

HOOVER ASSAILS 'MACBIRD!' AUTHOR

Also Denounces Organizers
of Filthy-Speech Drives

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, the F. B. I. Director, has assailed organizers of campus filthy-speech movements and the author of the play "MacBird!", asserting that they were "determined to destroy all acceptable standards of personal conduct and sane behavior."

Mr. Hoover made his attack in a foreword to the Federal Bureau of Investigation monthly Law Enforcement Bulletin, which is distributed free to 57,000 law enforcement officials.

Small but vocal groups, he 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!" Mr. 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 insinuates he murdered his predecessor."

Mr. 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 urged Americans to stop deifying artists "whose ability is measured only by how they can put their poisonous pens into the pot of blasphemy, filth and falsehood."