principle determines that clauses which have no DP **object** do not contain an AgrOP projection at all (234); but clauses **which** have a DP object do contain an AgrOP, as shown in (4).

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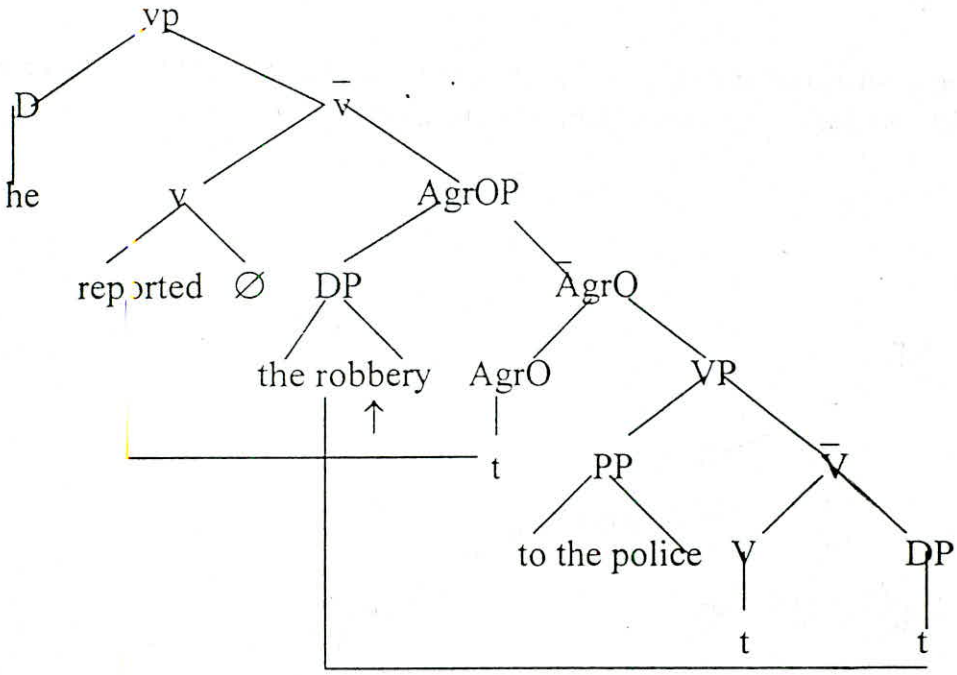

After the verb has been raised to the light verb and **the** DP object has been raised to the spec- AgrOP for the case-**checking** of its objective case, the subject DP *(He)* raises through spec- TP to spec-AgrSP to check its nominative case. This analysis **eliminates** the possibility that head-complement relations are **involved** in checking , rather a head can only check its features **against** those of its specifier. (234) Thus, in English nominative **and** objective DPs carry strong case-features, requiring them to **raise**, as shown above.