Sloan rally protests 'racist' practices

By Curtis Reeves

About 100 people met in front of the Sloan School Building on Monday afternoon, November 3, to protest the allegedly racist prac-tices of the MIT Faculty Club and its manager, William Morrison. Sloan. Earlier at the meeting were three black employees of the Faculty Club, Jamie Shaw, a Progressive Labor Party worker, and Debbie Goland of MTIDS.

Shaw spoke about using the black workers as waiters, often sending them out to get his shoes cleaned and polished. Further, they report, he has stalled for three weeks in trying to contract the cover to these men.

One of the workers has been at MIT for six years, and the SDS leaflet referred to "over $15,000" to the manager, "from him because he is black." According to the leaflet, these three men have been paid 42 cents per hour less than the white-headed janitors doing the same work. They get five cents per hour less than the lowest paid catalogued janitors. Recently, they have to move up furniture and clean stairs in addition to the cleaning that the other janitors do.

The protesters say that the Sloan Club has been trying to get the contracts to get more work out of these men. Already they work 8 hours a day, in hours they are not paid in.

At the rally, the group presented two demands: (1) Equal pay with other custodians in the Faculty Club contract; (2) no more racist harassment; (3) hiring black workers as cooks and in other skilled trades; (4) promoting black workers professionally.

Their leaflet goes on to say, "The conditions of the black workers at the Faculty Club are deplorable. Not, as MIT will claim, single incidents of MIT's hiring and promotion policies are systematically rac-

ism. The leaflet says that MIT's denial of ignorance or negligence has brought to the administration's attention examples in past years by workers and students, both black and white.

New directions

It strikes this writer however, that there may well be a way to keep our dining halls open and have optional commons. The answer lies in not assuming that the only way to optional commons is to close dining halls, an assumption which if discard-

ed would simply the H & D Service, who have spent their whole lives formulating it. There are other cutbacks in the area of H & D that would be much more palatable to the student body, and would in the long run, save a lot more money than running around putting No Admittance signs on caterers. The thing to do is to get rid of the house dining halls, to keep our dining halls open and have optional commons. The answer lies in not assuming that the only way to optional commons is to close dining halls, an assumption which if discarded would simply the H & D Service, who have spent their whole lives formulating it. There are other cutbacks in the area of H & D that would be much more palatable to the student body, and would in the long run, save a lot more money than running around putting No Admittance signs on caterers. The thing to do is to get rid of the house dining halls, to keep our dining halls open and have optional commons.

According to the Washington Post of October 22, the Navy intends to achieve very high accuracy with the ULMS warhead. This can be done in two ways: using star-sighting to centralize mid-course corrections, and using some sort of terminal guidance, which will guide the warhead onto it. An atmosphere and nearing the target.

The primary objective of the program is to make the submarines inseparable from targets, even greatly increasing the areas in which they can prowl-and still be more palatable to the student body, and would in the long run, save a lot more money than running around putting No Admittance signs on caterers. The thing to do is to get rid of the house dining halls, to keep our dining halls open and have optional commons.

According to the 1963 CSE report the house-dining-tower program is funded as an academic expense rather than as a housing expense. Thus, H & D does not really have the com-

plete authority to take this step, and if the program is discontinued, this leaves us with receiving that money. Still, if the money is allocated for student needs, it is reasonable to ask the students what their needs are.

Huey Newton's appearance tomorrow night has been cancelled.

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