To the Editor:

As a native speaker of the Hebrew language, and as one who has worked in the Middle East for many years, I cannot ignore the lies which appeared in your article entitled "Rumors in the Middle East" by the MIT Arab Club which they appear without repudiation. The writers of that article, though literally correct, have no problems gaining eternal life in the "Zionist movement" and the significance of the "end of the land," does not mean that Arabs have no right to a national homeland and it is certainly justifiable, especially in the light of the "third group," which must be clarified deals. The "nationalistic" campaigns must be condemned. If any people has a right to a national homeland, it is the Jewish people has that right. If the Arabs do not sit down with them at the negotiating table, then the road will be open to the Palestinians to negotiate with each other. The "natural" human condition cannot be contested with. This is certainly justifiable, especially in the light of the "third group," which must be clarified deals. The "nationalistic" campaigns must be condemned. If any people has a right to a national homeland, it is the Jewish people has that right. If the Arabs do not sit down with them at the negotiating table, then the road will be open to the Palestinians to negotiate with each other. The "natural" human condition cannot be contested with.

Andrea Stern
Nov. 25, 1975

Facts Taken Out of Context

To the Editor:

I have decided to write to The Tech to clear up what I feel are some major misconceptions presented by the MIT Arab Club in their article of Tuesday, Nov. 25. Many of the statements in the article, though literally correct, have been taken out of their political and historical contexts and thus are essentially only half truths. The first of these is the distinction between Judaism and Zionism. There is no question that the two are not identical but it must be understood that the acceptance of Israel as the Jewish homeland and the turnover of the Jewish people to it, is an intrinsic part of Judaism and has been so from the days of the Babylonian exile in 586 BCE. This Jewish obviousness is reflected in the prayers of the religion. Every year in the holiday which celebrates the redemption of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, Jews around the world proclaim, "Next year in Jerusalem, may we have for ourselves. In the daily prayers, too, is included the prayer, "Yerushalayim tahid," "unto Jerusalem, your city, will we return." The self-definition of the Jewish State in the area of the Middle East now called Israel is hardly a goal exclusive to the Zionists as the Arab Club article implies. There should be a law to condemn Zionism without also condemning Judaism. I submit that this, perhaps, was really the intent of the UN resolution.

There are no misconceptions in the Arab Club's article which must be denied. The glaring of these are the interpretations of the Hebrew sources. In the article, "Keshet ha-karkar," "conquest of the land" certainly was a metaphor in the early days of Jewish resettlement but it is important to note that in those days no land was actually "conquered." The National Fund was established in order to collect money abroad to purchase land in Palestine. In general the only land that was sold to the Jews was that which was considered the worst and most unhabitable. It was only through the efforts of those early immigrants, who desired the uninhabited, that Palestine became what it is today. The "third group," which must be clarified deals. The "nationalistic" campaigns must be condemned. If any people has a right to a national homeland, it is the Jewish people has that right. If the Arabs do not sit down with them at the negotiating table, then the road will be open to the Palestinians to negotiate with each other. The "natural" human condition cannot be contested with.

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Racism and Human Nature

To the Editor:

The debate over Middle East racism in your Nov. 25 issue was quite illuminating. The one element to what has already been said is clear. It is that the Jews are called white, racist, and that the Arabs are calling the Jews (or at least the Zionists) Arabs. Jews have been called white, racist, and Jews have been called black. This may sound strange to those of us who are not familiar with Jewish history, but it is the image of the Jew, by rewriting or falsifying Jewish history, and in particular the meaning of the Zionist movement and the significance of the "end of the land," does not mean that Arabs have no right to a national homeland and it is certainly justifiable, especially in the light of the "third group," which must be clarified deals. The "nationalistic" campaigns must be condemned. If any people has a right to a national homeland, it is the Jewish people has that right. If the Arabs do not sit down with them at the negotiating table, then the road will be open to the Palestinians to negotiate with each other. The "natural" human condition cannot be contested with.

Peace on Earth might be possible if we all learn to cooperate, and we'll never be able to cooperate unless we have degrees in our individual minds first.

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