Compton Talks To Freshmen

President Cites Need For Close Cooperation

The first official freshman gathering, which took place last Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall, was addressed by Dr. Karl T. Compton, those who did not attend Frosh Camp hearing the President of Technology for the first time. A crowd of more than 800 freshmen greeted Dr. Compton with applause. "Task Force '51—Operation M.I.T." Dr. Compton called upon "Task Force '51—Operation M.I.T." to "subordinate selfish interests" and cooperate in fulfilling its mission, which is the advancement of science and its practical applications.

To illustrate the need for cooperation in an undertaking such as "Operation M.I.T." Dr. Compton related the proceedings of the atomic bomb test at Bikini as well as the underwater test, where the success of the operation depended largely upon the cooperation of everyone, particularly the inhabitants of the areas where tests were performed. Having been a member of one of the President's boards dealing with the projects, as well as president of the other, Dr. Compton described the height of the "shock wave" caused by the underwater explosion as being 7 or 8 times the height of a ship's mast, and gave a detailed description of the scene after the blast took place.

The Class of '51, numbering approximately 800, consists for the first time since the end of the war, predominantly of civilians. The excellent turnout at Dr. Compton's address serves to alleviate the impression that such meetings might be made compulsory. This, according to informed sources, might have been the case had the attendance not been as good.

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body is found in the woods every two weeks; this always prompts an extra in the afternoon papers. Last spring the local press had a field day with the trial of Charles Russell Goodale. He was accused of the "brutal assault" and murder of a Ruth McGurk. Brutal assault is the newspapers' term for what is called rape in plain monosyllables. Every day for weeks the trial was front page material for most of the papers. (In case you're interested, Goodale was acquitted.)

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