Red stability called illusion

By Norman Sandler

"The world ought not to be hypnotized by reports that China has returned to stability," said Stanley Karmow, a correspondent for the Washington Post and considered by many to be the foremost "China-watcher." Karmow was one of the key speakers at the symposium on China held all day Saturday, sponsored by the MIT Chinese Students Association.

Reports on the two afternoon panels had been rumored by the Chinese Student Organization. The papers, according to their organizers, are really interesting.

Dr. White talked on "China After the Storm" and gave a report of the present and future problems in China.

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The reports were based on Dr. White's, and Professor Ethan Siger's (MIT) at the morning seminar of Saturday's China symposium.

"In the future, MIT must continue to support those liberal policies for its students," declared Dr. Alfred H. Keil, Dean of the School of Engineering at MIT, who said that the whole approach to educating the engineer must be revamped to blend with the times.

Keil's speech, entitled "Education of an Engineer," dealt with the many facets of engineering and future, with the focus on the future and how it affects the MIT student. He feels that the engineers of the future must take on the integrating of new modes from old technologies.

"Our students must develop good background knowledge and know how to apply it. They must be creative... but they should develop our approach towards innovation.

Dr. White pointed out that China is being diverted from the path of reform and stability. There are some who think that China should take a more open and honest approach to its problems.

"Our meetings provide an opportunity for students to discuss these issues and work out some solutions." said Dr. White.

Stanley Karmow

Dr. White

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500 offerings set for IAP

With the publication of the Independent Activities Period Guide set for IAP, the MIT community will get its first glimpse of events scheduled for IAP, notes Mr. Joel Orlen, Assistant to the Provost and Chairman of the IAP Committee. The Guide is being distributed to all members of the community and will be on display in each of the IAP information centers.

Each Guide will contain descriptions of more than 500 activities that have been suggested as offerings for IAP, notes Mr. Orlen. "Although the number of activities is many, none will be followed up unless sufficient student interest is there."

Mr. Orlen strongly stressed the point that students must show interest if they want an activity promoted.

Mr. Orlen stated that he feels student interest in the IAP has been at a low point. "We've only gotten a few volunteers to man the information booths and out of all the activities listed in the Guide only a few that we know are non-affiliated with Institute departments. This might be because students are generating their suggestions to individual members of the departments and they, in turn, are follow-up on these ideas, and we aren't finding out about them or these definitely isn't any student interest."

Right now we are in desperate need of student volunteers to put up the IAP posters and keep the notebook." said Mr. Orlen.

On the brighter side of things Orlen points out that there have been some students who have taken the initiative and tried to get help things going. In particular, William Orchard '74 and David Choate '74, who are members of the Student Committee on Education Policy (SCEP), the IAP Task Force, and the IAP Policy and Finance Committees, have done a great deal of work to help us. "We've also had the assistance of former student Jon Sachs IV '74, who designed the poster that's been posted all over the campus."

Financially speaking, requests for funding have reached the $10,000 limit, but so far nothing like the two or three times that figure that Mr. Orlen expected. They are still accepting money donations and questions to the money won't be allocated until December 20. So painful is that the money may be allocated to fund that, is until the money is gone.

Some ideas that the IAP Committee has really interesting this year are classes on occult sciences and astrology, the formation of a German House (which will be quite similar to Russian House), courses on winemaking and fermentation, scuba diving, and glass blowing. Each day more and more (Please turn to page 2)

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