May, 1970 - political rise and fall at MIT

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Throughout the past term many people within the Boston university community have mused on the possibilities of a repeat of last spring's nation-wide student strikes. Even just a month ago some students were confident asserting their peers that a similar course was in the making.

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