

## The F.B.I. Reconsiders

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has cleared the good name and professional record of former agent John F. Shaw by removing from his resignation the damaging official judgment that he left "with prejudice." In addition, the bureau agreed to pay Mr. Shaw \$13,000 in back wages. This vindication, apart from erasing an injustice, assumes special significance because Mr. Shaw had been the victim of personal reprisals on the part of F.B.I. director J. Edgar Hoover.

Another aspect of the case, however, remains unresolved. Mr. Shaw incurred Mr. Hoover's wrath by including some criticisms of F.B.I. management in a confidential letter written to a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where Mr. Shaw was enrolled in advanced professional courses. When the college administration rebuffed Mr. Hoover's pressures to take punitive action against the faculty member, 15 other agents were ordered to cease their studies at John Jay. The issue cannot be considered closed until the college, a highly respected unit of the City University of New York, is assured that it has been removed from what can only be described as an F.B.I. blacklist.

The question also remains how long the F.B.I. is to continue to hide behind its defensive screen of self-satisfaction without fuller analysis of the deficiencies cited by Mr. Shaw and other agents who rallied to his support.