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To AIEE Section Chairmen

Gentlemen:

MERGER NEWS

In keeping with our practice of giving you advance notice of what is to be published to the membership, several items of interest in connection with the proposed merger with IRE are enclosed.

1) An unabridged draft of a presidential message for page 1 of the May issue of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. This will be cut and edited before publication. The full text is given to you, not for publication, but such thoughts you may find in it for use in your own words. The President didn't like the last paragraph either. You will find it revised in the May issue.

2) An unabridged draft of a two-page spread written for the May issue of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. This, too, will be cut and edited before printing, but it contains the substance of what will appear as a final message to the membership before the Annual Meeting notice and proxies arrive.

3) Copies of the Annual Meeting notice and text to go on the proxy card. These also may be subject to some final editing before proofs are approved and printing starts.

4) Sample columns to be released from time to time for use in your Section Bulletins or local press. These are being mailed also to your Publicity Chairman who will receive several more editions before the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committees of AIEE and IRE will meet on April 24 in New York to approve "Plans for Fiscal Operation of IEEE in 1963, 1964, and 1965" as required in section 10 of the "Agreement of Merger", page 7, Part II, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING for April 1962. The staffs and the Two-Man Committee on Dues and Revenue Sources (page 2, Part II, EE April) have been working hard on this problem.

You probably heard that IRE held a Symposium at the Convention in New York on March 26 similar to the AIEE "Town Meeting" on January 31. The attendance, discussion, and straw vote followed much the same pattern as that of the AIEE meeting. The vote was 78% for, 11% against merger, and 11% undecided.

It is hoped that this advance information will help you answer your members' questions and persuade those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting on June 18 in Denver to return their proxies promptly.

Cordially yours,

N. S. Hibshman  
Executive Secretary

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P.S.: By the way, it would be desirable to have the Section Delegates present at this historic Annual Meeting on Monday, June 18, in Denver. Many of them have attended past Annual Meetings, but some arrive only in time for the Conference of Section Delegates on Tuesday. This year, we have some real business for the Annual Meeting, and everyone who can should be there. NSH.

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