Japanese college students take casual tour of MIT

Japanese college students, touring the United States, made a side visit to MIT Monday. During their stay they had the opportunity to talk informally with students in order to get a better view of life in America.

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During his second visit this spring, Professor Charles P. Kindleberger, Chairman of the MIT faculty, cited a number of factors which make it difficult to determine what the fate of the resolution will be. In addition to the unusual turnout and the closeness of the vote, there is the fact that the opposition to the motion came from three rather unlikely allies: those who felt that the resolution was inappropriate for consideration by the faculty, those who felt that the situation needed further consideration before any resolution was to be considered; and those who felt that the resolution was not worded strongly enough.

Chomsky explains motives. In a telephone interview Wednesday night, Professor Chomsky explained that this resolution was directed against only the principle of political participation in the life of the university and in no way makes a judgment regarding whether political issues were involved in an unacceptable degree in the Berkeley situation. He also stated that he considered it the duty of the faculty to take a position on the problem of academic freedom and examine the relationship between government and the academic community.

Professor Chomsky views this resolution as the beginning of a continuing examination of the role of the university in today's society by the Institute. However, he plans, "It has not been the tradition at MIT for the faculty to involve itself in issues beyond a rather narrow area of the role of the faculty." It is natural, then, that a resolution of this type should arouse some opposition from those who feel that the faculty should not consider such issues at all. Indeed, President Howard Johnson himself commented that this was the first time a resolution of this nature had been put before the faculty.

Senator Kennedy to give seminar

MIT will be participating in the Second Seminar program of the newly-formed Massachusetts Collegiate Political Seminar Association that is starting this evening at Boston University's Sherman Student Union.

Edward M. Kennedy, the senator from Massachusetts, will be speaking before the students and seminar program and then open the floor to questions. Members of the national press will be present. Approximately 20 members are expected to attend the program.

Only those MIT students who are a part of MIT's program and those who have invitations are eligible to attend.