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Meanwhile, the State Department, partially at the request of the Social Action coordinating committee, stopped the state investigation. The State Department's Monitor's Coordination Office accused the Institute that the program would not agree with national policy and security, etc. On June 30, the program was terminated by agreement between MIT and the National Taiwan University. It was an apparent victory for students in the first trial of a continuing administration dispute since the end of the Vietnam War.

By the fall of 1975, the program was struggling as a result of both internal problems. Only 20 of the scheduled 27 students arrived at MIT; some of them were late for the summer preparatory program, and several others voluntarily chose to return home shortly after arriving. The Kindeberger committee, dedicated to a confused faculty atmosphere, went through a period of review of MIT's international commitments, and a permanent standing committee was set up to review such programs. Instead, the faculty set up another ad hoc committee, one which was to play a part in the controversy over a Taiwan-dealing deal the following February.

Few students at MIT have active political participation in the campus years. Since the early 1970's, interest in the Undergraduate Association has steadily dropped. Even so, the offices of student politicians have provided us with some amusement over the last four years. As freshmen, we were introduced to student government by Simon Wolf, a young man highly concerned with the political aspects of student activities. Our own Association of Student Activities (ASA) has given us some rare moments. First there was the ASA's abortive attempt to pass Expo from under its own legs on the grounds that the weekly campus voice of the Taiwanese students contained confusion and was not being managed by Robert Rosenkranz, the third successive year as executive editor. Next, the summer, Thursday reporters reported that 1000 of the Taiwanese students were to be involved in the National Taiwan University's Taiwanese engineering program in inertial guidance and instrumentation systems. The program was approved by the Taipei National Science Council Committee, which met with student and faculty government.

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