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AN APPEAL TO EVERY MEMBER

FROM AIEE PRESIDENT, WARREN H. CHASE

I urgently appeal to every member of AIEE to read the two page summary in this issue (pages \_\_\_ and \_\_\_) of the plans for merging AIEE with the Institute of Radio Engineers or to review the April issue of Electrical Engineering, part II for complete details.

Soon you, and every member of AIEE, will receive a proxy form and will be asked to vote on this merger. I hope that every member does vote. But if your vote is to be an informed one you should be familiar with the salient facts that appear in this summary.

As you read and think about this and come to vote on it, you will realize that you don't have all the answers. Nobody does. Your Boards of the two Institutes (Constituent Corporations, the lawyers call them) and their Eight-Man Committee and all of the Two-Man Committees are not smart enough to design and deliver IEEE to you as a finished package, but they are wise enough not to try. You must help shape it in years to come. The important thing is that it shall be flexible and responsive to the needs of the developing environment of which it is a part, and that its future leadership shall be bold and decisive and devoted to the purposes of the organization.

The voting for or against this merger will be a turning point in the history of our profession. You may exercise your responsibility. You may delegate your voting privilege by returning your proxy without instruction so your vote may be cast by the Board of Directors. Or, you may simply fail to take part at all.

I, together with other members of the Board of Directors, sincerely hope that every member will cast his vote - an intelligent, informed vote.

Whether you are already familiar with merger proposals or not please don't fail to read pages \_\_\_ and \_\_\_.