Chisholm talks to graduates
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Former US Representative Shirley Chisholm was graduated to be active citizens and accept responsibility for each other at MIT's 113th Commencement Exercises June 4. "We are depending on you to help bring about through your skills and your talents an amelioration of the human condition," she said.

President Paul E. Gray '54 presented S.B. degrees to the 830 members of the Class of 1984 and advanced degrees to 843 graduate students at the exercises, which were held in Killian Court. An airplane trailing a banner reading "MIT out of Vietnam" soared overhead during the ceremony.

Chisholm devoted her introductory remarks to the inequalities still rampant in America. "I know that I do not have to give you here a lesson history about... discrimination in our nation. Everyone knows that it has been a complete failure if it has not been overcome..." she continued.

"All of those outdoor machine areas had problems, incidents of profanity and robbery and the like," she said. "These problems are not going to disappear and the presence of an officer on duty outside the cashier's office during the day makes the area safer." Chisholm admonished, "The time has come when you who are so skilled and have ability and the competence professional to be the next generation..." and added, "...should not be afraid to take on the responsibility of being an active and informed citizen."