Hayes meets with Johnson

Growing housing difficulties in Cambridge caused an uproar among students living in the city, leading the University administration to meet with Mayor Edward J. Hayes, Jr., to discuss the problem. During the meeting held at the Cambridge YMCA, President Howard Johnson, and Chairman of the MIT Corporation James R. Kilman, this meeting is to be the first of a series of talks which is aimed at ending the housing shortage which, according to Mayor Hayes, causes 1,000 permanent Cambridge residents to move each year.

Often students who live in Cambridge can pay higher rents than the local residents. This fact, reports Mayor Hayes, has forced housing costs beyond the reach of many residents. Both MIT and Harvard reportedly have specific proposals to increase available housing which they will present at the meeting. The universities are expected to make some requests of the city as well, e.g., it is expected that some sort of solution will be reached which will reduce the student pressure on the housing market which has, by Mayor Hayes' estimation, resulted in 15,000 of Cambridge's 55,000 rental units being occupied by non-permanent residents.

Arab club to give Lebanon seminar

"Lebanon: A Case Study of Democracy and Laissiez Faire" is the provocative title of the two-day seminar which will be jointly sponsored by the MIT Arab Club and the International Students Council. The seminar will be held Saturday and Sunday.

The basic program will consist of a series of papers presented by students. The topics brought out in the papers are expected to be the basis of discussions among panels of Arab scholars. Forming the panels will be professors from MIT, Harvard and community boards of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, will be among the panelists.

The topics of the students papers will deal with Lebanon's history and culture. Following these will be sessions on the country's free enterprise economy and low-cost housing projects. Also discussed will be democracy in Lebanon, and the problems of the vast number of Lebanese immigrants, with special mention to those in the United States.

In connection with the seminar the LedBell dining room, in the MIT Student Center, will provide a complete Lebanese menu at lunch and dinner on Saturday.

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