Myrdal: military growth past 'bounds of reason'

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banning of these weapons and their indiscriminate use was much more likely than any agreement to ban nuclear weapons. "Nuclear weapons should occupy our thoughts, but to simply call for the immediate dismantling of all nuclear weapons would get us nowhere," Myrdal said. "We must start on these smaller matters and then build up scaffolding for higher demands until we, the victims, are heard."

Myrdal feels that antipersonnel weapons are a number one priority for banishment as they "cause an excessive amount of pain." "One of the worst offenders is the high velocity rifle such as the M16 which was used by the United States in Indochina," she stated. The bullets of these guns attain speeds of over 800 meters/second and their destructive power is "decidedly greater than what is needed. Their use is worse than that of dum-dum bullets which was completely banned by 1899," Myrdal said.

"Modern weapon's technology is aimed at causing more pain and is in fact willfully planned. The idea of a clean bullet weapon seems unacceptable to the military of some countries," Myrdal noted.

Furthermore, that Myrdal suggested should be attacked is the use of biological and chemical warfare. "That might surprise you," Myrdal said, "as their use of biological and chemical weapons are cruel, some are alternatives with equal if not only slightly less military effectiveness but that are at least hazards."

Three MIT departments to choose new heads

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year as department head, outlined some of the considerations that had gone into the Urban Studies search. He feels that MIT has "the top department in the country" in urban studies, and that it has been undergoing a "rather substantial expansion." Therefore, there is a need to "sharpen and develop" its focus. Redwin hinted that the new head will come from within the department, saying, "There are some very good people around," and that the search committee had been inclined to "tap local talent."

If all goes well, all of the department head appointments will be confirmed over the summer, and all will take office before the next academic year begins. Although they have "not ruled out people inside the department," the Architecture search committee is conducting an "energetic" search for outside people, according to Anderson. He explains that the committee is searching for good outside people partly as a yardstick against which to measure candidates from within the department. Currently, "seven or eight are in active consideration," and the committee is still looking for more information on another seven or eight. All these are from outside the department; insiders will be considered later.

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