On his way to Russia on July 14th, Professor Wolfgang Panofsky called at CERN and submitted himself with good grace to our interview.

Professor Panofsky was born in Berlin on April 4th 1919. He received an A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) degree at Princeton in 1938, and a Ph. D. (Physics) degree at the California Institute of Technology in 1942, the very year he became an American citizen.

Then began his striking career in high energy nuclear physics. First a technical director at the Office of Scientific Research and Development, he was assistant professor of physics at the Radiation Laboratory of California from 1945 until 1948. That year he joined Stanford University as an Associate Professor; he became full Professor in 1951.

Director of the Stanford University High Energy Physics Laboratory since 1953, Prof. Panofsky has supervised the work of several research groups operating two of Stanford's linear accelerators: the 700 and the 40 MeV machines. One of the research groups headed by Prof. Panofsky himself was conducting experiments on basic electro-dynamics and pion physics. In charge of another group was Prof. Hofstadter—now also with CERN—whose work was more specifically centered on electron scattering.

Professor Panofsky's interests—besides his five children—are all in nuclear physics, especially high energy physics. He has been called upon in connection with various nuclear matters. Consultant in New Mexico for the Atomic Energy Commission in 1945, Wolfgang Panofsky is now a member of the National Academy of Science and of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee.

Scheduled to begin work at CERN late in June, Prof. Panofsky was then appointed head of the American technical experts discussing ways to control high altitude nuclear tests. Three weeks later an agreement had been reached. Only then was our new guest professor able to join the Organization... only to fly off to Russia the next day as American rapporteur on the progress at Stanford.

After his return from the Annual International Conference in Kiev, Professor Panofsky will spend some five months in CERN under a Ford Foundation grant. He will work in Professor Bernardini's Synchro-Cyclotron Division (S.C.).