We are apt to argue that as assistants we work for our keep. But do we really do enough work to earn our tuition fees plus living expenses? Furthermore, is there any innate reason why MIT must give these assistants to foreign students while depriving American students of these benefits? Whatever one may look at it, the simple fact is that MIT is being a gift upon us.

And that is not all. We tend, all too often, to forget that both during the summer and after we graduate-as something that is owed us by America. Not content with making free use of all the myriad facilities this country has to offer, we are prone to taking everything for granted.

At this stage this letter appears to be written by an American Patriot. There is no cause for alarm, I have no intention of indulging in a diatribe on Truth, Justice, and the American Way. I realize that the Udny American is not a nationalistic character, and that history will probably condemn Udny for his atrocities in Viet Nam and all that sort of thing. All I'm trying to achieve in this letter is to restore some of the objectivity, sense of balance, and perspective that we foreign students seem to have discarded.

Our debt is hardly necessary for me to mention the billon of dollars that the United States gives to our countries, or the work the Peace Corps does. It seems to me that it is high time we had not got rid of some of our very considerable illusions and began honestly to examine the truths of the situation. It is about time we step back a bit and think about what we are doing for the countries that are doing so much for us.

I wonder how many of us have ever stepped inside the offices of the MIT Social Service Committee. Have any of us even volunteered to teach in the MIT High programme? Work such as this does not take up very much of our time. How difficult would it be to find four or six hours a week to tutor underprivileged children, or to help out in a hospital? Is this too much to ask of ourselves? We must rid ourselves of our apathy.

In order to be done in the country, it is essential indeed that foreign students insulate ourselves from involvement in the housing problems that face America today. There is a surfeit of sub-rental chain that are too much for us. We must shun our leniency and help America as she helps us. Let us not count our money while America burns.

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fist are in shorts, who is transgressing on the rights of others? It is a clue to the state of the nation that neither the defend- ers nor the critics of the Viet- nam conflict analyze the situa- tion principally in these terms. The best we can get today is "war is bad" or "napalm burns" or "innocents of war.

Paragraph IV: The point of the joint programs contest is not to react to or counter SDE statements. The statement I refer to in the previous paragraph is simply not of an intellectual calibre worthy of a response. (Are you wondering why I bothered to respond to The Tech editorial?) This is a conservative way to utilize MIT's knowledge to protect our services.

Paragraph V: Thank you for your advice on how to "win the war." The war is not won. It is not the purpose of the competition, however, as I've already stated.

RAI would, it provides a channel for the productive efforts of the MIT student. Finally, the com- ment that man has "quite enough methods for exterminating him- self" deserves the adjective laughable.

I wonder how many of us are satisfied with our citizenship without even stepping inside the office of the MI7 Social Service Committee. Have any of us even volunteered to teach in the MIT High programme? Work such as this does not take up very much of our time. How difficult would it be to find four or six hours a week to tutor underprivileged children, or to help out in a hospital? Is this too much to ask of ourselves? We must rid ourselves of our apathy.

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