In The Spotlight

Debaters Oppose World Socialists

On Wednesday, January 13, the M.I.T. debating society will oppose the World Socialists Party debaters on the question: resolved that capitalism has outlived its social usefulness. In anticipation of the large audience that the debate has attracted, the time will be allowed for questions from the spectators.

GOODBYE...

Just a week ago, the old year was neatly disposed of amid much ceremony by the use of the Gregorian calendar. Shortly thereafter, as is our annual custom, we begin our discussion of Volume LXVIII of The Tech. Volume LXVIII, under the General Management of Thomas L. Hilton, '49, will very likely go down in our annals as the one in which the worm was stopped in its tracks and started to turn. Materialistically speaking, the year just past was the first since the late war in which the paper has made operating profits; a small but significant one. Also during the year, the paper's staff was reorganized along efficient lines, and its news coverage expanded. We are taking over a paper that is in better shape than it has ever been since we entered the Institute.

...AND HELLO

This volume will be the first since the war without a majority of veterans on its Managing Board; whether this fact will affect the management of the volume remains to be seen. We hope not. Journalistically, we will be on safe ground if we continue the policy of separating clearly editorial comment from news matter. But there are certain changes that will become evident throughout this year.

In the first place, more space in these columns will be devoted to comment on national and international affairs. We feel that it is foolish, if not even dangerous, for anyone much less college students, to ignore events going on outside its small sphere. This is especially true of technical students who should learn to be aware of the social consequences of their research. On the other hand, The Tech is the official undergraduate news organ of this school, so we would be very remiss in our obligations to our readers if we neglected school issues in order to sound off in fine phrases on national and international issues.

We therefore propose to place an informal maximum limit of forty per cent of our editorial space to be devoted to matters outside of the Institute.

In dealing with school politics, we realize that The Tech enjoys an editorial monopoly at Technology. In fairness to those who disagree with us, we shall make every attempt to print letters to the editor which express opinions differing from ours. (If we receive no letters, we shall assume that the Institute is in agreement with us.) We must insist, however, that the identity of the writer be known to the editor of the paper although public anonymity will be respected if requested.

BLOOD NEEDED

Having collected your shoes, clothing, and money for deserving causes during the past year, the TCA is now after your blood. A notice on our front page gives details. The need for blood is urgent if we are to be prepared for possible disasters, and by giving, you insure that if you or your family are in need of this precious fluid it will be available. Blood given by members of the Technology family will be credited by the Red Cross to Homberg Infirmary which serves all the Institute. Furthermore, the donor and member of his family will be allowed free use of blood bank facilities should an emergency strike any of them. Apart from selfish considerations, there is nothing that you can do so easily and conveniently that can mean so much to some unfortunate. Your blood can save someone's life—maybe your own, someday.

THOMAS L. HILTON

As The Tech embarks upon Volume LXVIII, the general management once more changes hands. Today the spotlight is almost at Thomas L. Hilton, '49, last year's general manager.

A Banque Bay

Born on January 7, 1924, in Bangor, Me., Tom attended Bangor schools and had an uneventful life before coming to M.I.T. He was on the ski and tennis teams in his high school, and pursued the usual childhood hobbies.

Tom was a very bewilder ed freshman at Technology since his high school only prepared him with a half year each of chemistry and physics. However, the Army soon rescued him from his bewilderment. He went into the Air Corps at Miami Beach, where he was first a drill sergeant, then a cadet, and later a B-29 pilot. He transferred into the D-20 program at its inception and was sent to New Mexico. He finally was assigned to the Martians, where he participated in missions "over the Sandwiches."

Reporters for Home Paper

Upon being discharged, as he says, with the "usual decorations," he came back to the Institute, and spent the summer working as a reporter-photographer for the Bangor Daily News.

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