

*Replied  
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Dear Nelson:

Doubtless you are bailing water out of your 5th floor apt. at this moment of hurricane history, so don't much care whether I reply to your May 16 and supplementing mine of May 27 or not. I hope you survive the storm.

I find my memory is no better now than May about the AIEE- Ire merger. For what it is worth, here is my version. I thot this committee of which you spoke began originally to try to resolve some of the questions at the student level. Both organiz. had student branches, and some were joint. It was increasingly apparent that it made little sense to the professors to try to separate electronics from electr. eng., and less sense to the students. Two rival organiz. therefore were doomed. I vaguely recall a committee of Green, Hickernell, Barrett, and Hill to act for AIEE board, but don't even remember the date---was it 52 to 54 sometime?

I do not recall meeting directly with IRE people, but it seems to me that Hick or Barrett did, prob. with Estil. At any rate there were sparks and some accusations of poor faith or at least not cordial relations. This existed awhile with efforts to get a common ground, for students. Either Hick or Walter were easily aggravated, since they were so loyal to ~~AIEE~~. Estil was a peace maker and both he and I wanted to resolve the matter, and weren't sensitiveto veto credit.

My mind is blank as to the interim steps. I would guess that at our level not much was happening. This lead to Berkner and Haggerty getting into it for IRE and Linder and Chase or Teare for AIEE. In the show down I thot it was Linder and Haggerty. I do have a faint recollection of Berkner being with us at some stage.

Most of my recall seems to be at the branch level. I am unclear about the section discussion if any, nothing comes back on districts that I ~~was~~ involved in, and the national certainly went to the few at the top, which is right.

Am sorry to be such a blank, but I thot I had put all that behind me, destroyed the old files so far as I can find, and haven't come across my letter books. I didn't realize until your letter how priceless they would be, or at what exalted level this diplomacy was carried on. Hereafter I shall keep a diary, a copy of all letters, and shall consider a museum after Eisenhower, Truman, and Johnson.

Regards to Adeline. Temp. at this moment is 72, and was 80 the other day. Come back ~~Heartily~~

*Was in a coma from June 15 when auto accident occurred & his finger killed instantly. E Weber took over as ECPD pres 8/5/85*

*I left ECPD Aug 1 - Still do a little writing on annual reports etc for Sid - You knew art Weber died*

*Scott*