

A meeting of this association was held on Wednesday evening, April 1, 1970 at Igo's Restaurant, Cambridge. There were 35 members present.

President Arthur West presided and welcomed those present. The minutes of the October 31, 1969 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

Our guest for the evening was Malcolm Fryer, Executive Vice President of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, whose topic was "Communication and Cooperation between the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and the Harvard Square Business Men's Association. His talk was both informative and stimulating. He informed us of the various committees of the chamber which have now been formed and indicated that Mr. Greer of the Harvard Trust Company is Chairman of the Transportation Committee; Mr. Boyd is Chairman of the Manpower Committee; Mr. Cain is Chairman of the Ecology Committee; Mr. Skinner is Chairman of a Committee for Studying the best possible use of the NASA Site.

Mr. Fryer went on to then ask what the goals and objectives of the Harvard Square Business Men's Association were or should be. He urged us to become better informed on topics which affect the Harvard Square Business Men's Association and mentioned as examples the Church Street Extension to Memorial Drive, and the new office building to be built on Brattle Street which would be in the middle of the proposed Church Street Extension.

He recommended that the Harvard Square Business Men's Association's Municipal Affairs Committee begin to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce. He urged us to feel free to communicate with the Chamber on all topics.

A question and answer period followed.

There then being no further business, President West then adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
Secretary

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Harvard Trust Company, 1414 Massachusetts Ave. on Wednesday, May 13, 1970 at 9:30 A.M.

President Arthur West presided. Directors Christopher, Snow, Wolf, Ver Planck, Williams and Hanson were present.

The meeting was called to order by President West. It was voted that Charles Wolf would be chairman of this year's annual outing to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 1970 at the Oakley Country Club. Chairman Wolf announced that Doug Poole would be in charge of prizes, Stuart Mabie would be in charge of Lucky Awards, William Possiel would be in charge of invited guests, and Robert Doyle would be in charge of tickets.

The Directors nominated the following for officers for the coming year:

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| President . . . . .      | Arthur West      |
| Vice President . . . . . | Warren Hanson    |
| Treasurer. . . . .       | Robert Doyle     |
| Secretary. . . . .       | William Possiel  |
| Auditor. . . . .         | John J. Hallisey |

The following were nominated as Directors:

For a period of three years:

Ben Olken  
Robert Slate  
David Terry

For a period of two years:

Robert B. Snow  
Jack Williams  
Charles Wolf

For a period of one year:

Nick Nicholas  
J. Henry Quinn  
Edward Ver Planck

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A. M.

  
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Secretary

A meeting of this Association was held on Tuesday Evening, May 19, 1970, at the Holiday Inn, Cambridge. There were 66 members present.

President Arthur West presided and welcomed those present. The minutes of the April 1 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

Treasurer, Robert Doyle submitted the Treasurer's Report for the past year, which was approved.

In the absence of our auditor, John Hallisey, Mr. Doyle submitted the auditor's report which was approved.

Mr. Welsh then nominated the following officers and directors for election for the coming year:

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The Chair asked for any other nominations, and there being none, it was moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot for each nominee and the Chair then declared them elected.

Our guests for the evening were Chief of Police Reagan and Lieutenant Leo Davenport of the Cambridge Police Department. Chief Reagan discussed the recent riots in Harvard Square and indicated that he and his men were greatly concerned about these terrible incidents and that Harvard Square would receive increased Police protection.

Lieutenant Leo Davenport discussed civil disobedience and discussed in great detail all of the events leading up to the riot in Harvard Square of April 15. There were many concerned merchants present who asked pointed questions of Lieutenant Davenport. The concensus seemed to be that there needed to be better communication among the businessmen and the Police Department to better prepare for future demonstrations.

It was a very informative meeting; however, in view of the riots of April 15 and May 18, it is obvious that the Harvard Square Business Men's Association must now work closer together and demonstrate a leadership position in the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Secretary

A special meeting was held of the Harvard Square Business Men's Association in the Brattle Square Theater on Wednesday, August 5, 1970, at 8 a.m. to bring together the Cambridge City Council, the Mayor, Members of the Harvard Square Business Men's Association, and other interested parties to discuss plans and review problems of the April 15 and May 8 riots and in general, to discuss the panhandling, Sunday concerts on the Common and the congregations at the Holyoke Center.

One hundred and thirty-two members were present for this important meeting. Guests included all of the City Council as well as Mayor Velucci, together with John Corcoran, City Manager; Chief of Police, Daniel Reagan.

President Arthur West welcomed the members and recognized the guests who were in attendance. He stated the purpose of the meeting.

Cyrus Harvey related the chronology of events which led up to this meeting as well as what led up to the riots and resulted in this meeting. Arthur West gave a short talk requesting better dialogue between the City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Courts.

Al Zavelle, General Manager of the Harvard Coop talked requesting the City Manager to meet with the merchants and the young people in Harvard Square.

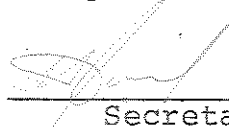
Paul Corcoran, Jr., gave a report as Chairman of the Area Assistance Committee of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce indicating the following:

1. There was a need for more Police details.
2. Stop large groups from gathering in Harvard Square.
3. Enforce the laws on panhandling.
4. Assign a Police force to the Square consisting of men who are best equipped to handle young people.

Sheldon Cohen talked about the enforcement of regulations regarding housing in Cambridge and the enforcement of the laws on hawking and panhandling in Harvard Square. He pointed out that apartment owners should begin to screen the lessees more carefully.

John Corcoran, City Manager, submitted a progress report to date; he indicated that the Police Force presently has all of their authorized strength, indicating that there are 248 patrolmen on the Cambridge Police Force. He said that this was ahead of the national average and that he would see that Harvard Square has a sufficient number of patrolmen to maintain law and order.

Chief of Police Reagan talked and indicated that up until the riots there has been much apathy in Cambridge. He said that he is now pleased to see the community pulling together and working with the Police Department to solve some of the problems. He and John Corcoran recommended that the Harvard Square Business Men's Association establish a committee to meet often with the City Manager and the Police Department.



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Secretary

A meeting of this Association was held on Tuesday evening, October 27, 1970, at the Holiday Inn of Cambridge, Massachusetts. There were 65 members present.

President Arthur West presided and welcomed those present. The minutes of the special Director's meeting August 5, 1970 were read by the Secretary and

Invited guest, Mayor Velucci, talked about Cambridge this past summer and indicated that he was making every effort to stay informed. Chief of Police Reagan was also an invited guest; he was introduced and spoke briefly.

Edward Ver Planck, Chairman of the Christmas Lighting Committee, reported on this year's plans and indicated that additional lights would have to be purchased because of damage caused by vandals last year. This year's cost is estimated to be \$4,000 for erecting the lights, taking them down, and maintaining them. He made a special plea to all the members to donate generously since the Treasury's balance will be insufficient to meet the total cost.

Alan Lefkowitz, Chairman of the Mayor's Special Committee, spoke briefly about his Committee's work the past summer and arranging police patrols on the Common and working closely with the so called "Street People." He indicated that his Committee is now concentrating on drug problems in Cambridge.

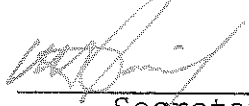
President West then introduced the guest, Dr. John Spiegel of the Lemberg Center at Brandeis University. He discussed the history of violence in America beginning with slavery and running through the American Irish problems, the Civil War, the Chinese uprising, racial riots - up to the current day problems. He discussed the course of social change upon different life styles of the young, perception of rate of change and the methods of change. He emphasized that it is the rate of change which is controversial. Many feel it is too rapid and many feel that it is not rapid enough.

In closing he recommended the following:

1. The City of Cambridge should be kept out of the headlines.
2. The City should be neutral.
3. City must plan & coordinate all agencies of the City. He also said that there could be better understanding between the business community and the so-called radicals.

4. The City should not brag.
5. He recommended strongly that a third force should come between the Police and the radicals.
  - 1) Handle the media by avoiding protesting and threatening
  - 2) Do not sponsor protesting
  - 3) Avoid bragging
  - 4) Avoid complaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
Secretary

A meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday, December 2, 1970 at the Hotel Continental. There were 39 members present and 10 guests.

President Arthur West presided to welcome those present. The minutes of the October 27, 1970 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

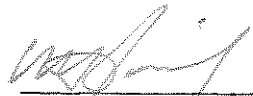
Edward Ver Planck, Chairman of the Christmas Lighting Committee, presented his report and indicated that the Christmas Lights would be erected shortly. He appealed to the members present for pledges and indicated that the Association would incur a deficit this year on Christmas Lighting because additional new lights were being purchased.

Arthur West then introduced the invited guests, Mrs. Cornelia Wheeler, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Harvard Square for People. President West indicated that Mrs. Wheeler had been invited to discuss and present her Committee's proposal for a Mall in Brattle Square known as Harvard Square for People Improvement Plan 1970. Mrs. Wheeler then introduced Mr. William Griswald of Systems Analysis and Research Corp. who spoke about the advantages and background of their program.

Mr. Richard Dow was also introduced and spoke briefly and invited those present to attend the Wednesday luncheons of the Ad Hoc Committee at Universalist Unitarian Church. He said that the Committee hoped to be working on some of the problems before the "Kennedy Family Arrives".

Representatives of the Architectural firm of Moreice and Gary showed slides of the proposed changes to be effected if the Mall were built. They also spoke in detail about the traffic pattern.

An interesting question and answer period followed. Mr. William Ehrlich seemed to summarize the member's opinions when he indicated that off street parking was of equal importance to these plans. He felt that the plan for the Mall was very interesting but he hoped that a committee would begin on the parking problem simultaneously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

  
Secretary