Chomsky reviews MIT's war role in informal talk

By Jack Katz

Professor Noam Chomsky discussed the problem of government influence at MIT. What was scheduled to be a "discussion of secret research and war research at MIT" turned into a discussion of the role of MIT in particular and universities in general in society. The talk was planned for the Boston Sunday School center as part of the school's anti-war week activities on campus.

Government influence

Professor Chomsky described the relation of MIT to the government in terms of overt and covert influences. He pointed out that appointments at MIT are often given to those who show the most promise of receiving research grants while many such grants are obtained from the defense department.

It was stated that several individual professors at MIT are involved with the government in various advisory capacities. Probably the most significant influence is the large share the federal subsidies play in the MIT budget.

Aid needed

In spite of an expressed disinterest in government influence, Professor Chomsky illustrated the desirability of government aid.

Due to government aid, MIT has grown from a pre-World War II institution to a first rate university. Its growth rate has been enormous since World War II.

Protest rally against Vietnam War features wide variety of speakers

By Paul Johnston

A rally was held Wednesday, sponsored by the MIT Students for a Democratic Society and the MIT Committee to End the War, in front of the MIT Student Center. About three hundred people were present to hear Howard Zinn, Linda Shopard, Byron Rushing, and Michael Yokell speak against the American involvement in the Vietnamese conflict.

London opens rally

Not long, Chairman of the MIT Committee to End the War, opened the rally a few minutes after noon. He spoke briefly on the National Student Mobilization, and the events which his organization and the SDS had sponsored at MIT in response to the "Call to Vietnam Week." (April 9-10.) He also urged the audience to participate in tomorrow's march on the UN.

Peace and Civil Rights

Byron Rushing, of the Massachusetts Coalition on Peace and Rights, spoke next, asking why, with all the signs, there was nothing urging the resigning of Adam Clayton Powell. He then called the Vietnamese war an extension of American racist policy. Both American civil rights policy and foreign policy, he said, have as their ends the "superimposition of white people...in this world."

He argued that there was no longer any logical basis for the peace movement and civil rights because the peace movement today is where the civil rights movement was over a year ago. The peace movement would have to take sides in the Rights conflict before it could ever hope to stop the bombing of Vietnam or end the draft. "Peace," he said, "must begin with liberation of the colored people." Therefore, he recommended that the peace movement "should defy Black Power, instead of trying to support the powerless peoples of the world.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

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"Believing that the management of educational institutions should not be subject to the vagaries of political activity; and

"Mindful of the fact that the University of California has been an inspiration to scholars and educators in this country and abroad by virtue of the dignity and extent of its service to the people of California and the whole country; therefore

"The faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology expresses its distress at the action of the Board of Regents and its hope that a healthy situation will be restored promptly at the University of California."

Rally highlights Vietnam protest

Baker wins $50 savings bond in Tech photography contest

Nerve researcher, Rosenblith, chosen new faculty head

Walter A. Rosenblith, Professor of Electronics and Informatics in the Department of Electrical Engineering at MIT, was chosen Chairman of the Faculty Wednesday night.

Professor Rosenblith is widely noted for his research on the quantification of electrical activity in the nervous system. He combines aspects of electrical engineering, mathematics and physics, and the phenomena of psychology in his study of the processes by which the nervous system carries sensory communication with their environment.

Born in Vienna, Austria, in 1913, Professor Rosenblith studied in the Universities of Vienna, Paris and Bordeaux. In 1933, he received the degree of Doctor of Radio-electrical engineering from the University of Bordeaux, and the following year was accepted as a grand Ingenieur Radio-technicien from the Ecole Superieure d'Electricite in Paris. Following a stay as an electrical engineer in the

Financial irregularities in LSC probed by AEB

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The above photo by Don Baker '68 was selected by Prof. Minor White to receive first prize, a $50 savings bond, in the Tech Photo Contest.