Leader of last summer's freedom vigil addresses MIT's Civil Rights Committee

Sponsored by MIT's Civil Rights Committee, Reverend Vernon Carter, the leader of last summer's freedom vigil, spoke on October 21 to a small group of students concerning his views and accomplishments in the Civil Rights Movement. His speech, delivered as if a sermon, touched lightly ranging from the vigil, to education in Vietnam.

The nationally noted freedom vigil consisted of a 7-day demonstration on Beacon St. protesting the racial imbalance of Boston's schools. The reverend, citing a study, that racially imbalanced schools not only gives a child an inferior education, but also harms the educational atmosphere of white students. As a result of this protest, the Legislature passed the Racial Imbalance Bill, prohibiting such segregation.

Turning to Viet Nam, Reverend Carter mentioned the extreme importance of eliminating the Civil Rights Movement from Cambodia. Thus, although he opposes the war, he often states opinion that the U.S. should remain until a settlement is found, hopefully by the U.N. Returning to the vigil, Rev. Carter described his joy at the changes wrought in people during its duration; even the police became friends. It confirmed his opinion that it is but a few people who put fear and prejudice in the minds of many.

Goodyear Co., gives $1500 scholarship to Michael Romney

Michael D. Romney '68 has been awarded a $1500 scholarship by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company Fund. Romney of Haddells, New Jersey, is majoring in chemical engineering at MIT.

Little background needed

Mr. Scott, in addition to his other normal duties as house master, tries to see to it that all the students living in the dorm continually speak Russian. Mr. Scott explained, "This house itself - itself, having little background in Russian before coming to MIT, first found it difficult to speak the everyday language as opposed to that taught in the classroom. But with a little help and prod- dle, soon anyone could say "Pass the butter" or "May I have more milk?" in the mother tongue." The decor and general atmosphere of the dorm is intensely Russian.

There is no place about the fact that it is a Russian dorm, because the students actually "live in Russian." Mr. Scott, himself a first-rate illus- trator, has managed to secure various portraits of famous Rus- sian personalities. The portraits of Turgenev, Tolstoi, Pushkin and Gogol can be seen hanging in the first floor commons and dining area of the dorm.

Russian periodicals read

In addition, Mr. Scott brings in an ample supply of Russian newspapers and magazines, which seem to be well-read by members of the dorm. To encourage the students, in Russian, Mr. Scott said, "All are required to tell a Russian joke at the dinner table." Signs and posters are all in Russian, and usually a clever proverbs, not necessarily of Russian origin, is posted in Russian in the dining area. Usually according to Mr. Scott, the jokes are read at breakfast and Pravda at dinner.

In true Russian style, the dorm also employs the services of a Central Committee, headed by Michael Romney '68. Other mem- bers of the Central Committee are Bill, Michael D. Romney '68, Bill, Michael D. Romney '68, Richard Scott '68, and First Secretary of the Central Committee is Michael D. Romney '68.

"Everything is collective!"

As Mr. Scott emphatically re- marked, "Everything is collec- tive! Therefore the burdens of re- sponsibility fall equally upon the en- tire house. It should be made clear, however, that the house is completely non-political." Compared to other dorms, it seems that the members live lavishly. They have an excellent female cook, and the rooms on all five floors are spacio- nous and comfortable, as all of the boys live in doubles with or- dinary single or double beds available. Since MIT rooms are not air conditioned, the Resident Com- mittee at MIT, a Methodist stu- dent organization, the cost of liv- ing in the Russian dorm, includ- ing food, is the same as any other dorm on campus. Mr. Scott noted that "the dorm has been far more interested students who could even transfer before the next term."

The dorm is planning to publish theTechnological Truth, which will contain information for the dorm about Russian figures and writ- ers, and will also include jokes and stories in Russian. The house has frequent guests from Harvard and MIT who speak in Russian, and meets with the Slavic Soci- ety every other term. Mr. Scott marked, "Perhaps we will even begin teaching a little Chinese in the spring."

To sponsor concert

The biggest event of the social year for the Russkij Dom should be the concert. They will be sponsoring a Harvard-Russkij benefit concert (Please turn to Page 17)