The MIT chapter of Young Americans for Freedom has joined with students from other Boston area schools in picketing the IBM Regional Office of IBM. This week long demonstration that culminated Saturday is part of a nationwide YAF protest of IBM's planed sales of the "360" computer series to Communist bloc nations. The "360" series, or its older counterpart the "190," presently serves in Vietnam and in Western Europe as a major component of the U.S. logistics system.

The purpose of the demonstration was summarized by MIT YAF chairman David Pearson, "Today, business as usual has organized labor has learned that the way to get ahead is not through output but rather by doing the bidding of the Federal government. As a private for government computer contracts, IBM's President Thomas Watson, Jr., has agreed to aid in US State Department "bridge" building activities with Communist nations—particularly when the trade involves something of great military significance in a computer system. If these people are informed that such trade is prepared, any company that is afraid of controversy as IBM will back down."

Other schools taking part in the demonstration Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. include Wellesley, Boston College, BU, and Northeastern.

Simmons College will hold a series of seminars for the spring term which will be open to the Boston area. Registration for the seminars will be held today in the main lobby from 9 am to 4 pm. At that time a five dollar registration fee will be due.

Pop Music

A total of eight experimental seminars are being offered. "Pop Music—The Growth and Evolution" will be an informal discussion of current pop music and its many derivatives. "General Systems and Cybernetics" will deal with problems of change and equilibrium in diverse fields. The seminar will be held on Thursdays at 4:00 beginning Feb. 22.

Oriental poetry

"Japanese and Chinese poetry" will include a brief survey of these forms, including concentration on a few poems representative of the best and most typical of these cultures. The seminar will be held Mondays at 7:15, beginning Feb. 15.

"The Power of Photography" will examine the effects of an image created photographically on the human emotions, intellectually, and motivates visually. The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 8:45, beginning Feb. 28.

War in Vietnam

"Vietnam" will cover problems such as the rise of the Viet Minh and the war against the French, the Geneva Conference, the American involvement, the Diem regime, and alternatives for the American people in efforts to obtain an end to the conflict. The seminar will take place on Thursdays at 8:00, beginning Feb. 22. "Environmental awareness" will examine the validity of our communications system and our socio-economic structure. Instructor will be Mr. Preston Burns, publisher of Avenue. The course will be held on Thursdays at 7:30, beginning Feb. 22.

Lecture to feature noted Cuban expert

At the invitation of the MIT chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, Mr. Luis Maresca will speak on the Castro dictatorship. Mr. Maresca, a Cuban and chairman of The Truth About Cuba Committee, is the most knowledgeable person in the United States on the present state of Cuba. His information sources include members of the Cuban underground as well as recently arrived refugees from Cuba. Maresca represents a Miami based group of Cuban refugees who are attempting to enlist the sympathies of the American people in efforts to establish a free Cuban government in Havana. According to Maresca, the United States government presently suppresses any efforts of the Cuban-in-exile to topple the Castro government. The Cubans believe this is a concession granted by the United States in exchange for Russian withdrawal of missiles from Cuba.

Mr. Maresca appeared on WBBI Thursday to respond to a series of controversial films shown on that station purporting to show the improvements brought about by the Castro government. This film series led the Cuban news Cuban population to picket WBBI and demand equal time to point out the propaganda nature of the films.

Cuban submission in this hemisphere, efforts of the anti-Castro underground, and the persistent reports from refugee groups that intermediate range ballistic missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads are based in Cuba will be among topics covered in the lecture. In addition, the film "Hitler in Havana" will be shown. An admission of $1.00 will be charged ($0.50 for students). All proceeds will go to The Truth About Cuba Committee.