TOGETHERNESS

One night I wandered
alone in the dark
I saw a misty figure
floating in the park.
The figure was short
and tall and bagged.
My walk became fast
then slowed then dragged.
There's nothing to fear
but itself — the feared.
I said to my thoughts
as the mist disappeared.
There was nothing at all
but 1 had won.
Not knowing the mist
and I became one.

The mist and I became one. Yes — if the vote is for a merger — what was two will become one.

We should approach this merger in good faith and when the merger is approved the esprit de corps that exists in the IRE membership today should be carried over into the new organization. This will take time and I am sure that in many future meetings, the loyalty of the IRE man will clash with the loyalty of the AIEE man. But as time passes, kingdoms fall, regimes crumble and new loyalties are born. Out of the turmoil will emerge the new organization with a strong comradery that will advance the cause of the Electronic Engineering Profession.

One of the first acts we should do as a section, when the merger is approved, is to have an open-house banquet that will bring together the memberships of both organizations. Such a proposal would be costly but in the best interests of the new organization. The cost of an open-house would be secondary to the good-will and comradery that could start the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the IEEE on the road to unity. What better method can we use to become acquainted with our new friends?

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR MERGER BALLOT YET?