As a Greek Cypriot, I was greatly offended and deeply saddened to see the false accusations presented by Ketrim Linnom ‘97, Levent M. Talgar ‘97, and the Turkish Students Association (“Infinite Corridor Posters Push Fascism on Cyprus,” Oct. 14) taking place in public in a highly intellectual environment such as that of MIT.

Unlike Limon and Talgar, I am not a person who likes to use flashy words. I do not believe in politics (my country and I personally have suffered greatly because of politics), and I will not propagandaize or try to argue. I don’t have to. The facts of my life tell the story as it is. Usually, I do not like to talk about them, but I find the accusations so unfair that I feel forced to.

In 1974 when I was five, my family and I, just like 150,000 other Greek Cypriots, were forced by the Turkish army to migrate from the northern to the southern part of Cyprus. We took nothing with us other than the clothes that we were wearing. In one day we had to leave our home, no land, and absolutely no property.

We left because the Turkish army forced all Greek Cypriots living in the northern part of Cyprus to leave, and all refugees should be able to return to their own country. My country, the United Nations, and needs no apologies to the propaganda of Limon and Talgar. They have neither answer for the propaganda of Limon and Talgar nor because I feel guilty of what they accused me of. I think it is very easy to get carried away and get fanatic or start propagandaing. It is not my purpose to do that. Besides, that is not the point. Just like the rest of the Greek Cypriots, I think it is time for the new generation to forget about the past and to start looking into the future. As we enter the 21st century, I think it is time that Greek and Turkish Cypriots live together in their country.

Perhaps Limon and Talgar are not very familiar with the situation in Cyprus. They publicly accuse a whole nation (including a number of MIT students) of being fascists. Their accusation is not only false, but it is also irrelevant. I think that such propaganda and such lies are unacceptable in the MIT community.

If Limon and Talgar were amused by what Greek Cypriots think is a solution to the Cyprus problem and if they have reasons to believe that this solution is impossible, they should have tried to express their opinion without putting words in our mouths.

Everybody, even the Greek Cypriot community, has a right to an opinion and those who do not respect the opinions of others are to be blamed. Creating such a false impression about what the posters portrayed and libeling the Greek Cypriot and Greek community is unacceptable. Limon and Talgar have only one thing to do: Publicly apologize to the Greek students at MIT about their false accusations. Perhaps in the future they can try to hold their temper too, so that they can understand what posters convey.

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