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further easy way to correct any "flaws". The amended AIEE Constitution would become the IEEE Constitution with all the faults and flaws and undesirable features you describe included.

Thereafter, the only way to make any changes in it would be to go through the same elaborate process of amending the Constitution as is required for adopting it in the first place. This is spelled out in Article XIV of the proposed Constitution.

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► We are advised by an AIEE headquarters spokesman that a negative vote on adoption of the proposed amended constitution is, in effect, a negative vote on the merger (see Agreement of Merger, Sec 5).

LETTERS

Calls for AIEE-IRE Merger Delay

To the Editor:

I note with pleasure that your influential *Electrical World* is taking a deep interest in the proposed merger of AIEE and IRE . . . I, too, am not ready to admit the leadership of IRE has been so far superior to that provided by AIEE in the past that perfect organization and functioning has resulted leaving little in AIEE worthy of preservation, not even the name. I would like to expand a little . . .

Basically, all electrical engineers are concerned with initiating and controlling the movement of electrons for the benefit of mankind, whether they call themselves power electrical engineers, electronic electrical engineers, instrument electrical engineers, illuminating electrical engineers, etc. From this standpoint, the proposed name of the merged organization—Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers—contains a redundancy which is foreign to the usual clear thinking attributed to engineers. We are all electrical engineers and our specialties should not be named separately in the title of the parent organization, otherwise, if unity progresses any further, we will have the Institute of Electrical, Electronic, Power, Instrument and Illuminating Engineers.

It is my conviction that this proposed merger needs a lot more time for discussion at the grass roots, and that the dates on the merger timetable should be advanced a full year.

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Constitutional Change Would Be Difficult

To the Editor:

In your May 14th editorial on the AIEE-IRE merger you say, "The first step is to vote for the merger." In speaking of serious flaws in the merger document, you also say, "They can and should be corrected."

You seem to overlook the fact, however, that one part of the AIEE vote is on the adoption of an amended Constitution. If this should be adopted, there is no

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