Protest determined Sun.

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The YAF hopes to show that the majority of MIT students support their position by means of a petition reaffirming Dow's right to recruit on campus.

Planning of protest

The format for the protest was planned at an SDS meeting held Sunday evening whose sole purpose was to decide the format of protest to be employed against Dow Chemical. The SDS was concerned that a student in attendance at the meeting remarked that it was perhaps the only planned political activity of its kind at MIT.

A vote of the SDS gave the reason for its specific protest of Dow. SDS differentiates Dow from all other defense industries by virtue of the fact that napalm, which, "in some quarters, with it a "much more direct and immediate connection of inhumanity than do other military products which go into the war effort. MIT, by ignoring the "atrocious implications of napalm," becomes by letting Dow recruit on its campus, an accomplice to the atrocities — in the minds of the student protestors.

Three representatives

Three representatives for the protesting group were chosen. They were: Professor Jerrold Katz of the Department of Humanities, Ed Luce, '68, and Abe Lichter, '68.

The meeting adopted the statement that "It is the overwhelming decision of the meeting, which included undergraduates, graduate teaching fellows, and faculty, to condemn the occasion of Dow Chemical Company's recruiting at MIT as a non-obstructive sit-in to protest the war in Vietnam."

There were four main proposals that were voted on at the meeting. They were: establishment of a sit-in at the Ford Building or President Johnson's office; non-obstructive picketing; and an information drive at Kresge.

MIT mentality is war

What became evident at the meeting was that the consciousness of goals of the protest did not exist. Some people argued that they wanted to protest MIT's complicity in the war. Others said the protest was directed against the war in general.

The argument against MIT complicity lost ground at the meeting. Related proposals such as ending recruitment by the 400 top defense contractors were also dismissed. MIT's existence is so involved with government contracts that extension of the protest would lead to its shut down.

Actually war protest

It was Professor Katz's opinion that Dow's appearance is merely an occasion to protest the war. In regard to protests Dow itself, he claimed the students were no more doing that than protesting "US Israel for making bullets or MIT for making possible some of the technology used in the war."

Other complications developed. There were fears by some that too radical a protest might have a reactionary effect on today's Cambridge reformun on the Vietnam War. One participant in the meeting asked for some form of assurance that the attendants would act as a group after a decision was voted upon. It was also thought that a protest must be chosen which would not cause unfavorable reaction in the student body.

Six Wellesley girls attended the meeting and also protested. They heard about the meeting through personal sources. Kenneth H. Wayleif, Dean of Student Affairs, stated that if trouble developed the girls would be asked to leave first.

"Responsible" protest

Once the actual protest had begun, Dean Wayleif explained that he was pleased with the demonstration of support for the protest — "pleased in the sense that it's responsible."