By Lee Gignere

Over 2000 people were left waiting in Freedom Square Friday night for buses to Washington to participate in the march there. Although as many as half of those may not have bought tickets, the line-up was due to the New Mobe's troubles in obtaining buses for the trip.

According to Judy Helfield of the MIT Moratorium Committee, the problem was that the New Mobe had mismanaged the bus arrangements. Her explanation was given by Linda Sheppard of the New Mobe, who said that the problem was largely due to the bus companies which refused to rent more buses in the latter part of the week.

Buses unavaiable

The New Mobe had planned to reserve buses according to their running ticket sales since money was not available to reserve them ahead of time. This was the way in which similar arrangements had been made in the past. This time, however, there were no more buses available for reservation and sales had to be halted.

According to both sources, as ticket sales rose rapidly on Wednesday, the New Mobe office began to have difficulty keeping up with the sales figure it was receiving from outstanding sellers. The decision was then made to end ticket sales at noon on Thursday. Many groups, however, did not stop selling tickets. Sales understimulated.

According to Miss Sheppard, the bus arrangements were made by one person at the New Mobe office. She stated that she had had incorrectly estimated the number of people who would buy tickets and so did not reserve enough buses. She also felt that he had not delegated his authority properly, and had tried to do too much himself.

Miss Sheppard, on the other hand, felt that blame for the affair could not be placed on one person. The issue that the New Mobe had used in the past had failed this time because it was impossible to get buses during the later part of the week. She suggested that there might have been some sort of pressure on the bus companies not to rent any additional buses to the marchers.

There was little question on the part of either of them that many more tickets could have been sold. Miss Sheppard estimated that a total of 8000 seats could have been sold if they had been available.

Additional difficulty resulted when the New Mobe learned that the buses had to be paid for with cash or certified checks. The whole bus set-up nearly collapsed since this was not learned until just before the banks' closing time.

Difficulty also arose in the loading of the buses. 80% which had planned to load at Harvard Square, decided at the last minute to load at Freedom Square. Since they did not finish until 10:30, the New Mobe was delayed. A second problem resulted from the fact that the police had failed to put up parking covers on the parking meters in the Square although they had promised several times that they would do this.

When, at the end of the week, it was necessary to turn away people who wanted to buy tickets, many workers were left with a sense of frustration that their efforts had been negated.

Announcements

- Alpha Phi Omega's annual UMCOC benefit will be going this week in the lobby of Building 10. All members of the MIT community are welcome to enjoy a free dish—one per person—with proceeds going to CARE. Vote early and vote often.

- An election to fill recently vacated NRSA positions in the General Assembly will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on Thursday, November 20, at the NRSA, 311 Memorial Drive. All registered NRSA members may vote. For more information, call any member of the NRSA Executive Committee at 2727.

- There will be a booth in Building 10 today through Thursday for MIT personnel interested in signing a petition to support the closing of the Institute on Friday, November 26.

- There will be a meeting of the Sierra Club tonight at 8 pm in the Student Center. Gary Sooher will speak on "Politics of Pollution and Preservation."

- There will be a meeting for all firemen interested in fresh hockey today in the lobby of the DuPont Athletic Center.

- The Electrical Engineering Department will hold a steak fry for faculty and students on Thursday at 6 pm in the lobby of Building 13. Tickets can be purchased for $2 in Building 10 or 4-205.

- "A Trip to the Moon," a children's lecture by C. Stark Dodge, will be given Sunday at 3 pm in 31-100. There will be a $2.50 contribution to benefit the Tech Nursery School.

- The II am worship at the MIT chapel this Sunday will consist of an afternoon service of prayers, readings, and songs written by students and others. The theme is "Time and Its Use in Protestant America, A Comparative Study."

- There will be a meeting of the Boston Section of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers Wednesday at 7 pm in Northeastern's Student Union Ballroom.