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'FILTHY SPEECH' HIT BY HOOVER

Campus Movements, Play
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WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has assailed organizers of campus filthy-speech movements and the author of the play "MacBird!", asserting they are "determined to destroy all acceptable standards of personal conduct and sane behavior."

Hoover fired his broadside in a foreword of the FBI's monthly which is distributed free to about 57,000 law enforcement officials.

Small but vocal groups, Hoover said, "seem bent on eliminating all ethical practices relating to our established order."

He said the nation "cannot live with lawlessness, unbridled vulgarity, obscenity, blasphemy, perversion and public desecration of every sacred and just symbol."

In an obvious reference to Barbara Garson's off-Broadway production of "MacBird!" Hoover said: "We should be alarmed when widespread recognition and monetary awards go to a person who writes a 'satirical' piece of trash which maliciously defames the President of our country and insinu-

ates he murdered his predecessor."

Hoover scored "some groups, (who) under the guise of academic freedom and constitutional privilege, flood our college campuses with obscene four-letter-word campaigns and pornographic publications which violate all codes of ethics."

He said the overwhelming majority of "Americans do not want their families exposed to indecent, immoral and unlawful practices," but "unorganized protesters carry little weight against organized crusaders of filth, immorality and crime."