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whether these are facts that I or anyone else may be interested in. The non-facts that are currently being thrown around without inquiry or checking regarding, for example, the COMCOM Project or Cambridge Project, get picked up and repeated third hand until people begin to believe them. I would urge anyone who is interested in the facts about what I am doing to get in touch with me, I would be glad to make all results of the COMCOM studies available. Ithiel de Sola Pool

Intellectual freedom?
To the Editor:
On Wednesday, October 27, I was refused entrance to the Placement Office because I was wearing a button—"No More!"—I arrived there to research graduate school catalogs as the SDS demonstration against GE recruiters was ending. At the door I told the office was closed to all except those who had interviews. After stating my business and giving assurance that I was not one of the demonstrators, I was told by the person in charge, a Placement Office administrator, that I could use the library providing I removed my button. I would like to know what kind of "intellectual freedom" this represents?
Kenneth Sills '70
Briefly said...

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Rally speakers explain goals and tactics for day

Minor scuffles occur at sit-in

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NAC adopted a stand of not talking to "pig press".

Arguments
Numerous arguments between professors and chanting demonstrators broke out, but there was no violence. One professor attempted to argue that violence was senseless; he was called a "pig liberal" and bombarded with silence. The argument was started by Mac's "power game" from the barrel of a gun from a group of armed-linked demonstrators. NAC marshals announced they felt little probability of a trial as so many began to speculate on it. They noted that bytendards would be in the way, and that this would not be their fault. Just in case, however, they issued instructions for everyone to disperse by walking away from the direction cops would come and spilling out through the Institute, leaving by various exits. A xeroxed statement from Paul Gray's noon press conference was circulated and read by George Katsiaficas, stating that in the event of an obstructive sit-in the Institute would consider disciplinary action against students and staff charges against outsiders. Winner statement
A growing mood of gaiety was shattered at 3:30 pm when Wiesner addressed the TPF at its meeting. After a welcome by Kennedy Wattams, NAC attempted to read another statement over a bullhorn. The official text: "I ask you to permit passage. This is a request." It was accepted to read it again from two other points in the hall. Each time he touched off a chorus of shouts and defiance chants such as "Fuck you, Big Brother." About 25 minutes later, Wadleigh told the head of the NAC marshals that people present were not subject to the disciplinary action and charges mentioned in the Gray statement. As this took place, NAC announced they were waiting for SAC to return from their canvassing for a daylight march past the I-Labs. The march did not take place.

At 4:30 pm NAC leaders decided it was time to go. They asked the crowd to rise and move to the lobby, attempted to read a statement to the tune of Mickey Mouse, where films were still being shown by NEWCREW, the radio-film group, members of the NAC. The crowd went there, some to return to the Student Center, others to remain and watch the films, and talk politics.

NAC privileges expire in student center rooms

By Ted Lichtensstein
NAC was displaced from the Sala de Puerto Rico last night due to rehearsals of the MIT Concert Band and Orchestra after the reservation of the room had been made.

Before yesterday the Student Center rooms were reserved for a YAF debate in the Sala, the band and orchestra rehearsals in the Lobdell Dining Room, and a small Urban Studies program in the Mezzanine Lounge. The YAF debate was canceled, however, and SCC decided to prepare the band and orchestra into the sala to save the five marshalls required to set up Lobdell. The decision was made in view of the apparent small NAC support.

As of yesterday morning it appeared that the number of NAC followers had dropped to sixty. After the noon rally, the number of demonstrators had grown considerably, and SCC decided to put NAC in the Mezzanine Lounge. This solution, they felt, would be satisfactory for the NAC's 7 pm meeting. However this was not caught unprepared when NAC wanted to come to the Student Center at 4:45 pm in large numbers. By this time the band rehearsal was set up in the Sala and the Mezzanine Lounge had not been readied for NAC.

Hasty efforts were made to prepare the band and orchestra facilities for the NAC. The decision to grant Student Center facilities to NAC was based on the fact that not knowing what action NAC would take the committee had no right to deny their request.

Johnson praised police for activities at Lab

President Howard Johnson, who has been incommunicado most of the time this week, paid a visit Tluesday morning to the Cambridge Tactical Police Force which "engaged in [the Wednesday] action in front of the Instrumentation Laboratory." He was accompanied by a release from the Office of Public Relations. According to Cambridge City Manager James L. Sullivan, Johnson addressed the TFP at its temporary quarters in the Harrison School gymnasium in East Cambridge. The school has been used as sleeping quarters and meeting point since the November Action crisis began.

President Johnson had the.police: "I came here today to tell you how proud I am of you for the patience, restraint, and cooperation which has been shown by all of you today morning. When tensions are high, it takes a great deal of courage to keep the citizens of Cambridge safe, and I am proud of the way you did it." Johnson also thanked the leaders of government of the city of Cambridge, singularly Manager Sullivan for special thanks.

Johnson said the police force: "I know we have your support while you are on duty over there. I am proud of you for the patience, restraint, and cooperation which has been shown by all of you today morning. When tensions are high, it takes a great deal of courage to keep the citizens of Cambridge safe, and I am proud of the way you did it."