By Bob Horvitz

"It's later than you think," declared Prof. John Norton, Foreign Studies Advisor, at a meeting held last Thursday, October 22. Norton explained that there are still foreign opportunities. "If you have any hope of really benefiting from any experience abroad, you must make your plans early, especially to obtain a thorough knowledge of the language."

Discussing other aspects of foreign opportunities were Prof. B. Alden Thresher, Foreign Scholarships and Grants Advisor; Mr. Thomas Harrington, Jr., Placement Officer; Mr. Pat Whinston '65, Chairman of the Foreign Opportunities Committee, who introduced the speakers; and the 38 students present at the meeting who were a varied group, representing all years here at the Institute concerning all degrees of MIT work, from the freshman to the graduate level.

Prof. Thresher, discussing means of financial aid available, declared, "There are generally said to be three problems for the student desiring to study abroad: 1) money, 2) language, and 3) general inertia. Actually, this order should be reversed."

"There are a great many ways to finance overseas study," he continued. "However, it takes planning; you can't wait until the last minute. There are literally 1500's of grants available for study in foreign countries. But it is necessary to do a lot of digging and exploration to find those best suited for a particular situation."

Mr. Harrington, while discussing occupational overseas opportunities, outlined the myriad types of positions available, for both summer and year-round work, but because of a special meeting for students interested in working abroad to be held in the next 2 weeks, he did not extensively explain this program. Interested students should see Mr. Harrington in room 24-211.

Prof. Norton explained that with the rapidly increasing number of students interested in foreign studies, MIT is planning the development of a formal program in this area. The first step in this program was the establishment of the position of Foreign Studies Advisor, to which Prof. Norton has been appointed. His two basic duties in this post are to work on a general program for Tech undergraduates, and to assist individuals interested in overseas studies. "The general undergraduate program itself," Prof. Norton declared, "will probably not be completed until a few years in the future."

"The program for graduate studies is much simpler," Prof. Norton continued. "The graduate student is much less restricted by formal degree requirements. He is also more interested in research than lectures and seminars, and thus finds the language less of a barrier. We've had a foreign study program for many years here at the Institute. But now it has been completed to the graduate student. Now we'd like to see it continue."

According to Prof. Thresher, the fellowship awards are available for the 1966-67 academic year:

- Scandinavian-American Foundation Fellowships—fellowship awards for study in Scandinavian countries; February 1, 1965 (approximate deadline).
- C.B. Advanced Fellowships—for study in Belgium; November 13, 1964.
- Fulbright and Foreign Government Awards—for study abroad and international exchange of students; October 30, 1964.
- Henry Fellowships—for study in England at either Cambridge or Oxford University; December 1, 1964.
- Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants—for study and research in Russia; October 30, 1964.
- Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants—for study and research in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary; October 30, 1964.
- Peterhouse Research Studentships—for study at Peterhouse College, Cambridge University; April 1, 1965.
- Rhodes—for study in England (Oxford University); November 2, 1964.

The guidance and navigation system that U.S. astronauts will use on round trips to the moon has been assembled at MIT. The system, the G&N, is being shipped to Downey, California, where an MIT/AC Spark Plug laboratory facility has been constructed to check out and service the system.

Other laboratories, like the one at Downey, are being set up at Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., Bethpage, N.Y.; the Marshall Spacecraft Center, NASA, Houston, Tex.; and at the MERRIT Island Launch Area of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, NASA, Cape Kennedy, Fla.

Information on how to obtain applications for these awards may be obtained from Prof. Thresher in room 1-207 (ext. 2214).