GA hears judicial changes

By Lee Gigante
A demonstration against the Vietnam war is being planned by a coalition of Boston anti-war groups for April 15.

Plans call for a late afternoon protest rally on the Common with eleven speakers, The organizers foresee a demonstration similar to that of last October 15. There is also the possibility of smaller demonstrations sponsored by members of the coalition earlier in the week.

At MIT, the Student Mobilization Committee is planning a meeting on April 8 in the Student Center to organize MIT’s participation in the April 15 rally. "No actions that are taken post-poned until a new judicial system is in operation," Merkel appointed.

Also considered before pas-sage of Miss Buckley’s motion was whether the GA wished to override the action taken by the Examination Committee. Early on, Professor Thomas Meyers had proposed to substitute for Greer’s motion one commending the Disci-pline Committee’s actions to the role of students in campus discipline.

Actual consideration of the motion taking place when "971 proposed a resolution which would have asked the MIT com-munity to accept the position which the Institute might otherwise have been forced to adopt in order to increase the faculty’s ability to judge and discipline the group that had prev-iouly assaulted (at its January 13 meeting). Merkel and others maintained that an additional student vote on the Committee would aid its reformation.

About 150 students demonstrated in favor of striking postal workers in the Kaiser Post Office Square yesterday, numbering more than 1500.

Photo by Harold Federal

Spring protest heats up

By Sandy Cohen
A new proposal by two facul-ty members of the Discipline Committee, Roy Kaplow III and Louis S. Osborne VIII, for internal disciplinary action against students who are not members of the student body was “contentious and controversial.” The proposal was defeated, and President Johnson maintained that “If I ever woke up one morning without feeling that students were giving me top marks, I’d leave,” several students were reluctant to acknowledge that students are under-represented in the 99% of the constituency, having no real power, is left only with the goal of persuading them to dismiss the proposal.

None of the faculty members present were inclined to conclude the administration, Smullin noted that traditionally MIT has argued that his constituency, students who have asked to substitute, was tabled and Green-berg’s motion then re-submitted, and it will come out in support of the day, “it will come out in support of the day, a week or two before the fifteenth” according to Bresnahan. There will also be a call for the governor to put it on the ballot.

Robert Drinan, congressional candidate, Senator Charles Moorman, the author of the current law, and Bob Longair will be present. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM.

BSU to hold conference on South Africans’ plight

A conference on the “Crisis in Southern Africa” will be held at MIT on the 9th and 10th of August to discuss measures that might help alleviate the plight of black South Africans. The conference is being organized by the Black American Students Program, a social organization of black students.

The conference, to be held in Boston, will be sponsored by the MIT Black American Students Program, America’s relations with South Africa, especially economic investments by US companies in white-con-rolled South Africa, and will be one of the main subjects of the conference.

Among the other aims of the conference is to provide the establish-ment with information about conditions within South Africa and guerrilla activities there.

The conference will assume the form of small discussion groups of 20-30 people and larger plenary sessions with panels and featured speakers. Speaker topics will include “Perspectives on Southern Africa,” "The Revolution in Southern Africa," “Black Anti-Imperialism and Revolution,” and “Black Afri-cans and the Black Liberation.”

Representatives from the black liberation movements in下さい South Africa, Rhodesia, the Transkei, and Africa, and the South African National Conference will be present.

A featured speaker will be Dennis Brutus, a South African poet and political activist. He is the first to attempt to stop the South African government’s actions from going to the Olympics. His work is presently banned in South Africa. Brutus expects an armed black liberation struggle to begin soon in his homeland.
Travesty of justice

Last Tuesday, March 24, the General Assembly resoundingly passed a motion stating that it felt the Discipline Committee was incapable of handling "political cases" and specifically the cases of those people charged in the occupation of the President's Office. The motion concluded, "We therefore believe that these cases ["political cases"] be deferred until a new system is implemented by the faculty, and would request of the faculty that it expedite current considerations." The motion resulted after a presentation of the proposed changes in the Discipline Committee, which had resulted from the combined efforts of the Discipline Committee and the General Assembly towards a new Task Force. It is unfortunate that the motion is blindly ignorant of the facts concerning the situation.

It was clearly stated that the administration was going to bring the cases of those involved up before the judicial process. It is a fact that the efforts which went into changing the Discipline Committee were for the purpose of making the Discipline Committee a more equitable process for intercollegiate discipline. It was a fact that the charges would be acted upon in the near future. As such it is impossible to ignore the "new" and the charges were transmitted to the newly changed Discipline Committee. The General Assembly naively attempted to insist that reality not be allowed to occur.

If the General Assembly was unaware of these facts, as the discussion on Monday might have indicated, it can be accepted by ignorance, To provide a motion in the face of the reality of the situation without offering an alternative proposal is totally irresponsible. The GA Judicial Task Force was asked on the same line that the proposed General Assembly changes were commendable and appropriate, especially in light of the circumstances. The General Assembly in a single three hour meeting decided to the contrary. Considering the time and effort spent by the Judicial Task Force it is a travesty that the GA, in all of its wisdom, could so quickly vote in opposition to the painstakingly considered views of the Task Force.

Many members of the General Assembly expressed a desire to see a new judicial system evolve from the work of the Commission's Task Force on Governance headed by Professor Campbell Seale; it is implied by the motion which "insists or requests" that these cases be deferred until a new system is implemented. It is also the desire of the Discipline Committee itself which states in its proposed changes, "The outlined procedures are not to be construed as creating a final system. It is anticipated that further changes may be made on the recommendation of the MIT Commission." We support such changes and anxiously await the Commission's recommendations.

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When considered along with Agnew's intimations in his national press conference, the Chicago Conspicuity Trial, and the daily branding those who disagreed with the Nixon Administration as "snobs and loons," this latest move to still the voice of a dissenting segment of the American public is not to be construed as creating a final system. But be clear, Nixon only wants to hear the people's voices heard. But if you remember, although Nixon claims to hear the foot ball game, he said that he wouldn't hear the people either. Soon, there may be no one able or brave enough to shout.

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Travesty of justice

Last Tuesday, March 24, the General Assembly resolved...
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ANOTHER HIT FROM 20th CENTURY FOX
Guy Pommares ’71 was named the Epee Fencer of the Year at the national fencing championships held at Notre Dame last week. He fought his way to a fifth-place finish in the competition after a poor start. This was good enough to win him a spot on the All-American epee team.

The Fencer of the Year award is a worthy companion to the Cointa trophy which was voted him by the other fencers at the IFA Easterns where he placed second. Both of these awards are based on skill, style, determination, spirit, and all-round sportsmanship. They are among the most coveted awards in American collegiate fencing.

The national tournament itself was quite an exhibition, as the sponsors spared little expense in an attempt to produce an exciting show. This resulted, unfortunately, in some behind-the-scenes politicking as some rules were bent to prevent fencers from schools vying for the team trophy from being eliminated early.

The first day of the tournament consisted of ten elimination pools. Pommares was one of the two opeists who slashed through their pools undefeated. This left him in a good position for the semi-finals the next day. He could pace himself, winning only as many matches as were needed to reach the finals on the third day. Then the tournament officials announced that the semi-finals and the finals were to be combined into a single 24 man round robin. Although a change of this sort is against international rules, the tournament went on.

Already upset, Pommares was paired against the other undefeated fencer in the opening round. He lost this match, as well as several others that first day. Although he fencer much better the final day, he ended up fifth.

Much credit for Pommares’ success this season must go to Coach Ed Richards. Before Pommares came to the US three years ago, he had studied for many years under a French master. Thus he came to the US with a beautiful, classic fencing style which was effective in European competition, but poorly adapted to the totally different style of intercollegiate fencing in this country. Coach Richards, who is one of the best American fencers, worked with Pommares in adapting his style and the results deserve praise from the entire MIT community.