Flemings committee reports to Johnson on Nov. Actions

By Duff McRoberts

The report of the "Flemings Committee", the second of two panels commissioned to investigate incidents occurring during the week of the November Actions, has been submitted to President Johnson.

Professor Meron C. Flemings (II), chairman of the panel, said the report was delivered late last week. He declined to divulge the contents of the report, saying the decision of when the contents will be released is up to the President.

The Flemings panel was charged with the task of evaluating complaints concerning violations of the law that may have occurred during the November Actions. It is an advisory committee, chaired by Professor Hartley Rogers, released its report and recommendations on internal disciplinary considerations earlier this month.

Testimony heard

Duff McRoberts, said the panel heard testimony both from persons who came from or their own accord and from others who were invited to appear before the committee. He added that all of those whom the committee heard are members of the MIT community.

"I'd say we had people representing a wide range of opinions," he commented, when asked about the apparent attitudes of the people who appeared.

The question of possible legal action by MIT has been raised due to the militant nature of the November Actions. On the morning of November 5 an obstructionist picket line was set up around a building housing an Instrumentation Laboratory. MIT had previously obtained a temporary restraining order, but the court injunction ordering the November Action Coalition to refrain from certain militant actions.

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Those issues include the academic status of ROTC courses and departments, the use of regular MIT subjects for ROTC credit and academic rank of the ROTC instructors. It is likely that a permissive committee will exist in the future to provide a continuing survey of ROTC.

MIRV work discussion

Another group, the Organizing Committee of the Faculty Advisory Group, has been at work with the objective of encouraging and stimulating discussion of issues relating to MIRV and the Special Laboratories. The group arranged a special faculty meeting last week and has distributed several position papers on relevant issues, with several more to come. The committee has also been active in organizing large and small discussion groups on the subject.

Several reports complete

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