



# City of Cambridge

Calendar Item # 31

13.  
IN CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 1991

March 4, 1991

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record registering its strong dismay and disappointment at the recent actions by MIT and its contractors towards the Cambridge community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Dr. Charles Vest, President of MIT, on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 4 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

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City Clerk

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# MIT

## Goes To WAR!!!

M.I.T. has recently declared war on the working men and women of the Cambridge community. They have deliberately attacked the standard of living of construction workers in the greater Cambridge area.

M.I.T. contracted with H.H. Hawkins and Sons Company, a general contractor, to renovate its math offices on its campus. With M.I.T.'s knowledge and approval Hawkins Construction hired Gerald R. Berggren Co. to paint the project.

Berggren is NOT A FAIR CONTRACTOR which pays its employees "area standard" wages and fringes. Furthermore Berggren has no bonafide apprentice training program which would accord area youth the opportunity to learn a decent living. In addition, Berggren has failed to demonstrate a commitment toward **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HIRING GOALS FOR WOMEN, MINORITIES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.**

Apparently M.I.T. does not believe that it has a responsibility to conduct its business affairs in a way that will promote a decent standard of living for its own neighbors.

How ironic that an institution such as M.I.T. can enjoy tax free status and then attack its neighbors very ability to pay their taxes and put food on the table for their families.

Please let the school and our elected city officials know that M.I.T. is not a good neighbor and does not deserve to be treated as one.

**Tax paying men and women of  
Painters Local #577 Cambridge, Mass.**





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NON CONSENT

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*Sullivan S-365*  
Councillor Toomey re: MIT hiring Berggren  
Company which pays its employees "area  
standard" wages and fringes.

In City Council,

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*Charter Right*  
*Exercised by*  
*Councillor Quekay*  
*3/4/91 Order adopted*