Dr. Weisskopf returns to MIT after directing CERN

By Stewart Stockman

Dr. Victor H. Weisskopf has returned from Europe. He served as director of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), located in Geneva, Switzerland, before his return. Dr. Weisskopf had been engaged in arranging finances with several European countries for a 300 GeV accelerator and a 10,000 GeV proton from their synchrotrons. Authorizations for the accelerator are still pending.

To go to French

The new accelerator, if approved, will rest on the French-Swiss border, the rest of CERN being on the Swiss side. CERN will thus become the first international organization to straddle an international border. This is in keeping with Dr. Weisskopf's long-standing belief in international cooperation in the sciences.

In recognition of his leadership, Dr. Weisskopf will present a gold medal to one who has written a book of original essays written by his colleagues throughout the world who visited and worked with the theoretical group at CERN, under the direction of Dr. Weisskopf. A copy of the book will be presented at a prize ceremony on CERN on Dec. 8.

MPT Contributors

Contributors to the work are such notables as Hans Bethe, Cornell University, P. D. Negri, a physicist, and Robert Oppenheimer of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, Professors Low Huang, Feshbach, and Kerrav of MIT also contributed.

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Well, Jack Lemmon has hit the screen once again in the same manner as usual he runs around making faces, trying to look as though he is most of the time, too. However, for a change, he is the villain, and for his attempts to reduce the country to a certain4

curious dimension.

The plot is certainly nothing out of the ordinary. The semi-celebrated Prof. Fate and the Great Leslie, Professors Low Huang, Feshbach, Jenetrales with several European physicists as such world renowned Physicists such as Schroedinger was present to the work are

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MIT President-elect Howard W. Benson, founding Dean of the Sloan School of Management, stated the purpose of the USP as follows:

1) Provide flexibility in career patterns so people can manage their own education rapidly as a progressive and effective managerial education.

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Credit for the success of this progressive course structure must be given largely to Professors Jay W. Forrester, head of the Sloan School, and Walter J. Foy (MIT '37), MIT's group's advisor, who has been actively with each USP group since the idea's inception 3 years ago.

Professor Forrester is the leading exponent of Information Dynamics, the philosophy which has guided the Sloan program. Essentially, Information Dynamics is a systems approach to management and is successful for its empirical approach which recognizes that businesses are composed of an aggregate of feedback and control interactions which feed upon one another and affect the entire company.

The Members

In the spring of each year, ten sophomores are selected to participate in the experimental program for those members of the senior class. Selections are made from the total group of members from each applicant a letter describing the program, the selection procedure, and the application is interviewed by at least four faculty members.

In the latter part of the spring term, the Sloan School of Industrial Management holds interviews for all sophomores interested in the program. After these interviews, final decisions will be made and applicants will be interviewed for the fall term. As in any experimental program, there is the possibility that it could be discontinued at any time. However, the USP is in a state of uncertainty. The idea for the program has been judged beneficial by its faculty and the future depends on new factors, including the support and action of the Sloan School of Industrial Management.