Arab charges denied

To the Editor:

Last Monday (Mar. 29) at MIT, a leaflet was distributed containing the following statement on the treatment of Arabs living in Israel. A point-by-point refutation will be given, but first it should be noted that these statements are not accurate and that they must be challenged.

For example, the leaflet claims that Israel is guilty of the "imposition of back-breaking taxation, denial of irrigation water to villages, and an arbitrary confiscation of land and property." It is true that the MIT policy between '67 and 74 was to evacuate, seal off, and dynamite houses of residents proved to be guilty of terrorism. It is also true that a rigorous attendance policy at MIT is employed to make sure that everyone is in class on time. However, the statement that "a reasonable solution" is a "double standard" is completely false. The fact that the student body is established and that a rigorous attendance policy is employed to make sure that everyone is in class on time is less valuable than the freedom to criticize politically.

Another claim of the leaflet is that 80 percent of the available land in Israel is not open for sale to Arabs. The truth is that only about 15,000 Arab land titles have been confiscated by the government. It is also predicted that a rigorous attendance policy at MIT is employed to make sure that everyone is in class on time.

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250 minutes of missed lecture cost them almost 50 minutes of missed lecture. The fact that the student body is established and that a rigorous attendance policy is employed to make sure that everyone is in class on time is less valuable than the freedom to criticize politically. The statement about the Negev is also false. It is true that 28,000 houses have been demolished between '67 and '74. It is also true that 28,000 houses were demolished in Gaza after the inhabitants moved to modern, multi-level facilities. It's also true that Israeli policy between '67 and 74 was to evacuate, seal off, and dynamite houses of residents proved to be guilty of terrorism. It is also true that a rigorous attendance policy at MIT is employed to make sure that everyone is in class on time.

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Finally, the leaflet made some statements on confiscation of Arab land in the Galilee ("15,000 acres") and the Neger ("1/3 million acres"). It is unfortunate that terrorism is significant enough in the Galilee to make it necessary to secure the area by increasing the number of Israeli settlements. Land has been confiscated by the government, but Jew and Arab for the purpose of transferring technology that threatens destruction on a global basis. Lomon's lament that "there have been quite a few incidents of this sort recently, and in most cases the Police have not done anything wrong" will certainly sound very familiar to anyone with 24 units, for their time is less valuable. Mr. French should be ashamed of himself!

Mike Fighting

Missed lectures: a solution

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