Area College Students Protest Cuban Arms Blockade

Peace marchers demonstrate against the U.S. handling of the Cuban situation last Saturday afternoon by the Boylston Street MBTA station.

Photo by John Torode

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Open Letter On Cuba

Thirty-seven MIT faculty members were among the signers of a statement urging an immediate summit conference on the Cuban issue.

The statement, an open letter to President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev, appeared in the October issue of the New York Times as an advertisement by the Cuban Crisis Committee. It appealed for a meeting between the two K's "at the earliest possible date."

Despite this plea, about 472 educators from twenty cities throughout the nation signed the statement, which resulted from a meeting of 37 educators at Harvard, MIT, and Wellesley on Cuba.

The majority of the educators drafting the statement were members of the Boston Area Faculty Group for Public Issues.

Among those most active in working out the statement were William Schramm, electrical engineering, MIT; Bernard Field, science; and David Commons, law, Harvard; and Gerald Holton, physics, Harvard.

The statement asserted that "the Cuban crisis has set the United States and the Soviet Union on a course toward a head-on collision." It termed President Kennedy's action in regard to the Cuban arms buildup "dumbfounding."

Further, the letter urged that Americans "must realize what impact our bases around the Soviet Union have had on Russian attitude and policy."

The educators summed up their appeal in the following statement as follows: "Within the framework of the U.N., the leaders of the two great powers now confronting each other must find a means of drawing back from the brink of war."

"The United States has already

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William Buckley Speaks Tonight

In Kresge At 8

William F. Buckley, Jr. editor of National Review and a leader of the conservative position in American politics, will speak at 8:30 p.m. tonight in Kresge Auditorium, as a guest of the Lecture Series Committee.

Mr. Buckley will speak on "A Conservative View of the Fall of the West" an answer to William Perry's "The Coming Collapse of the West."

The 35-year-old author of the book, Up from Liberation and God and Man at Yale, is well known as an outspoken, articulate conservative commentator and philosophical approach to national foreign policy. The lecture emphasizes the conservative movement on U.S. college campuses.

A graduate of Yale University, Mr. Buckley is also a member of the New York literary and frequent participant in television and radio debates with his opponents of the liberal view.

Dr. Killian Convalescing

Soon To Leave Hospital

Dr. James H. Killian, Jr., Chairman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is expected to leave the hospital in a few days, having undergone minor surgery October 15.

Dr. Killian entered New England Deaconess Hospital on Thursday, October 11, suffering from a urinary-tract condition. After his release, he will enjoy a period of convalescence before he returns to work fulltime.

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The Tech

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The Executive Committee of the Institute Committee has announced that the first showing of the plans for the Student Center will be on Monday, Nov. 5. Dr. Bynum will speak on this occasion, as it constitutes the formal release of the plans for this building.

The presentation will be held in the Kresge Little Theatre at 5:30 p.m. and will be made to selected members of the student body, to whom invitations are now being sent.

Publication of the plans in The Tech will follow on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

MIT Sends 3 To McGill Council On World Affairs

The McGill University Conference on World Affairs, which dealt with "The New Europe" and the Cuba crisis, was attended by three MIT students. Students from 28 Canadian and 40 American schools were invited to the Oct. 24-27 conference in Montreal.

The MIT delegates, James Furtado, V. Robert Turps '63 and Ed Hot, were reimbursed for expenses of about $80 each.

The following discussion noted that if Britain joins the European Common Market the loss of present preferential tariffs to Britain's Commonwealth nations would affect only New Zealand, as other Commonwealth nations are not strongly dependent on trade with Britain.

However, the imposition of the EEC's uniform external tariff would hurt Commonwealth nations which produce raw materials, and temperate zone foods.

The delegates could not picture Great Britain acting against her own best interests, unless there were a serious possibility of a complete collapse of New Zealand's economy.

It was pointed out that currently Australia, Canada, and New Zealand all enjoy higher standing sales of being from down Britain. Hence, the delegates felt it was unfair to attempt to make Britain continue to support them.

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MIT Not Entering Revised Federal Loan Program

MIT does not plan to enter the federal government's $60,000,000 college-student loan program despite new revisions.

Adequate Loans of Student and Director of Student Aid Thomas F. Furse said, "As long as a form of financial aid were an excellent medium, but there were pragmatic reasons for not joining the program.

MIT has had a large student loan program for 25 years. During that time, up to mid-October, $7,729,000 has been loaned to 7,077 individual students. This amount includes about $695,000 which were drawn 300 students this semester.

For the last three years, some New England institutions have refused to join the federal program, for various reasons. One group, led by Harvard, boycotted the plan because of a provision requiring an anti-communist disclaimer.

Since this disclaimer has been replaced by federal surveillance powers over the applications of college students, Harvard, Boston, and Yale, the three strongest opponents of the disclaimer reportedly will join the program.

At the outset of the past October, a measure reported will join the program. That if Britain joins the European

"Away with missiles in Cuba," said the slogan reading: "Negotiate, don't blockade." and "Negotiate, don't blockade." signed against President Kennedy's speech at the Boston Common Saturday, was attended by 300 people. Chaperoned by a special detail of the Boston police, the demonstrators formed a line between the Boylston and Park Street subway entrances. Carrying such signs as "Negotiate, don't blockade," and "No blockade, don't urinate," they protested the President's speech of October 22, in which he announced that the United States would not tolerate the build-up of offensive weapons in Cuba.

The picketers emphasized that Kennedy's stand might antagonize and the Cuba crisis, was attended...