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Memorandum

Proposed Merger of AIEE and IRE

I had expected to prepare a memorandum immediately following the Winter General Meeting of AIEE in order to acquaint each of the Sections of the developments concerning the merger of AIEE and IRE. I did not do so for two reasons. First, all of our Sections were represented at the Winter General Meeting and particularly at the Open Forum Meeting held on January 31, in which this subject was discussed in detail. Second, there are remaining many basic and fundamental items for final disposition before any concrete statements can be made concerning the merger.

A meeting will be held on March 7 and 8 of the Boards of Directors of both AIEE and IRE at which time it is expected that much of the ground work will be decided. I plan to attend this meeting.

It is presumed that Headquarters will publish for the membership information concerning the merger as a result of the meeting in New York. If this is not done promptly or completely, I shall prepare a memorandum for each of the Sections outlining the progress to date.

In the meanwhile, it is suggested that the officers of each Section encourage the membership to read the AIEE publication "Electrical Engineering" and to pay attention to any other items that come from Headquarters concerning the merger. It is important not to listen to rumors, because information that is not factual can be detrimental. The members should be advised that they will receive a pamphlet entitled "Principles of Consolidation" just as soon as such principles are agreed upon by the two Boards and that these principles will give pertinent information concerning the proposed constitution and bylaws. This pamphlet will be the basis of members deciding whether or not they are in favor of the merger, and each member should be told that he will have a vote in which he will express himself favorably or otherwise regarding the merger.

At this stage of negotiations between AIEE and IRE, I would consider it quite helpful if each AIEE Section would establish friendly relations with the comparable local organization of IRE. The officers of the two local organizations should get together and, if possible, joint meetings of the officers and the Sections may be planned.

I shall try to keep you advised as the merger crystallizes.

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