Letters To The Editor

American Field Services Explained

To the Editor:
The American Field Service is a non-profit, primarily voluntary organization that is responsible for one of the United States' largest foreign exchange student programs. During this academic year, 233 students from 28 countries are on AFS International Scholarships. These students are "adopted" as foster sons or daughters in American families while they attend high school throughout the country as tuition. In turn, these 800 American students each year spend from three to eight months abroad.

Some members of the MIT community are probably already familiar with the AFS program. My letter is directed only to those best also to others who have an interest in our international neighbors, especially in a person-to-person basis. In particular, this year 334 college students will be hired as chaperones for the AFS bus trips described below. Chaperoning would be a unique experience for any MIT junior, senior, or graduate student selected for this position by the AFS staff in New York.

Bus trips are arranged by AFS at the end of the school year with three aims in mind: (1) to give the students an opportunity to know each other and mix with other nationalities, (2) to spread our program to new communities and strengthen it in old ones, and (3) to show the students other parts of the country—its industry, countryside, and people. After three weeks on the road, 64 eager on 33 different itineraries will arrive in Washington, DC, where the students will meet the President, view their embassies and sightsee. Following this, the 2200 students, AFS-New York and AFS Returnees, will embark for their own countries.

For bus trip applications and/or information about the AFS program in general, I invite all interested MIT students to an AFS information meeting on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the Bush Room. Dean Holden and AFS Returnees, who comprise the screening committee for MIT bus chaperones, will be present.

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Compton Lecturer

Dr. I. I. Rabi Gives First Talk

Dr. I. I. Rabi will deliver his first Compton lecture next Tuesday in Kresge Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be "The Evolution of Science in Twentieth Century America." All of the lectures will be open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Rabi, Nobel Laureate and Higgins Professor of Physics at Columbia University, is the fourth lecturer in the Compton series. The lectureships are named for the ninth president of MIT, Karl Taylor Compton. Previous Compton lecturers have been physicist Niels Bohr, mathematician Oliver Mason, and biologist Andre Lwoff.

Dr. Rabi will participate in three afternoon seminars in addition to the evening lectures. His other evening topics will be: March 11: "Science and Public Policy," March 12: "Information for Americans," and March 13: "The Future of the Nation's Information: The Decision of Modern People."