

recent years it has run annual talent scouting operations, summer programmes for college age students from disadvantaged groups, in an attempt to spot people who would be capable of undergraduate work. And according to President Pusey, the repercussions of the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King so increased the university's determination as to cause "virtually a basic change". Apart from the decision to teach Afro-American studies, Harvard can also boast that its Business School earmarked \$100,000 of its scholarship money for black students, that its School of Education has raised \$60,000 for training negro and Puerto Rican teachers and that its Medical School has undertaken a nationwide search for qualified black students. The fact that it only intends to admit 15 additional medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds speaks for itself.

STUDENT POWER

Shutdown at LSE

THE London School of Economics is once again a focus of student unrest. The last couple of weeks have seen a complicated story unfold, the chief actors in which have been Dr Walter Adams, the director of the school, like-minded members of his Academic Board, and the fifty or so committed Marxist students at the school, supported by a few of the staff and anything from 200 to 1,000 of the other 3,000 students.

Last October the militant students proclaimed that they intended to use the school as a base and field hospital for the anti-Vietnam demonstration of October 27. Dr Adams forbade this, but the students went ahead with their plan. After this, the authorities were determined to have no repetition of the experience, and in the subsequent weeks they had some hefty iron gates erected at nodal points in the college building, for (in their own words) "mob control". Things were outwardly quiet until the LSE's Academic Board produced a proposal a fortnight ago for a new disciplinary code for the school. This was chiefly concerned with the part staff should play in maintaining order in the college, and solicits their help in identifying trouble-making students.

The proposals seem to have increased the already deep differences of opinion among the LSE staff, and a few days later a group of staff issued a document expressing a dissenting view. It claimed that the Academic Board's proposals treated the staff as servile middle-management personnel, with an obligation to obey directorial instructions regardless of their own views.

The students, of course, found themselves a new slogan—"Professorial Spies?"—while the gates gave them a chance to shout "Is this a university or a borstal?" Last week the pace of events quickened: a motion proposed at the students' union to take the gates down by direct action was narrowly defeated on Thursday and, after a day of fruitless negotiation, narrowly passed on Friday evening. Half an hour later, the gates were lying on the road outside LSE's main building, and the militant students were jubilant. Most of them were celebrating in the union bar later that evening when the building was overrun by policemen. The students were marched out in pairs, and students who had been involved in the removal of the

gates were apparently identified to the police by staff members.

The scene is clearly set for a major confrontation of authority and dissident students. LSE is closed and under police guard. On Monday a wide section of the LSE student body met at the University of London Union (ULU), and turned what is normally a rather sleepy institution into a babel of argument and accusation. As is customary in British student politics



London School of Economics students, at the University of London Union, voting in favour of a demand for the immediate reopening of their college.

nowadays, the various factions displayed a conflict of life-styles as profound as their conflicts of policy—the self-styled moderates in their cavalry twills and the militants in their denim tribal regalia.

The events of the past few days have given the militants the support of perhaps 1,000 LSE students, but it remains to be seen how this support will last if the disturbances are protracted. The militant students openly admit that the gates at LSE were of more interest to them as a means of provoking the authorities than as a point of policy in themselves, but there do not seem to be more than a few dozen students fully committed to this Leninist tactic of continuous provocation.

ORGANIZATIONS

IBP Streamlined

THE United States International Biological Program has at last reached a degree of crystallization. (It may be recalled that the 5-year operational phase of the IBP opened in July 1967 after a 4-year preparatory period, though the US IBP committee did not publish anything approaching a specific programme until autumn 1967—as reported previously.) How much the US programme needs for the 1970 fiscal year is now established and has been requested as a "line item" to the Bureau of the Budget. This goes through the National Science Foundation and the figure is \$5 million. The committee has also now fixed the outside limits of its programme "envelope" and has announced to the scientific community that no further grand integrated projects will be considered. In