Tutu backs apartheid protests

By Katie Schwarz

American protests against apartheid give hope to apartheid's opponents in South Africa, said Bishop Desmond M. Tutu at Harvard University Friday night.

"Some people may want to say to you that what you do ten thousand miles away doesn't affect South Africa, but what you do reverberates around the world," said the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, speaking at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government on the first day of a 12-day North American tour.

"The new plan "probably fell into place over the last couple of months," said O. Robert Simha, MIT director of planning, in an interview with The Tech. Several factors caused the DPW to change plans:

- A preliminary environmental assessment described the adverse impact of detoured traffic on the surrounding roads, Simha said. Thirty thousand vehicles use the bridge daily. The traffic problems would be "heart-breaking," Radio said.
- The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) also wished to use the bridge for its #1 Harvard-Dudley bus route. Simha said. The route had to be lengthened by over two miles because of the bridge closing, he added.
- The DPW intends to temporarilly repair the eastern, downstream side of the bridge this spring, Simha said. It will also repair damage caused by a December truck accident. "The damage done by the truck was significant," Radio said.
- The reconstruction will allow MBTA buses to use the downstream side of the bridge, Simha said. The full refurbishing of the bridge will be completed one half at a time, with the bridge remaining open to pedestrian, MBTA, and private automobile traffic at all times, he continued.
- Temporary repair on the downstream side of the bridge will be completed by the end of this summer, Radio said. At that time all traffic will use the downstream side of the bridge, rather than the center lanes, he continued.
- MBTA buses will be permitted to use the bridge at this time. The bridge, however, will still be closed to trucks, according to a Dec. 17 memorandum from Simha to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

The DPW will accept bids for the permanent rehabilitation of the bridge next year, according to the memorandum. Reconstruction will begin on the upstream side of the bridge and the cost includes the total replacement of the superstructure, the memorandum stated.

The DPW will sponsor a public hearing on the new plan as soon as Feb. 11, Radio said.

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Police close fire investigation

By Alison C. Morgan

Investigators in a Dec. 11 fire set in the offices of the MIT Navy Reserve Office Training Corps (NROTC) program concluded a joint inquiry last Thursday, but failed to find those responsible for the blaze.

"We are now going to MIT Campus Police Chief James Olivieri," The Tech. Campus Police, the Cambridge Fire Department, the MBTA Fire Department, the Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA) also wished to use the bridge for its #1 Harvard-Dudley bus route, Simha said. The route had to be lengthened by over two miles because of the bridge closing, he added. The DPW intends to temporarilly repair the eastern, downstream side of the bridge this spring, Simha said. It will also repair damage caused by a December truck accident. "The damage done by the truck was significant," Radio said. The reconstruction will allow MBTA buses to use the downstream side of the bridge, Simha said. The full refurbishing of the bridge will be completed one half at a time, with the bridge remaining open to pedestrian, MBTA, and private automobile traffic at all times, he continued.
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The investigators suspect the fire to be the result of arson, largely due to the suspicious presence of an MIT phone directory soaked with an unknown flammable liquid inside a fourth unburned desk, The Crimson reported.

The investigators interviewed the entire NROTC staff as well as all available目睹s in the NROTC program in connection with the arson incident. When the Tech requested that anyone with information about the fire contact either Police Chief Olivieri or himself.

The fire resulted in no injuries and the offices, which contained personal and administrative files, suffered only minimal property damage. "We were asleep on the desks, as if the blotters were burning almost beneath it," reported a Harvard ROTC participant who wished to remain anonymous. The following day, "business was going on as nor-..." the students continued. Commander Jim Ward, execu-