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Brydges Plans a Probe Of Campus Viet Protests

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State Senate Majority Leader Earl Brydges said yesterday that he would ask for a legislative investigation of protests on State University campuses against the war in Viet Nam.

He made his announcement after the disclosure Friday that the public-information office of the State University at Buffalo had informed local news media of a protest by the campus's Students for a Democratic Society against the war effort.

In a statement issued in his nearby home town of Niagara Falls, Senator Brydges, the Legislature's ranking Republican, said of such campus rallies: "This kind of thing is deeper and more disturbing than the normal inclination to question the society itself."

"This campus protest," he added, "is a serious symptom, especially in a time of war."

In Albany, Dr. Harry W.



Earl W. Brydges

Samuel B. Gould could not be reached.

In Buffalo, however, Robert McVeigh, director of the campus's news bureau, said that publicity of the anti-war rally was consistent with publicity of activities of other recognized campus groups.

Senator Brydges, however, said that he was "basically against the spending of public funds for this purpose." He will ask the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education, he said, to conduct the proposed investigation.

Porter, provost of the State University, which includes some 105,000 students on 58 campuses, said he had no immediate comment on Senator Brydges' proposed investigation.

"I don't know anything about it," he said. President