

## F.B.I. IS ACCUSED OF CAMPUS SPYING

### State Investigating Charges at Brockport College

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BROCKPORT, N.Y., March 9 —State University officials said today that they were studying charges that Federal agents had recruited or tried to recruit Brockport College faculty members to spy on other teachers and report on their political views.

Dr. Samuel B. Gould, the president of the university, and Dr. Albert W. Brown, the president of the college, which is part of the university, said they were seeking more information on the charges, which were made before two faculty organizations.

The two groups at the college of arts and sciences, which is 17 miles north of Rochester and which has 3,000 students, have endorsed resolutions attacking the alleged recruiting of faculty members by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Brockport chapter of the American Association of University Professors unanimously passed the first resolution two weeks ago. A college chaplain had reported to the chapter that a teacher told him that the teacher had been "watching and informing on" other faculty members for the F.B.I. for the last five years.

#### Second Incident Reported

The Faculty Senate, the college's 27-member policy board, endorsed the chapter's resolution four days later after hearing a professor say that F.B.I. agents asked him two years ago to spy on other teachers.

School officials, including the chaplain, the Rev. John Messerschmitt, refused today to reveal the names of the teachers who had allegedly been contacted. Neil J. Welch, agent-in-charge of the F.B.I.'s Buffalo office, declined to comment on the charges.

Both Dr. Brown and Hakira Sanbonmatsu, the president of the professors' chapter, emphasized in interviews today that Brockport officials had not been able to substantiate the alleged incidents and had based their actions on the words of the two teachers.

The resolution passed by the chapter, which represents 80 of 300 faculty members, included these words:

"The A.A.U.P. has become aware of [intelligence] activities on this campus in a manner which threatens to intimidate the faculty . . . and deplores attempts on the part of Federal intelligence agencies to encourage members of the faculty to engage in such activities on the campus."

At a closed meeting of the Faculty Senate, the same resolution was endorsed by a vote of 26-1. A professor told the Senate he was approached by

an F.B.I. agent after he had defended Administration policy during a Vietnam teach-in in April, 1965.

The professor told the Senate, according to Dr. Brown, that he had been asked to "watch and inform on" the activities of professors who attacked Administration policy during the teach-in but that he had refused.

Although the F.B.I. was mentioned at both meetings, Mr. Sanbonmatsu said, many teachers believe the C.I.A. was involved in the alleged incidents because of recent disclosures of C.I.A. links with student groups. "I know it's all unbelievable," he added, "but we believe the unbelievable."

The Brockport chapter of the State University Federation of Teachers later called on Dr. Gould to investigate the situation.