

G-Men Seize Pair Accused Of Libeling Gen. MacArthur

T-H File
LOS ANGELES, March 31 (U.P.).—Robert Noble and Ellis O. Jones tonight were taken into custody by Federal agents on charges a few hours after they had been accused by the district attorney's office of criminally libeling Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The two men were brought to the county jail for booking by FBI agents while district attorney's investigators were seeking them on warrants charging them with defaming the Allied defense commander of the Pacific area.

Federal agents reported they had kept Noble under surveillance for some time, covering his "Friends of Progress" meetings and checking upon his activities in general.

It was the second time that Noble and Jones had been charged

by Federal authorities with sedition. The complaint charged those named with conspiracy to "impair the honesty and integrity" of General MacArthur and thereby "expose him to public contempt and ridicule."

A pamphlet, issued by Noble and Jones, charged the defender of Bataan with "deserting" his troops and "fleeing to Australia."