Campaign for rent control referendum wins support

By Bob Dennis

A large gathering of concerned citizens met in Kresge Technical High School Sunday night to hear a progress report on the fight for rent control in Cambridge, and to arouse additional support for the program.

Speeches were presented giving data on the escalating rent increases in recent months, attacks City Council for hindering the drive for rent control, outlining the goals and methods of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, and summarizing the-expansive policies of the universities. The presence of the new NASA Research Center was given as additional evidence that Cambridge is becoming "The Festoons of New England."

The demand for rent control was initiated by the Cambridge Peace and Freedom Party and is currently being run by a group of about 100 citizens. The group reported that they have to date achieved about 1000 of the 8000 signatures necessary to bring about a rent referendum on rent control. The referendum would force the City Council to consider the group's rent control law. If the Council passed it, the law would go into effect. If, as expected, the Council rejected it, the question would go within a month to a special city-wide election. The group is confident that the city would vote for rent control. Besides charging "the City Council has always low-browed to the housing problem, and has never even housed the housing issue," the group also asserted that the Council has actually attempted to pre- vent the city from even considering the issue. The group is publishing a monthly paper, "Klopse," in Central and Harvard Squares.

The proposed law of the Cambridge rent control group stipulates that a landlord could charge no more than what the apartment was rented for on January 1, 1968, and that he could not take away any services which he was supplying at that time. The bill would not include single family dwellings or small landlords who lived in a two or three family dwelling and rent out the remaining one or two apartments. Also exempt would be public housing, hotels, motels, and rooming houses.

A critical feature of this bill states that if a landlord lets his housing deterio- rate beyond normal wear and tear, or equipment and appliances the tenant can ask the rent board for a reduction in his rent.

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UAP! Mike Albert has stated that he supports the rent control measures, and that he hopes MIT will also lend its support for the program.

Resistance adopts program for social, economic change

By Jerry Max

Saturday afternoon in the North Lounge a well-publicized meeting of MIT's Resistance took place. Presented to the sixty people attending the meeting was a comprehensive proposed program of objectives for defining the future direction to be taken by the group.

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The program, titled REACH Talent Search, will be sponsored by Harvard's Phillips Brooks House, MIT Urban Research (formerly SSC), and Tutoring Plus. REACH, a community-based organization, will sponsor a three-phase program of educational opportunities for low-income students. The first phase, a "summer talent search" will be open to all, and will work towards unseating Albert as petitions for recall were being circulated in East Campus the day Albert was announced as a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least." Albert named Prather Vice President, who was also a "surprise, to say the least.”