**Computer misuse cited by Project MAC director**

By Gerald Rudack

Professor Michael A. Dertouzos of electrical engineering, recently named director of MIT’s internationally known Project MAC, has plans for the future based on caution on the part of computer researchers.

Although Dertouzos declares he believes the computer has many possibilities for making life easier and better, he warns that possible social and economic problems could be caused by its misuse.

Dertouzos’ appointment was announced last week by Provost Walter A. Rosenblith, Dertouzos is to succeed Professor David J. Frekin, who is leaving the post in order to devote full time to teaching and research.

Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Joel Moses will fill the post of associate director, a position created at the request of Dertouzos because of increases in the size and scope of research at the laboratory.

Project MAC, which does advanced research in computer science and engineering, was established in 1963 to work on the development of time sharing and the first of its type. CTSS and development of time sharing and advanced research in computer science.

Moses will work closely with the computer laboratory.

The project now has a broad program of research under way, including work in the automatic generation of programs, and use of natural (spoken or written) languages for communication with machines.

For the future, Dertouzos says that a long range study of the future of the field of computing is planned. He said that the idea for the study came from Moses. The study will be international in character. “The field is coming of age, but there are still many possibilities for the future and a great deal of potential,” Dertouzos says.

Another thing he says the lab will do is try to set up a consortium of people with long range interests in the field, as computer manufacturers. It will support research which is unpopular now, but may be important for the future. An example of such work is the study of certain theoretical problems of computation.

Among the possible future developments in the computer field might be (1) use of natural language to allow computer programmers to use computers easily, (2) use of computers to study and dispense knowledge in fields such as medicine, law, finance, and education, (3) continued automation of factories to reduce the drudgery of mass production, and (4) development of computerized systems important to computer users, themselves, such as advances in programming languages.

Dertouzos believes the computer has many possibilities for making life easier and better, but urges caution on the part of computer researchers.

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**MIT files federal charges**

By Mike McNamara

MIT filed charges* of unfair labor practices yesterday with the National Office of the National Labor Relations Board against the striking Service Employees International Union Local 254.

The Institute has requested that the NLRB seek a federal injunction against the striking workers to stop what MIT administrators call illegal strike activities by strikers.

These activities, according to an Institute report released yesterday, include "numerous instances of mass picketing, vandalism, and threats of violence in connection with the strike.

"Unofficially, officials, said that the only instances of violence occurring during the strike were directed at strikers by police. They also said that striking workers on picket lines have been threatened by MIT officials who have told them, "You'll regret that when this thing is over, or worse to that effect.

"The Institute Report cited several examples of labor violations which MIT has asked the national labor board to examine. Among these are instances of cutting tires on delivery vehicles and at least one private car, one case where a student was hit by a striker when the student tried to make a delivery at the 24-Hour Coffeehouse in the Student Center, and telephones and threats against employees who have continued to work during the strike.

"MIT Vice-President for Administration and Personnel John M. Wynne also said that MIT has photographed evidence of "mass picketing" at Lincoln Laboratories in Lexington, where the SEIU is also on strike. Mass picketing is defined as picketing which blocks entry to the buildings being picketed.

**Coop deliveries cut by striking workers**

Coop general manager Howard Davis confirmed that the store was having difficulty with its deliveries. "We are doing the best we can to keep serving our customers," Davis said.

Sales at the Coop have not been hurt by the strike, and are better than expected in some areas, Davis said. "We are still selling lots of items, with only a few missing completely," he said.

Davis did not think that the strike would have much impact on the Coop’s annual rebates to its members for 1974. (The Coop is a non-profit store, and members receive a rebate at the end of each fiscal year, expected to be around 6 percent this year). No violence or acts of vandalism have been directed at the Coop, Davis said. "As far as we know, the picket line has been very fair — there haven’t even been any threats against our drivers," he said.

Davis did not comment on the adequacy of alternative forms of merchandising that are in especially low supply, or on whether the Coop’s own drivers were honoring the picket lines.

Private organizations are also feeling the effects of the deliveries cut, especially student activities at the Student Center. Much of the...