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November 9, 1987

Tent City's residents signal intent to stay

More than three weeks after they erected their tents on a vacant lot owned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the residents of a shantytown in Cambridge continue to carry out their protest of the neighborhood's dearth of affordable housing.

"We plan to stay until something is done or until they move us," said Evelyn Parks, 34, the self-proclaimed mayor of Tent City.

As she spoke yesterday, members of the 20-member group huddled around a grill to keep warm. Others gathered near musicians, who sat on a makeshift stage and sang songs of protest.

The occupation of the 27-acre site is designed to express the need for housing for low- and moderate-income Cambridge residents. The tract is located near the corner of Blanche and Greene streets on MIT's western boundary.

According to Cambridge Police Lt. Richard Ring, MIT hired an around-the-clock police detail to monitor the settlement and has reported no disturbances.

"It's nice and quiet out there. No problems," he said.

Walter L. Milne, assistant to the president and chairman of the MIT corporation, paid a visit to the site late yesterday afternoon. He said the university had no immediate plans to forcibly evict the demonstrators, although "we are looking for a very diplomatic way to move them off the property."

Milne said MIT is likely to take action against the group later this week.

ALEX REID

ordered:
That MIT and Walter
Milne be requested ~~to~~
not ^{to} evict the homeless
people from "Tent City"
until such time as an
amicable solution has been
found and agreeable to
MIT and the "tenants"
of Tent City.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 1987

VICE-MAYOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED: That M.I.T. and Walter Milne be requested not to evict the homeless people from "Tent City" until such time as an amicable solution has been found and agreeable to M.I.T. and the "tenants" of Tent City.

In City Council November 9, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy: *Joseph E. Connarton*
ATTEST:-
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #18 S-644

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be requested not to evict the homeless from
"Tent City" until an amicable solution has been
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Tent City.

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