LETTERS

Pointed Questions on AIEE-IRE Merger

To the Editor:

While I hope that the AIEE-IRE merger can be consummated on a satisfactory basis, your issue dated April 30 points up two questions on which I wish that you could obtain the answers:

1. Are we to be asked to vote on President Chase's comforting statements in his letters to you on page 5. "All of the functions now performed by the AIEE technical committees will continue," or on the statements of the "Merger Supplement" Principles of Consolidation, Article VI (f) (4), "The policy of the IEE shall be that wherever possible, Professional Technical Groups shall replace the Technical Committees in all functions except standardization."

2. Who is right, you or President Chase? In your editorial on page 35 you state, "This is not a matter to be taken lightly or a decision to be made in haste." In answer to a question here in Chicago, President Chase stated that if this merger does not go through now, it probably would not be considered again for ten years.

L. B. Levesconte, Chairman
AIEE Power System Engineering Committee

Backs Merger—But Sees Challenge

To the Editor:

The AIEE-IRE merger, as I see it, presents great opportunities to the profession of electrical engineering. With these opportunities are associated problems of organization calling for skill and statesmanship and hard work equal to, and perhaps greater than, that which has brought the prospects of merger to their present stage.

It has been said many times that there is but one kind of electron and only one electromagnetic spectrum. No one has ever seriously questioned the technological basis for unifying the profession. The power industry, perhaps more than any other, has long recognized the (Continued on page 140)
No Clothes On At All

To the Editor:

I hope your AIEE readers studied my other 16 references (EW, April 16, p 3) more closely than my friend, John Kinghorn, (EW, May 7, p 46) examined Reference 1. Hans Christian Andersen's boy, obviously a future engineer, relied primarily on his observation of the product—not just sales-talk. It wasn't just the gold robe that was missing, and clearly the King was not wearing a business suit. The exact quotation is, "... he hasn't got any clothes on!"

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Electrical World's position on the proposed AIEE-IRE merger was spelled out in the editorial of last week. Letters on this subject have been carried in the issues of April 16 and 30 and May 7.