**MIT housing welcomed**

By Bob Dennis

In beginning the long complex process of seeking to implement its housing program announced for Cambridge last spring, MIT has encountered typical community prejudices and anxieties.

Surveys of residents near the Clarendon Avenue site in north Cambridge indicated initial opposition to the development of 150 new housing units. The community feared the effects of having many poor families enter the neighborhood and objected to the construction of a high-rise building.

As evidenced at a cordial tea held there recently, the community now seems satisfied with MIT's latest plans. These plans call for a somewhat reduced number of units, all for elderly citizens, to be developed in two separate low-rise structures on the site. A community store will also be constructed within the development.

Cambridgeport site

MIT last week agreed to delay filing petition for a zoning change for the Eric Street site in Cambridgeport. The Cambridgeport Planning Team supports, in principle, the Institute's plans for up to 200 low rent units for both the elderly and families. The Planning Team refused to support a zoning change at this time, since MIT has not yet received a guarantee of the federal subsidies which would allow the low-rent nature of the project.

In the event that the federal subsidies were not forthcoming, the Planning Team asked for prior guarantees that MIT would not use the land for other purposes unless it had the approval of the neighborhood. Also, MIT would not sell the property for purposes other than low-rent housing for residents without the approval of the neighborhood.

**Chavez talks at Emmanuel; asks support of the people**

By Harvey Baker

Amid tumultuous cries of "Huelga!" and "Viva la revolucion!" Cesar Chavez, famed leader of the striking grape pickers, spoke Monday night at Emmanuel College. The focus of the Mexican-American's speech was directed at the need for money to fund the migrant workers' strike. The growers, said Chavez, have all of big business on their side and are receiving support from various right-wing groups and the Pentagon.

Shipments of grapes to stores overseas have increased 80%, said Chavez, and when asked to explain this drastic upsurge the military passed it off as a sudden "craving for grapes" in the Middle East. Why not, really, while grape prices nationally are off 30%, the percentage of grapes in food staples is up quite a bit, and so is consumption of raisins. All this indirectly hurts the migrant workers. The growers continue to refuse to bargain and Chavez is on a mission to bring the workers together to "take their case to the government." This has been their strategy ever since they began, and will continue until a fair and equitable agreement is reached.

The general atmosphere of the meeting was reminiscent of the early civil rights work in the South, with repeated calls by all speakers for unity among people of all races, colors, and creeds. Emphasis was on brotherhood, love, and non-violence. Sazi Chavez, "Non-violent will-power is necessary to endure the long weeks, months, and years ahead until we see our struggle through to its victorious conclusion. I have always believed that the people are on our side."  

Boycott

Terminating the boycott "as almost perfect means of non-violent struggle," Chavez commented that by obtaining court orders prohibiting picketing, demonstrations, etc., the growers had practically forced the migrant workers to adopt the boycott as their means with which to fight back. Convinced that all the major interests in this country are opposing them, the workers decided four years ago to "take their case to the people." This has been their strategy ever since then, and will continue until a fair and equitable agreement is reached. Employers contacted the grape pickers union last June, and entered into negotiations which lasted for three weeks; however, at the end of this time no progress had been made, so they were discontinued. The two sides at the beginning had different wages and health and safety conditions. The additional payment for a minimum wage, the workers pointed out, was necessary to raise the workers' wages and health and safety conditions. The additional payment for a minimum wage, the workers pointed out, was necessary to raise the workers' wages and health and safety conditions.

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First, the ad hoc committee called for the creation of an effective Secretariat. It would handle such administrative details as publishing current lists of committee chairmen and informing representatives of meeting times and places. Presently, the burden of fulfilling these responsibilities is carried by the Secretary General.

However, this measure will not reverse what the committee calls the disintegration of Assembly meetings. Roberts Rules of Order have been discarded, and there are no checks to see if a student voting on a motion is really a legitimate delegate.

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