We are the World parod y is disgusting, racist and insulting

To the Editor:
Regarding the cartoon pub-lished in Friday, April 19th's issue: The cartoon, which is a parody on "We are the Children," is a disgusting, racist and insulting cartoon.

First of all, it is an insult to the many performers, both black and white, who sang this song to raise money to help bring food to the millions of African people who are suffering and dying from hunger brought on by a 10 year drought. The cartoon is vigorously condemned by the reader-ship of the very newspaper in which it first appeared. The cartoonist was, I believe, suspended from the paper for his cynical and racist drawing.

Secondly, it is an insult to the thousands of students, teachers and workers who come to MIT from all over the world. To call the Irish, Irish, Arab and Central American people "voodoo" and "voodoo who eat the bombs and guns so you stop living" when they are struggling and have been for many years to free themselves from oppression, expri-mentation and colonialism is an insult to them and only lends support to the Reagan administra-tion's position, which led to much of this suffering in the first place.

I fail to understand why The Tech published this cartoon, which is an obvious racist slur and insults so many people struggling to survive all over the world.

Susan H. Franklauf

Troubled by committee

To the Editor:
I am deeply troubled by the continuing story of Prof. Kistia-kowsky's proposed committee concerning the impact of the military at MIT. The MIT admin-istration is just not the party to take action on this issue.

Chairman of the Faculty Ar-thor C. Smith claims in the April 12 issue of The Tech that the committee would "find the facts," not make policy. How-ev-er, since almost all of us recog-nize the strong influence of the military at MIT, the only "pro-ductions" of the committee would be the proposal of policy changes.

The Insitute should not enact any restrictions on military re-search or ROTC because this would suprgrade the rights of the two truly important parties. The federal government, through elected representatives, is the only group to decide how this na-tion should conduct military re-search to protect itself. Feasibly important, it is the choice of the individual to become a part of military research or ROTC.

If MIT refused to conduct military research, other possibly less able groups would be found. Is it in any way MIT's right to thus thwart the wishes of Amer-i-can Democracy? And even if oth-ers joined me in my personal choice not to work for military interests, higher wages would be offered and researchers found.

Concerned faculty and stu-dents at MIT need to take this is-sue outside our campus. I was heartened to see that a group of MIT students recently went to Washington, and I'll bet these people were listened to. All of us who are a part of the insti-tute have clout, and we should move often creatively exercise the ac-companying responsibility.

Kenneth Goodwill '88

Erratum

The Tech inadvertently omitted a sentence in Nicole Sage Cor-nor's letter [Famine can be directly alleviated, April 9]. The published letter stated: "One significant difference between nu-clear destruction and famine is that the latter can be directly alleviated, to a certain extent, with money." It should have stated: "One significant difference between nuclear destruction and famine is that the latter can be directly alleviated, to a certain extent, with money. By contrast, the nuclear problem cannot be solved with money; it requires political action."