategic in the Communist world today than the disruption of the church of God, both within and outside the Iron Curtain. . . .

"The Communists realize that unless the Christian pulpit, that mighty fortress of God, is liquidated pitilessly, mercilessly, finally, the very existence of Communism itself stands in jeopardy."

Time and time again Mr. Hoover voiced apprehension at the communist penetration of certain segments of our society:

"I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority, and sabotage our revered Constitution."

Of course, Director Hoover also provided a course of action to counter the threat of communism:

"What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to communism is vigorous intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance."

As director of the FBI, John Edgar Hoover epitomized the maxim "Eternal Vigilance Is Forever The Price Of Freedom."

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tional Convention. I decided at once to send each individual member of A.D.A. a letter about why I am seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, and how you can help."

In his letter, McGovern also wrote:

"I believe the American people are ready to turn away from Vietnam thinking if they are given leadership whose judgment they can respect and whose word they can believe."

What kind of leadership might George McGovern provide? What about his judgment? In May 1969, the World Council of Churches' first consultation on world racism urged that:

"All else failing the church and churches support resistance movements, including revolutions, which are aimed at the elimination of political or economic tyranny which makes racism possible."

Senator McGovern, who was chairman of this conference has been endorsed by Yippie revolutionaries Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman. Rubin is quoted as stating that McGovern is "the last chance for the electoral system in this country."

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#### IS YOUR CHURCH A MEMBER OF THE NCC?

If you are in a church which belongs to a denomination which is a member of the National Council of Churches, you should know just how much money is being given by your denomination to the General Budget of the NCC. These figures are hard to come by, as the NCC does not print them in their Triennial Report anymore; but the Church League of America, through persistence, has obtained the latest. Here they are:

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

March 6, 1972

Contributions from Member Communions in 1971

(Subject to Audit)

African Methodist Episcopal	\$	17,173
African Methodist Episcopal Zion		10,007
American Baptist Convention		258,039
Antiochian Orthodox—New York		—
Antiochian Orthodox—Toledo		200
Armenian		1,250
Brethren		94,731
Christian (Disciples)		468,450
Christian Methodist Episcopal		6,220
Episcopal		432,375
Friends United Meeting		4,539
Greek Orthodox		3,750
Hungarian Reformed		300
Lutheran Church in America		365,858
Moravian		7,733
National Baptist—America		5,100
National Baptist—U.S.A., Inc.		6,815

Orthodox Church in America	500
Patriarchal Parishes	400
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	3,125
Polish National Catholic	250
Presbyterian, U.S.	527,902
Progressive National Baptist	3,200
Reformed	224,689
Romanian Orthodox	725
Serbian Orthodox	—
Seventh Day Baptist	2,475
Swedenborgian	1,430
Syrian Orthodox	—
Ukrainian Orthodox	—
United Church of Christ	1,147,549
United Methodist	2,535,674
United Presbyterian	2,020,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,150,640</b>

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#### J. IRWIN MILLER GIVES AWAY MONEY

The former president of the National Council of Churches, J. Irwin Miller, makes his money by producing diesel engines in Columbus, Indiana. Profits from his engine business also go into the Cummins Engine Foundation. Mr. Miller is a Modernist in theology and a liberal in politics.

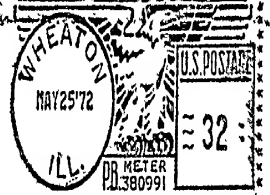
Here are some of the grants made by his foundation in 1970 (the 1971 Report is in the process of being printed):

American Friends Service Committee	\$	4,000.00
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio		4,000.00
Black Academy of Arts		500.00
Black Economic Research Center		5,000.00
Black Youth Organization, Newark, N.J.		1,500.00
Committee for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ		33,315.00
Black P Stone National Legal Defense Project		1,000.00
Malcolm X Liberation University		34,000.00
Friends of the World Council of Churches		1,700.00
Garfield Organization, Chicago		3,300.00
Harvard University		5,000.00
Institute of the Black World		25,000.00
Indiana Council of Churches		1,000.00
Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)		5,500.00
Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO)		10,500.00
Law Students Civil Rights Research Committee		1,500.00
Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade		44,400.00
Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Center		55,000.00
National Council of Churches		65,000.00
Organization for a Better Austin, Chicago		2,000.00
Conference for Black Workers Organizing Conference		2,000.00
Urban Coalition		25,000.00
Liberation Press		384.72
<i>Biblical Christianity</i>		00,000.00
<i>Biblical Missions</i>		00,000.00
<b>Total given away:</b>		<b>\$1,318,063.00</b>

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