We were stopped short a couple of days ago when we realized that although the newspaper headlines had screamed “Crisis” when the Chinese Reds entered the war in Korea, we had not heard a single comment about the development from any fellow student. We started thinking again about the Techman’s traditional apathy toward his environment, and we decided that we would have to change our opinion of that, because this sometimes amazing indifference, characteristic of so many students here. We had always assumed that two factors were primarily responsible: (1) Techmen don’t have much time to spare from studies, and (2) they refuse to bother about things which do not directly affect them. The first of these is of minor significance, for the second is the one which places the ultimate limitation on a man’s social consciousness. The second factor is the one which we did not fully understand, for谭森 refused to accept things that do not affect them but also with a great many things which actually do directly concern them.

The Techman extends his indifference from those things which do not concern him to those things which he cannot change even if they do have a serious effect upon him. The motto is “You can’t fight City Hall.” If you can’t fight City Hall, what’s the use of finding out what’s going on at City Hall? This certainly is a most reasonable attitude. No sense attempting the impossible. Don’t joust with windmills.

This, we feel, explains the greater part of the much-touted non-interest. The whole thing is made to sound paradoxical. The whole situation is considered by almost everyone as ridiculous. It is especially important at this juncture because of the need for a blood-donation program in Korea. This is a way in which we can contribute to the effort of the American people in behalf of the American Red Cross, which is conducting a blood-donation drive in the M.I.T. community. We are all aware that this blood-donation program will have the sympathetic support and participation of all who feel that they can properly make a blood donation.

It is especially important at this juncture because of the need for plasma and whole blood in Korea and to replenish supplies greatly depleted by the demands of the Korean campaign. This is a way in which we can make a direct and personal contribution in behalf of the men who have been wounded in battle.