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AIEE-IRE MOVE TO
CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION

Two Largest Electrical, Radio Societies With 150,000
Members Move to Explore New International Engineering Body

New York, N.Y.....First steps to consider the consolidation of the two largest engineering societies in the world- the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers - have been taken, it was announced here today. In a resolution passed by the Boards of Directors of both Societies, a committee has been formed to determine the feasibility and form of such consolidation.

The proposed new organization would be international in scope and involve 150,000 engineers, scientists, educators and industrialists.

The announcement was made jointly by Lloyd V. Berkner, president of the Institute of Radio Engineers and Warren H. Chase, president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The resolution was first approved by the Board of Directors of IRE in New York on Wednesday, October 18. Approval of the Board of AIEE was given at the close of the Fall General Meeting of that organization in Detroit, Friday, October 20.

The resolution pointed out that "The advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and radio engineering and the educational and scientific objectives of both Institutes may be better served by merger or consolidation....into one organization in which all present members would be included, and in which they would enjoy the same rights and privileges now conferred on them by their separate organizations."

The resolution further states that the Boards of Directors of the two institutes deem it advisable, in accordance with the stated objectives of each society, "to move actively toward the consolidation of the activities and organization" of IRE and AIEE

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"by consolidation or otherwise, provided that the legal and operational problems incident to such consolidation can be satisfactorily resolved."

Both societies appointed members to the Committee "which shall be authorized and directed to undertake such studies as they shall deem necessary and appropriate to determine the feasibility, practicability and form of such consolidation." The Committee is to submit a report to the Boards of both societies not later than Feb. 15, 1962 for their approval "with a view to submission to a vote of the memberships of the two Institutes and consummation, if so approved, by January 1, 1963."

The Committee also was authorized to prepare a proposed constitution and bylaws "in consultation with representatives" of both societies.

IRE named the following to the Committee: Lloyd V. Berkner, President of IRE, President, Graduate Research Center, Dallas; Patrick E. Haggerty, IRE President-Elect, President, Texas Instruments ~~Co.~~, Inc., Dallas; Ronald L. McFarlan, Past IRE President, Consultant, Chestnut Hill, Mass; and Haradan Pratt, Secretary and Past President of IRE, Pompano Beach, Fla. The AIEE members named were: Warren H. Chase, President of AIEE and Vice President of Ohio Bell Telephone Co., Cleveland; Clarence H. Linder, Past AIEE President and Vice President and Group Executive, General Electric Co., New York; Elgin B. Robertson, Past AIEE President and President, Elgin B. Robertson, Inc., Dallas; and B. Richard Teare, Jr., AIEE Director, Dean of Engineering and Science, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

AIEE was organized in 1884 and has approximately 70,000 members from the United States and Canada. IRE organized in 1912 has a total membership of 91,000 and is international in ~~scope~~ scope. Approximately 6,000 members now belong to both societies.

Both organizations have headquarters in New York, AIEE in the new United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, and IRE at 1 East 79th Street.

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