More than 80 MIT scientists and faculty members have recently formed an ad hoc committee to support the efforts of three Russian scholars to leave the USSR.

The Soviet scientists-scholars, who are seeking exile visas are Professor Mark Abol, a physicist responsible for the discovery of what is known as the Abel-Karey cyclotron resonance; Professor Alexander Lerner, a computer engineering specialist; and Professor Benjamin Levich, author of the four-volume text, "Theoretical Physics."

According to one of the organizers of the MIT committee, Professor of Health Sciences E. Eugene Stanley, there are more than 400 Soviet professors who have vowed the desire to leave their country but have been refused. Most of these people have been forced to leave their jobs. There are also many more who will not apply for visas in fear of being refused and losing their jobs; unemployment is a punishable offense in the Soviet Union.

By John Sally

Partly because of pressure from former MIT students, like Alexander Voronel, another prominent Soviet scientist, was recently allowed to emigrate. Voronel was jailed last June to prevent him from holding a private international seminar which had been scheduled without Soviet approval.

The MIT ad hoc committee was formed in November as "The MIT Committee for Alexander and Mark Abol."

The heating system, because of apparently uncontrollable technical flaws, tends to keep the temperature in Westgate apartments between 76 and 80 degrees, which is considered uncomfortable and excessively high. This inefficiency, the residents contend, contributes a gross waste of fuel which amounts to nearly half of fuel consumption.

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