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For some time now, we have been following with interest the activities of a group which calls itself the MIT EPIC. We do not question the sincere purpose of the organization. If individuals believe in a cause and decide that the way to effect their ends is to picket Woolworth's in Central Square, this certainly is up to them. We regret, however, the use of the "MIT" EPIC. The Emergency Publicity Integration Committee is not an approved Institute activity: to be such one must pay dues. This, EPIC does not do. Until approval by Activities Council is given, this group should represent itself as independent and not as an MIT activity as implied by the EPIC.

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As a Southerner and moderate integrationist, I cannot help but be disturbed with the recent activities of MIT-EPIC. This particular student is being misled as to the scope and purposes of the area-wide group of which MIT-EPIC is a fellow traveler.

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The huecman echo to the sound of helpless secretaries kicking coffee machines; of coins rattling down the chute, out the coin return, and onto the floor; of hot chocolate gushing from out of order machines.

Lunchtime has come once more to MIT.

Let us stand by one of the clusters of brightly lit machines and watch the MIT community at its favorite pastime — playing the machines. No, not there — someon will spill coffee on you... see what happened to him?

Parry: That coffee isn't only hot, it's insidious.

Type number one stroll up: the frazzled man who wisely packed a lunch in a paper bag before coming across the river. He wants a cup of coffee. Black, with double sugar. The machine, doubtless unionized, having observed the lunch bag, takes two nickels, turns on a light which says "Made Another Selection", and produces coffee out of the nickels. The other nickel it decides to keep. Too bad, our boy doesn't seem to have any more change. He'll have to go around the corner for a change. The frazzled man does not like the coffee machine.

A flock of type number two stroll up: secretaries.

Temporarily cowed, the milk machine serves four cups of milk very, very nicely, even giving proper change. Then, as though to change its mind before it gets a reputation for generosity, it stops in the middle of the 65th cup. No more milk! Too bad, that one was for the boss. The other girls have all started drinking their cups of milk. Nothing to do but to get the boss coffee. The boss hates the milk machine.

Along come type three, a professor. Specifically, a retired professor. At the price at the Faculty Club, he is bent upon procuring a sandwich. But what kind? The machine presents a bewildering choice: International Ladies Garment Workers Union; action against Northern discrimination; benefits concerts; action against Northern discrimination; that the way to effect their ends is to picket Woolworth's in Central Square, this certainly is up to them. We regret, however, the use of the "MIT" EPIC.

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