there were reports that UAP MEK Albert had attempted to stop the commission by blocking student government action on President Johnson's request for nomenclature. Investigation revealed that a petition presented on behalf of 25 representatives was instrumental in having the meeting called.

But during the debate, Albert insisted he was indifferent to the new Commission's work and would neither oppose nor support it. A committee including Execom members Karen Wattle, Dick Prather, Steve Ehrman, and Stan Pomerantz, plus several members of the Assembly itself, was appointed to review preparations for the Institute study.

**STUDENT MOB PLANS ACTION**

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Student Mobilization acts
National Student Mobilization
"to End the War in Vietnam also
developed the idea of a full offens-
ive against the war. They picked
October 15 as their first target at
a national meeting in Cleveland
July 4 weekend, but agreed to cooper-
ate with Groosman's group.
This day would be used to build
upward a student strike on
November 14 followed by a
march on Washington November
15.

**Wood to head MBTA**

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Governor Sagitarian officially an-
ounced yesterday that Prof. Robert
Wood would soon be taking
over the work of chairman of the
Massachusetts Bay Transit Author-
ty. To remain at MIT
in an exclusive interview with
The Tech prior to yesterday's
press conference, Prof. Wood em-
phasized that the main focus of his
work will continue to be at
MIT, where he maintains the
dual role of Head of the Political
Science Department and Director of
the Harvard MIT Joint Center of
Urban Studies.

His new role of presiding over the
MBTA Board is an essentially
part-time job that pays $10,000 a
year. Prof. Wood asserts that he
will find time for this new job by
cutting down on his outside lectur-
ing and consulting. He points out
that his position will be ana-
gous to that of James P. McGom-
ack, a former Vice-President of
MIT who simultaneously served as
MBTA Chairman.

Transportation and the poor
Prof. Wood, who has come to be
regarded as one of the nation's foremost urban experts, says that
he is looking forward to his new
role because he believes that mass
transport is a matter of utmost im-
portance to the hopes of the inner
city poor.

Prof. Wood stresses his belief
that the Boston area has the best
chance among the efforts of
American cities to achieve a bal-
anced transportation system. He
declares that the MBTA, as it
exists, "has the framework of a
first rate system" that will achieve
its full potential when the neces-
sary extensions are added.

**MIT SDS attacks new land purchases**

By Harvey Baker

About 60 people attended a meeting of the WorkerStudent Alliance oriented MIT SDS last Wednesday evening in the Vanne-
war Bus Room to discuss MIT's expansion and research policies.
The focus of the debate cen-
tered on how best to enlist stu-
dents to work with SDS to "ex-
pose" MIT's "imperialist research" and "anti-working class oriented"
purchases of land in Cambridge.

Of special note was the pur-
chase of the Simples land and
factory totalling approximately
20 acres of land and several buil-
dings, one of which is less than
10 years old. The participants at
the meeting voiced their objections
to the purchase, stating that it would
displace over 1100 workers from
jobs, would remove another slice from the already eroding tax-base of Cambridge, and would be used to further war research activities.

The additional charge was made that only six weeks prior to the actual consummation of the purchase, Mr. O. Robert Simha, head of the Planning Office, de-

dined that any such negotiations were underway. Mr. Simha was not available for comment.

As contrasted to previous meetings of SDS, this one was notably free of the violent out-
breaks, shouting matches and the like that had been a real problem in the introductory attempt last week to introduce freshmen to SDS. In fact, rarely did more than one speaker attempt to talk at a time; the general format was one of a question and answer session in which participants were invited to ask anything they chose, within reasonable bounds.

The second major focus was on the research activities of the instit-
utes, including Project CAM, the helicopter project, the MIT today and the TARGS project. A number of speakers tried to stress the importance of not cutting back the research and expansion, stating that the eventual result of technologically-ori-
ented expansion into low income housing areas would be the dis-
placement of poor people and the corresponding substitution of engineers and their families, who would be employed at the new
facilities. These would include both those owned by M.I.T. and outside firms, such as IBM, Pola-
rado, NASA and several aircraft
companies now negotiating for
land in Cambridge.

The final topic discussed was the October demonstration and march to protest the war in Viet-

nam and university policies in general. While a regional effort, the Cambridge sector of it will probably commence at the
Cambridge Common.

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