GA hears judicial changes

By Lee Gigante
A demonstration against the Vietnam war is being planned by a coalition of Boston anti-war groups for April 15.

Plans call for a late afternoon rally on the Common with eleven speakers. The organizers fore saw a demonstration similar to that of last October 15. There is also the possibility of smaller demonstrations sponsored by members of the coalition earlier in the week.

At MIT, the Student Mobilization Committee is planning a meeting on April 8 in the Student Center to organize MIT's participation in the April 15 rally. April 15th is a national day of action. Singer, the group plans to begin canvassing on campus on the 11th and 14th. Singer felt that "99%" of the campus is against the war and gaining support for the 15th is going to be largely an organizational problem.

Bob Bresnan, coordinator of the city-wide rally, said that the success of the day "hinges on whether the demonstration catches on," especially with local newspapers since the broad coalition does not have large resources. Singer said that many of the "liberal" papers which supported October 15 might have now deserted off by the radicals who became associated with it. He said, however, "if the news media do come out in support of the day, it will have an effect."

"I think sentiment against the war is still as high as it was in the fall," Bresnan said.

Referendum
The coalition is also working on a referendum put on the November ballot which would ask as a "question of policy" whether the people wanted the war to continue. The refer-endum would call for "total withdrawal of US troops" from Southeast Asia, with the slogan "Let the people vote on the war." Currently, the petitions are being prepared to that end. Petitions have to the question placed on the ballot will come out "a week or two before the fifteenth" according to Bresnan. There will also be a call for the governor to put it on the ballot.

Bresnan said that the new Mebe will distribute literature for a groups to use in canvassing before the fifteenth. The Bebe will not, however, attempt to organize door-to-door canvass ing as it did in October. Instead, the SMC will distribute leaflets at a few stands in the student centers, schools and factories in the area. Speakers will include Father Robert Drinan, congressional candidate; Senator Charles Percy and New York gubernatorial candidate in a national secretary of the SMC and a member of the Black Panthers. Several Boston city officials for the use of the Common and for parade routes have also begun.


SBU to hold conference on South Africans' plight

A conference on the "Crises in Southern Africa" will be held at MIT on the 9th and 10th of April to discuss measures that might help alleviate the plight of blacks in areas of illegally-segregat ed South Africa. The conference, to be held in Kresge Auditorium, is sponsored by the MIT Student Black Union, America's relations with South Africa, especially economic investments by US companies in white-controlled South Africa, will be one of the main subjects of the conference.

Among the other areas of the conference will be "the establishment of information networks about conditions within South Africa and guerrilla activities there."

The conference will assume two formal discussion groups of 20-30 people and a large plenary session with panels and featured speakers. Speaker topics will include "Perspectives on Southern Africa," "The Revolutions in Southern Africa," "South-African Imperialism and Revolution," and "Black Afri cans and the Black Liberation Struggle."

American representatives
Representatives from the black liberation movements in Southern Africa, South Western Africa, South Africa and South West Africa, and the American National Conference will be there. The exact formats are available in room 4-332.

A featured speaker will be Dennis Brutus, a South African anti-Apartheid activist, who was the first to attempt to stop the South African government from staging their "Olympics." Brutus expects an armed black liberation struggle to begin soon in his homeland.

Spring war protest heats up

By Sanda Cohen
A new proposal by two faculty members of the Discipline Committee, Roy Kaplow Ill and Louis S. Osborne XVIII, for inter diction of the group's use of their administrative function, was rejected by the committee Tuesday night's General Assembly meet ing.

The GA passed by a vote of 3-1 over 3-4 the motion made by the Discipline Committee for its at tempt at self-change, but questi oned the authority of the com mittee, operating under the pro cessed reforms, to handle so-called "political" cases, specifically those of the alleged tres pas ses.

The plans would change the rule of the Dean for Student Affairs from prosecutor to gen eral overseer of the cases, and allow him to appoint an- other faculty member to preside when it does not one of its members would. The Institute would pay for legal counsel, probably law students, to assist in the preparation of cases for both parties. Also there would be a "Special Student Advisory Board" available to consult with the President as an appeals measure.

The motion proposed by Cohen and Osborne was defeated, the Discipline Committee, en gaged much heated dis cussion of the events of last year, the partial results of the GA poll on whom their internal disciplinary action should be taken against the students accused of trespass ing. Nearly 50% of those who were polled said action should be taken, while 36% disagreed. The GA passed the motion referring the case to the committee, but it is evident that many students would neither see any action that is taken post poned until a new judicial sys tem is in operation.

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