Monopolies

The Activities Council recently underwent another ad hoc term, as a temporary committee to ward off competing activities. Another stop-gap, ad hoc resolution has momentarily resolved the problem. There are two reasons as to the fairness of the settlement.

Very briefly, the group of students in the Seminars in the Social Sciences have brought about a kind of "Russian speaking dormitory," last year put on a series of Russian films to be shown to the average dormitory.(?) One of those groups that 6-2-1, prime weekend nights, and by charging admission, this small group of about 15 people manages to turn a profit.

The money was used for financing a Russian club and the Russian language Department did not have the money for such group activities.

The Lecture Series Committee, basically a non-profit organization, has filed a claim of "foul" on the conflict of schedules between its foreign language dormitory and the Activities Council, last Friday, resolved the problem temporarily at least by granting the Russian dormitory a free choice, and, by bidding the showing of the Russian films on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as subjecting their financial transactions to scrutiny and approval by the Activities Council.

The action of the Council temporally settles the conflict between the Lecture Series in the Russian dorm and the Russian dorm. There has been no resolution of the principle to be established with regard to foreign language films, the company of whom wish to use the MIT name and make use of MIT facilities.

The action of any ad hoc committee over that any free enterprise activity which wishes to go into competition with an established group cannot be changed. It is obvious that no established group on campus should feel be permitted to do so. It is equally obvious that free enterprise activity that wishes to go into competition for the approval by the Activities Council . . .

The United States, has always maintained a distinction between the life in its armies and the life of a civilian. We have been so wary of conflict with the ideals of the American Constitution, this small group of about 15 people managed to acquire an ostrich mentality . . .

The statistics are almost startling in this respect, the number of contestants in the MIT Bridge Club, 1961.

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Kibitzer

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