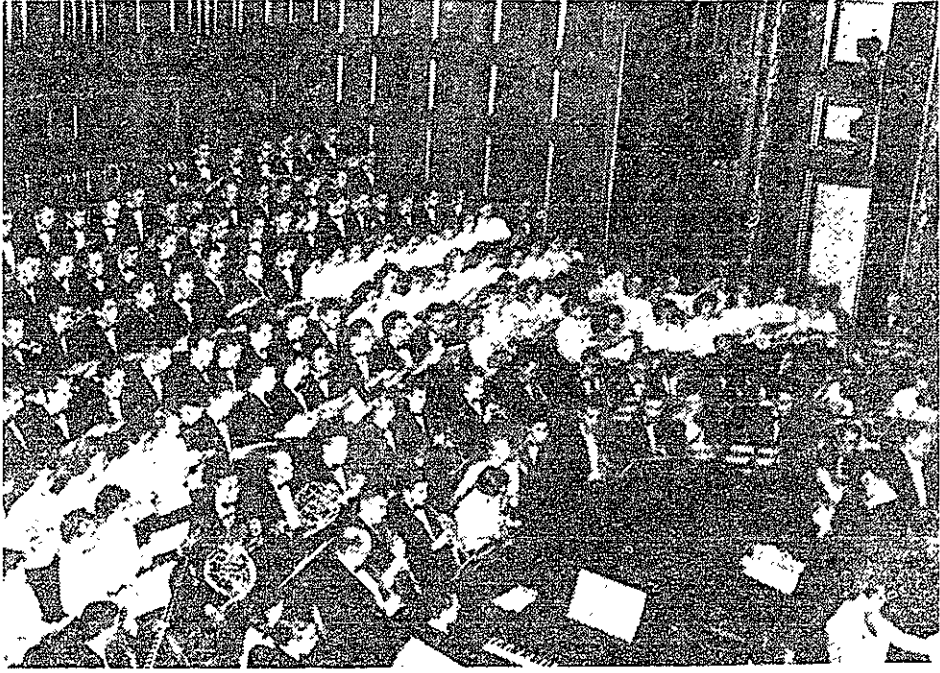


"ELIJAH"



The M.I.T. Choral Society, Glee Club and Orchestra, pictured above, will combine under the direction of Professor Klaus Liepmann in presenting Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "Elijah," tomorrow in New England Conservatory, Jordan Hall, at 8:30 p.m. The assisting soloists are Phyllis Curtin, soprano; Charlotte Zimmer, alto; Gene Cox, tenor; and Paul Matthews, bass-baritone. Tickets for the performance may be purchased in Building Ten and at the box office at Jordan Hall.

March 10 Is Deadline For Apr. Draft Test Application

The next College Qualification Test for student draft deferments will be held on April 24, with the deadline for application set as March 10, selective service officials have announced.

Men who wish to be considered under selective service regulations providing for the deferment from military service of certain students whose course of study "is found to be necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest" must take such a test at some time or other.

Deferment Criteria

National policy is to defer men with a test score of 70 or higher. Second-year students may pass the test or have been in the upper half of their class during the preceding academic year; third-year students may pass the test or have been in the upper two-thirds of their class; and fourth or fifth-year students may pass the test or have been in the upper three-fourths of their class.

While it is not mandatory that local boards recognize the above criteria, they have in recent months generally followed national selective service policy. Draft officials have pointed out that it is important that each student know his own

test score, which may be obtained by writing the local board personally. This information will not be given to anyone else.

The Advisory Committee on Military and Selective Service at the Institute has pointed out that students who decide not to sign the new ROTC Draft Deferment Agreements that are being offered by the Departments of Military and Air Science should have letters sent to their local boards explaining that the qualifications test has been or will be taken, giving scholastic standing, emphasizing the fact that they are in training for critical occupations, and asking 2-S classification. The Committee will send such letters on request.

Reserve Obligations

ROTC officials here have called attention to provisions in the national draft act which provide that persons inducted or enlisted in the Armed Forces are required to serve on active duty and in a reserve component, active or inactive, for a total of eight years. The new ROTC draft deferment agreement offered by the government commits men to eight years of active duty

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Student Struik Defense Group Is Given Conditional Status

Bradford Washburn Next LSC Speaker; LSC Asks New Status

Bradford Washburn, glacial explorer and director of the Boston Museum of Science, will speak on "Climbing Mt. McKinley" in an LSC lecture which will be given at 5:00 p.m. on December 17 in Room 10-250.

During the past summer Mr. Washburn led an expedition along previously uncharted slopes of Mt. McKinley. The purpose of the trip was to find a western route to the summit. Washburn, with a small advance group reached the peak by this new route. He believes that this path will provide an ideal means of ascent for persons carrying on high-altitude research but who are not experienced in the art of mountain climbing. Mr. Washburn has been a member of several other polar expeditions and has a wide geological background.

LSC Bids For Class A Status

LSC has submitted a report to the Institute Committee concerning its class rating. It is estimated that about two-thirds of the Student body have taken advantage of the LSC program. This means popularity of the frequent LSC activities is the basis for their report.

The Institute Committee at its meeting Wednesday has decided to appoint a committee to investigate the qualifications concerning their bid for permanent Class A status. LSC at present is operating under provisional Class A standing.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Students who plan to remain at the Institute during the holidays have been invited to the President's House for a cup of Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. by Dr. and Mrs. Killian.

By contacting T.C.A., students who stay here will be able to enjoy Christmas dinner at the home of some Technology family. Foreign students are especially welcome to this service.

Institute Committee Denies Class B Rating But Will Allow It Use of School Facilities

After nearly three hours of discussion, Institute Committee approved, by a vote of 21 to 6, a motion proposed by Nicholas Melissas, '52, and amended by Joseph F. Alibrandi, '52 replying to a petition of a group of students, designating themselves as "Students For Struik," for recognition as a class B activity at the Institute.

East Campus Comm Will Poll Freshmen On Commons Food

The East Campus House Committee, in their weekly meeting, decided to conduct a poll of all freshmen on East Campus. The freshmen will be asked if they really want to take contract feeding another term, and if not, to specify their objections.

If they have complaints, they will be asked to consider writing their parents asking them to complain to the administration. The poll will also determine how many of the students would be willing to refuse to pay their feeding bill if other freshmen also refused.

Open House Violators

Three violators of open house rules were brought up before the Baker House Committee Wednesday evening. The committee took action in closed session, issuing warnings to two of the offenders. The meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum when several of the members walked out.

Conflict Examinations

J. C. MacKinnon, Institute Registrar, announces that conflict examinations or examinations not listed on the January, 1952, Examination Schedule must be reported by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 21.

The final motion adopted by Institute Committee is significant in that it involves denial of Class B status to the group of students while at the same time, it permits them, subject to certain conditions, to make use of Institute facilities.

Following is the text of the motion passed by Instcomm:—

MOVED: That the Institute Committee consider the group of students who petitioned as the "Students For Struik" as an ad hoc committee, because such a group would not fit into the undergraduate organizational structure; that the Student Government Investigating Committee examine the possibility of enlarging the scope of the undergraduate organizational structure to provide room for ad hoc committees concerned with current issues; that this group be granted the use of Institute facilities with the understanding that such privilege will be revoked for misuse of these facilities; that any and all information sponsored or distributed by this group of students shall bear a clause making it clear that they speak only for themselves, a group of M.I.T. students, and not as representatives of the student body, student government, faculty, or administration of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and finally, that the Institute Committee does not assume any

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Dorm Rent Rebate Requested By Burton House Committee

In its meeting last Tuesday the Burton House Dormitory Committee drew up a petition to Mr. Baldwin, Director of Dining and Housing, requesting a proportional rebate of the dormitory rent. The committee, upon the urging of several of its 420 representatives, claims that the Institute has failed to provide a snack bar, easy chairs, mirrors and other facilities which were promised to Burton House residents.

Petition Pertains Only to 420 Section

The conditions of the petition, however, pertain only to the members of the 420 section for it was felt that the large difference in rental between the 420 and 410 units make up for the discrepancy. At present the 410 section is operating on a co-operative basis and all accommodations are at the rate of \$120 per man for the semester. Room service is not supplied and the

occupants are required to clean their own rooms. Members of the Burton House Committee have calculated the cost of room service in the 420 units to be approximately \$20 per resident. Rentals, however, average \$160.

Catalog Mentions Snack Bar

Although the Catalog definitely states that the facilities of Burton House include a snack bar, full construction began only four weeks ago. The Institute has, during the past week, provided mirrors to some rooms in both sections and chairs to the 420 section, but the House Committee feels that these definitely should have been in the rooms at the beginning of the term.

The petition therefore asks for a rebate of \$15 and is being distributed among the residents of the 420 units for signatures. It is expected that it will be submitted to Mr. Baldwin today.

Research Slows Radioactive Pollution

By ARTHUR W. HAINES

With the development of a new, large atomic and nuclear energy industry, stream pollution of a new type can very possibly develop. Prevention of radioactive contamination of water supplies is essential to safeguard public health. It is in research on this contamination that Professor Rolf Eliassen, Professor of Sanitary Engineering, is directing a program in the Sedgwick Laboratories at the Institute.

Removal of Elements in Ionic Form

The purpose of this program is to develop processes by which any radioactive substance can be removed. Research has centered

around removal of specific elements in ionic form, since the type of treatment depends upon the form in which radioactivity is present.

As a part of the project at the Institute radioactive phosphorous as orthophosphate was selected because of its widespread use in tracer applications and because of its production in reactor cooling waters high in sulfates. A study was made using alum and ferric sulfate as agents for coagulating radioactive ions. A soft New England water, a Midwest water of good coagulating characteristics, and a hard water enabling the use of

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Professor Rolf Eliassen

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A STATEMENT ON THE STRUIK CASE

Since the indictment of Professor Struik this newspaper has maintained strict neutrality with respect to his guilt or innocence and will continue to do so. In the days to come when it may be necessary to discuss various aspects of the Struik case it should be borne in mind, that THE TECH is unalterably opposed to Communism and Marxism in whatever form they may exist. It wholeheartedly agrees with the stand taken by Dr. Killian on the question of academic freedom, and the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Corporation in suspending Dr. Struik. This newspaper has not, does not, and will not support any organized group interested in the case of Professor Struik.

A WISE DECISION

In allowing the "Students For Struik" the use of publicity facilities and meeting rooms under its jurisdiction, while at the same time denying them recognition as a Class B Activity, Institute Committee has upheld the group's right to a maximum of free expression, as well as making abundantly clear that the organization in no way represents the students of the Institute.

In any case of this sort the Supreme Court has judged that when an organization wishes to use facilities which have already been granted to other groups, the burden of proof rests with those who control these facilities. It was not necessary, therefore, for the "Students For Struik" to prove that they would be serving a useful purpose on campus, but rather for Institute Committee to show that the group's objectives were unnecessary and that they would be a detriment to the Technology community. There is no doubt that there are some students who would wish to read the information that the group would hand out. For instance, the bill of particulars presented to Dr. Struik. At the same time there are others who might want to make contributions toward trial expenses. Hence, the organization would perform some useful function.

Those who claim that the "Students For Struik" are bound to disseminate false information, and sponsor biased speakers, are in effect "prejudging" the group. There is, however, no law stating that one cannot hold an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of a person about to be tried. Therefore, prejudging is not illegal. People not connected with the Institute would hardly expect that there were no students at Technology interested in the defense of Professor Struik, and that these men and women would not wish to form a group to unite their action. We doubt then that the publicity will be harmful if it is made plain, that "any and all information distributed by this group of students shall bear a clause making it clear that they speak only for themselves, a group of M.I.T. students," as Institute Committee has insisted it do.

To those who are afraid of the consequences of the decision made by Institute Committee we would say this: As long as Technology continues to send out into the world the type of men who sat on Institute Committee last Wednesday, men who will grant free expression to opinions completely different from their own, there is no danger that the good name of the Institute will suffer.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Renewed discussion of the Struik case in your columns seems to create a reason for presenting four distinctions or contrasts which may perhaps be pertinent to this controversy.

(1) Professor Struik, I have learned from THE TECH, is a Marxist. Karl Marx in his book "Das Kapital" presented reasons for believing that society would inevitably become socialistic or communistic. A person might believe in this Marxist reasoning and still regard communism as undesirable. Marxism is not necessarily communism.

(2) Marx himself wanted either socialism or communism; but, even if he perhaps would have preferred communism, there are still many types of communism. Some of these have been of religious origin. Others, like the Owenite settlement in New Harmony, Indiana, have been secular. Nothing in "Das Kapital" indicates that Marx would prefer the Russian brand of centralized nationalistic communism to the types that were discussed during his life-time. Nationalistic communism was invented by Lenin and his associates after the death of Marx.

(3) Obviously also a man may believe even in nationalistic communism to the extent of wanting to vote for its adoption in the United States without also engaging in subversive activity or condoning such activity.

(4) A different problem appears if you consider the teacher's position. I dislike Russian communism for its economic defects as well as for its suppression of free speech. In 14.01 I have for some years used a text that points out these economic defects. To what extent may students disagree with this text under the new statute? Is a student that voices his disagreement, guilty of subversive activity? Must the teacher report to the

authorities any unorthodox views held by his students? Is the teacher an accessory to the student's crime if he fails to make such a report? The answer to these questions will apparently depend on the type of evidence that is admissible under the new statute. Out of the forthcoming trial I hope to learn more than the facts about Professor Struik. I hope also for judicial interpretation of the new law. No teacher ever wants to act as an informer against his students. Must I in future years omit from class discussion all of Samuelson's brilliant attack on communism lest I incite some student to opposition? Is disagreement with orthodox economics really to be regarded as evidence of an effort to overthrow our government?

Respectfully submitted,
Professor Donald S. Tucker.

Dear Sir:

In regard to Mr. Fitch's letter, as appeared in the Tuesday, December 11th THE TECH, I must take issue with two of its points; all of which will no doubt be dealt with in the barrage which Mr. Fitch's comments must certainly elicit.

The first; Mr. Fitch accuses the Struik Defense Committee of prejudging the trial. The following are quotations from his letter.

- "I should like to point out some of the more glaring fallacies and contradictions in this typical piece of Communist party-line writing, designed to smoke-screen the real issues, to prejudge the forthcoming trial..."
- "The committee has thus prejudged the case; it has preempted the duty of the jury by declaring the man innocent, and in so doing, is dangerously close to being in contempt of court."

Notice, however, in the first quotation above:

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AFTER HOURS

DANCES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

M.I.T.—The "Big Events" at Tech are coming at a fast pace, and the Dorn Christmas Formal is one of the best. It'll be held tonight at Walker, with Baron Hugo supplying the sweet notes from 8 to 12. The decorations will instill the Christmas spirit, as will the spiked egg nog and other refreshments. The \$1.80 admission charge is low for the fun you'll have.

Cambridge Boat Club (Gerry's Landing). Here's another dance close to home, given by the Technology Dames. It's a "couple only" affair and there'll be plenty of refreshments. Larry Cooper's Orchestra will provide the music and entertainment until 12. Admission \$3.

Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. For those who are short on cash, and still want some dancing, the Student Faculty Association is giving a Snowflake Hop. There's some nice gals here, so if you aren't "set" yet, get moving! The fun will start at 8:30 in Vose Hall, located at 10 Stoughton Street, Boston.

MUSIC

JORDAN HALL

The M.I.T. Choral Society Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra will present another "Big Event" in their Saturday performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Outstanding vocalists from the Boston area will help the group, which makes its debut at 8:30. Tickets are on sale in Building 10 and the box office, at \$1.00 and \$1.50.

THEATER

Stage

PLYMOUTH—"The Moon is Blue."
 WILBUR—"Fancy Meeting You Again."
 COLONIAL—"The Rose Tattoo."

Screen

JOHN HANCOCK HALL—"Alpine Safari." Here's a special treat for the ski-enthusiasts presented by John Jay. It's a 1 1/2-hour show which will include scenes from Switzerland, Austria, and Germany, in which the longest fight ever made on bickery "wings" is recorded. The film will be in Boston for only one day, December 19.

G. Bartolomei

- "I should like to point out some of the more glaring fallacies and contradictions in this typical piece of Communist party-line writing..."

And in the following cases:

- "... the remaining four paragraphs ignore the actual charge and, in typical party-line fashion..."
- "It was with frank amazement that I read the names of seven M.I.T. professors who were taken in by this party-line gobbledegook..."

Ironically, the patent exhibition of Mr. Fitch's own sentiments to be found in these descriptions, so carelessly chosen for one who would "like to point out some of the more glaring fallacies and contradictions," also points the very accusation made by Mr. Fitch of the Committee, that of prejudging the trial of Professor Struik, at himself.

Robert Gladstone, '52

Dear Sir,

I fail to understand the reasoning in the letter of Mr. Fitch in the Dec. 11 issue of THE TECH. With reference to the fund raising committee recently formed in Professor Struik's defense, Mr. Fitch says, "Furthermore, if the committee itself is convinced that the charges

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INTRAMURAL PING-PONG

The first year of intramural ping-pong competition has been in full swing for several weeks and incomplete returns indicate the winners of the first round in most of the eight leagues. The regular season consists of a double round of contests consisting of three singles matches each, with every team playing home-and-home series with the other members in the same league. Playoffs among champions will follow soon.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Baker No. 2, Burton No. 2, and Graduate House won the initial rounds in leagues 2, 5, 7, and 8, with five straight victories each, and incomplete reports show 5:15 Club, Burton No. 5, and Phi Beta Epsilon undefeated with four wins in leagues 3, 4, and 6 respectively. League 1 is a bit more closely contested as East Campus D and Theta Delta Chi tied for the honors, each with a 4-1 record.

Also for the first time, competition in bowling is being held among the living groups, and there are five leagues with six teams in each. Two East Campus teams, "C" and "A" were leading the first two leagues with identical records of four wins and no losses. ATO, with 3 and 1, was running second in league one, but there was no immediate threat to "A" in the other division.

Kappa Sigma won five straight for a comfortable bulge over Baker B in league 4. SAE (3-0), was leading Baker A (2-1) in division 5, while in league 3, Theta Delta Chi "B" had lost one of their four matches and held a slight lead over

Theta Chi "A". All bowling matches are being held in the basement of Walker.

Results at the Completion of Round I—

Intramural Pingpong Results

LEAGUE I			
	Won	Lost	%
Theta Delta Chi No. 1	4	1	.800
East Campus D	4	1	.800
Alpha Tau Omega No. 2	3	2	.600
Phi Sigma Kappa	3	2	.600
East Campus I	2	4	.333
Burton House No. 4	0	5	.000

LEAGUE II			
	Won	Lost	%
Lambda Chi Alpha	5	0	1.000
East Campus B	5	0	.600
Delta Epsilon	2	3	.400
Burton House No. 5	2	3	.400
Delta Kappa Epsilon	2	3	.400
East Campus J	1	4	.200

LEAGUE III			
	Won	Lost	%
5:15 Club	5	0	1.000
Sigma Chi	4	1	.800
Alpha Epsilon Phi	3	2	.600
Phi Kappa Sigma	3	2	.600
Delta Tau Delta	1	4	.200
East Campus A	0	5	.000

LEAGUE IV			
	Won	Lost	%
Burton House No. 5	5	0	1.000
Baker House	4	1	.800
Gamma Delta	3	2	.600
Phi Kappa	3	2	.600
Theta Delta Chi	1	4	.200
East Campus C	0	5	.000

LEAGUE V			
	Won	Lost	%
Baker House No. 2	5	0	1.000
Walker Staff	4	1	.800
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3	2	.600
Theta Chi No. 1	1	4	.200
Pegis Club A	1	4	.200
East Campus E	1	4	.200

LEAGUE VI			
	Won	Lost	%
Phi Beta Epsilon	5	0	1.000
Burton House No. 1	4	1	.800
Westgate	3	2	.600
Theta Chi No. 2	1	4	.200
Alpha Tau Omega No. 1	1	4	.200
East Campus F	1	4	.200

LEAGUE VII			
	Won	Lost	%
Burton House No. 2	5	0	1.000
Pi Lambda Phi	4	1	.800
Sigma Nu	2	3	.400
Student House	2	3	.400
Phi Delta Theta A	1	4	.200
East Campus G	1	4	.200

LEAGUE VIII			
	Won	Lost	%
Graduate House	5	0	1.000
East Campus L	4	1	.800
East Campus H	3	2	.600
Burton House No. 3	2	3	.400
Pegis Club B	1	4	.200
Phi Delta Theta B	1	4	.200

Tech Matmen Meet Tufts In Second Match

Tech's varsity and freshman wrestling squads will meet Tufts in the Rockwell Cage at 2 o'clock p.m. This will be the second meet for both squads, both having lost to Harvard last Saturday. The freshman meet will probably be held first with the varsity meet following immediately.

Tech's varsity will not be up to full strength for the meet due to injuries which occurred in the last meet. Nevertheless the team will be in fine shape since they have now had a full month to get rid of excess weight.

Struik has been charged with advocating the violent overthrow of the government of the United States (mentioned 4 or 5 times) (2) Nothing Else matters 3) Let's wait for the trial.

(1) First, the charges of the state were more far reaching than those suggested by Mr. Fitch. For one, the state charged that Prof. Struik used "the methods of the Communists in his teaching." Mr. Fitch has stated that "academic freedom is not at stake, and in fact has nothing to do with the case." Academic freedom concerns itself with what goes into the teaching and so does the above-mentioned charge of the state.

(2) "Nothing else matters" seems to be the second assumption of Mr. Fitch. This is not true. A Pastor was discharged from his parish because he stated his belief in Struik's innocence. A strong campaign is underway to permanently smear the reputation of Prof. Struik regardless of the outcome of the trial. Mr. Fitch fails to recognize the realities of the situation and states a disbelief in the Committee's statements with regard to intimidation and a potential threat to the freedom of expression of all of us.

Mr. Fitch states that statements of the committee with regard to Struik's respected position as a mathematician and commentator on science, social philosophy, etc., are designed to "draw attention away from the pertinent fact that he (Struik) is being charged with advocating the overthrow of the government of the United States." The fact is that Struik has denied that pertinent fact, and it is very pertinent to know more about the man, Struik, if we are to ascertain how to regard his denial.

(3) Let's wait until the trial is Mr. Fitch's third major point. Mr. Fitch ignores the fact that trials cost a great deal of money, and people don't contribute money unless they believe in a man's innocence.

Two more points are these: 1) Mr. Fitch disagrees with the Committee statement which says that

Basketball Squad Looking For First Win Against AIC

By JOHN MARGULIS

The Cardinal and Gray basketball team has not been off to a too auspicious start.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Tech's basketball season got under way on Harvard's court where the Beavers were unable to stem a Crimson tide led by 6'6" Dick Lionette. Though Larry Garthe managed to sink 15 points the final score, Harvard 69, Tech 43.

Against Trinity College on Dec. 5, the Engineers looked good and managed to hold their own up until half time, four points being all that separated the two squads. Trinity was runner-up in the New England Championships last season. This was the same squad that was beaten by an inspired M.I.T. 64-62 in a thrilling upset last year.

On Dec. 8, the Beavers nearly pulled one out against the U. of New Hampshire but lost 59-53 after trailing 25-24 at half time. Capt.

Mike Nacey was high scorer for the contest, dropping in 18 points. Russ Kidder was second highest for the Beavers, tallying 9.

The Tech frosh provided a high spot in the season when in a sensational contest, they defeated Trinity's Blue and Gold 55-48 after trailing at the half 39-21. Stan Shlinsky was high man that night, piling in the phenomenal total of 23 points.

Last season's record of 6 wins and 10 losses includes an upset against a powerful Boston University club in the closing minute of play. Final score: M.I.T. 63, Boston U. 62. Other victories were against Coast Guard, Northeastern, Trinity, W.P.I. and New Bedford.

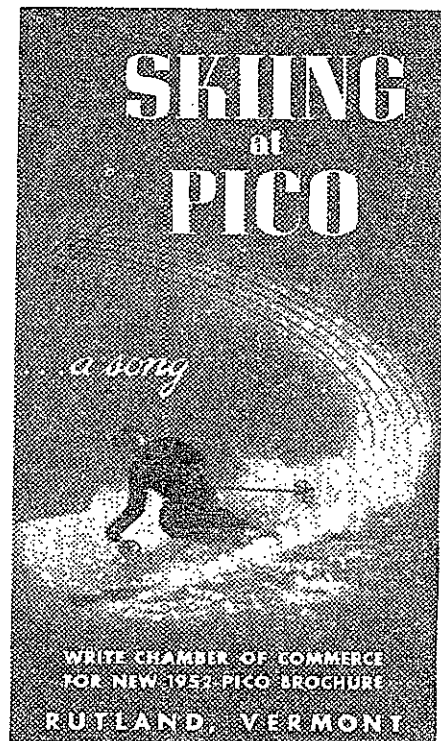
Varsity coach this year is Ed Leede, former All-American from Dartmouth and star of the Boston Celtics. Coach for the frosh is Charlie Law, a veteran of 16 years of coaching experience.

This Friday, Dec. 14, the Techmen travel to American International College for the fourth tilt of the season.

"social opinions based on his Marxist philosophy have always been openly presented to divers groups." For Mr. Fitch says that "Philbrick has stated categorically that Struik met with and lectured at secret closed Communist meetings." This is muddy thinking, Mr. Fitch, as Philbrick's statement, regardless of whether it is true or false does not contradict the preceding statement. 2) Mr. Fitch has written that, "It would appear that the committee statement has been all too strong in its agreement with Prof. Struik's view. To quote the Committee statement, "Without taking a stand on his (Struik's) political opinions... Prof. Struik's views are not an issue here."

Mr. Fitch requests, "I hope they (the 7 Institute professors) will explain their reasons for signing his statement." My recommendation to Mr. Fitch is that he read the statement more carefully.

Robert Steinberg, '54



Letters

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are without foundation, then it follows that they must be equally convinced that Philbrick was lying, that the government agents were lying and that the grand jury had no evidence on which to hand down an indictment. The committee has thus pre-judged the case; it has preempted the duty of the jury by declaring the man innocent, and in so doing is dangerously close to being in contempt of court." Does Mr. Fitch mean to say that it is in contempt of court that an individual or group of individuals holds an opinion on the guilt of Professor Struik?

Mr. Fitch also says, "Dr. St. Ivanyi evidently also knows Professor Struik; and from his refusal to have anything to do with this committee or any other Struik Defense Committee, it may be assumed that he is not convinced that these charges are without foundation." By Mr. Fitch's reasoning, should not Dr. St. Ivanyi also be held in contempt of court? Some persons think that Prof. Struik is guilty, others think that he is innocent. There is no violation of our judicial process in this.

In the above quotation Mr. Fitch also says that the committee's beliefs imply that they think Philbrick and the government agents were lying. If the court decides that Struik is innocent, does it necessarily mean that Philbrick and the government agents were lying? Clearly no, and for the same reason

that these are not the implications of the committee's beliefs. The determination of guilt or innocence for conspiring against the government is a complicated process, and it would merely mean that the government was mistaken in the import of Prof. Struik's activities.

With respect to prejudgment of the case it might well be asked why the government of Massachusetts officially proclaimed a Philbrick day. The State of Massachusetts (and, it seems, Mr. Fitch) assumes that the trial is over and, thanks to Philbrick, Prof. Struik convicted. It is this conviction by public opinion before the trial takes place that constitutes the real threat to freedom of thought and expression. I hope it thus seen that the committee statement is not "communist party-line writing designed to smokescreen the real issues" but an attempt to realistically meet the situation.

- Bruce Kellogg '52
- George Langer '52
- Robert Lauffer '52

Dear Sir:

In the issue of Tuesday, December 11, John Fitch, '52, has accused the seven MIT professors, signers of the statement of the Committee for the Defense of Prof. Struik of "Communist party-line writing" and "Communist smokescreening."

The thesis of Mr. Fitch as far as I could discern is (1) that Prof.

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Struik Committee Announces Plan To Solicit Funds

The newly-formed Struik Defense Committee, which includes seven Institute Professors, has disclosed plans to send out letters soliciting funds, Professor W. Ambrose, one of the Committee members, states that the first letters will probably go out to professors and other people who would be expected to take an intellectual interest in the case.

Their first batch of letters is due to be sent out next week. Already, without having sent out any letters, Professor Ambrose claims they have received over \$900 from people who have read of the committee in the newspapers.

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and active reserve status after their appointments.

Another regulation states that "persons who may be deferred shall remain liable for training and service in the Armed Forces until the thirty-fifth anniversary of the date of their birth." At the same time, however, there is a law prohibiting the induction of a registrant twenty-six years or over provided he continues to be engaged in activities essential to the national health, safety, or interest or provided he has acquired the necessary dependents to be eligible for 3-A deferment.

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financial or moral responsibility for the actions of the group.

Reaction of the Student Group

A spokesman for the group "Students For Struik" indicated that the group was more interested in the use of Institute facilities than in obtaining class B status, and seemed satisfied with the decision reached by the Institute Committee.

The purposes of this organization as set forth in its petition are to hold meetings at which the issues of the Struik case can be discussed, to disseminate information on the case, and to provide speakers on the issues, as well as to raise funds for the defense of Professor Struik. Professor Struik himself will not speak at the Institute until after

Radioactive Pollution

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his trial, in accordance with an agreement with the administration of the Institute.

Urge Neutrality

In considering the petition, the Institute Committee gave consideration to the fact that the indictment of Professor Struik was one involving charges brought by the state under its laws governing subversive activity. The case is now in the hands of the Massachusetts courts, and the Institute Committee decided that the kind of activity proposed would not prejudice the case before such time as the courts have had an opportunity to consider it.

During the course of the discussion members of Instcomm repeatedly voiced the opinion that as a group the students of the Institute should maintain an attitude of neutrality in the interests of an orderly and fair consideration of Struik's case in court. It was nevertheless felt that freedom of expression would be hindered by not allowing the group the use of publicity facilities and meeting rooms under Instcomm's jurisdiction.

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Group of New England students obtaining flights to Europe this summer — \$365 membership to group. Round trip by air, Boston-Paris.

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NOTICES

Hillel

The program for the Hanukkah Festival this Sunday afternoon in the Library Lounge, Third Floor, Hayden Library East, is as follows: Dr. Eric Lowenthal, noted rabbi, scholar, author, and lecturer will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a talk on the provoking and Hanukkah-timely topic: "Hellenism and Hebraism." Dancing, singing, and refreshments follow with a short shadow play "The Eternal Light" during the intermission. Numerous girls' colleges have been invited.

Sunday night, at Hillel House 7:30 p.m., Prof. Wolf Leslau of Harvard will give an illustrated lecture with slides and recordings, on "The Falashas—Jews of Ethiopia."

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Freshmen-Faculty

Freshman opinions on the teaching ability of their professors and instructors were brought to the Dean Bowditch, Dean Pitt, Prof. Clark C. Stevenson, Prof. Raymond M. Douglass, Prof. Francis W. Sears, Prof. Howard R. Bartlett, and Prof. John T. Rule at a meeting held last week.

Among the freshman representatives were Robert J. Sukeni, president of the freshman council; Lawrence A. Bernstein, and Barton Roessler, chairman of the committee.

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