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### DONALD G. FINK APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., July 31....The presidents of two major engineering societies, slated for merger early next year, announced today the appointment of Donald G. Fink as General Manager of the newly formed Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). Mr. Fink is now Director of the Philco Scientific Laboratory and will remain in that post until his successor is appointed. Warren H. Chase, Head of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE), and Patrick E. Haggerty, President of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), stated that Fink was the unanimous choice of a 14-man Merger Committee appointed by the Boards of the two societies.

The heads of the two associations reported that they had approached Philco President Charles E. Beck to request that Fink be made available for the new post, to take office when the merger becomes effective in January. In a statement to the press, Beck said: "We at Philco have agreed to this 'draft' of Don Fink for this

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THE INSTITUTE OF RADIO ENGINEERS AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS  
WILL OFFICIALLY MERGE JANUARY 1, 1963 TO FORM THE WORLD'S LARGEST ENGINEERING SOCIETY  
WITH OVER 160,000 MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



important job, which he is so eminently qualified to fill, and we are proud to share the honor of this recognition of his outstanding contributions to American science and engineering."

As General Manager, Fink will be the chief staff officer responsible for the day-to-day operation of the world's largest engineering Society, with an estimated membership of 160,000. Among his responsibilities will be the supervision of the publication of technical periodicals which, for AIEE and IRE, now total forty.

Fink, who is 50, has combined notable careers in technical publishing, government service and industrial research. Born in Englewood, N.J. on November 8, 1911, he holds degrees in electrical engineering from M.I.T. and Columbia University. After graduation from M.I.T. and a year on the research staff of that institution, Fink joined the editorial staff of the magazine Electronics in 1934 and became its editor-in-chief in 1946.

While on leave of absence from his editorial duties during World War II, Fink became Head of the Loran Division of the M.I.T. Radiation Laboratory and in 1943 was appointed Expert Consultant, in the field of electronic navigation and radar, on the staff of Secretary of War Stimson. For his overseas wartime service he was awarded the Medal of Freedom. In 1946 he served as civilian consultant at the Bikini atom bomb tests.

Since the war he has served as advisor and consultant to the Federal Communications Commission, the National Bureau of Standards,

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the U.S. Senate, the Department of State and the Department of the Army. He was appointed a member of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel in 1957 and is presently Vice Chairman of its Communications and Electronics Subpanel.

In 1952 Fink joined the staff of Philco Research Laboratories as Director of Research, where, until 1958, he headed the research activities of that company in the fields of home appliances, radio, television and electronic devices. The surface barrier transistor was developed under his direction, as was the "apple" system of color television reception. In 1959 he was put in charge of all of Philco's research activities and was appointed Vice President for Research in 1961. Since December, 1961, when the Ford Motor Company acquired Philco, he has continued as head of Philco research, as Director of the Philco Scientific Laboratory.

Fink is no stranger to the two societies which have selected him to manage their joint affairs. He became a Fellow of the AIEE in 1951 and has served on the Electronics Committee of that Institute. He was elected Fellow of the IRE in 1947 and served as editor of the Proceedings of the IRE in 1956 and 1957. In 1958, while serving as President of the IRE, he participated in discussions with the then President of AIEE setting up closer ties between the two societies which later led to the plan to merge the two societies.

He has been particularly active in the development of broadcast standards for monochrome and color television, serving in 1950-52 as Vice Chairman of the National Television System Committee. He has

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also participated in the international aspects of television broadcasting as technical head of State Department delegations at meetings in Zurich, London and Geneva.

Fink is author or editor of twelve books in the field of electronics, radar and television and contributed the article on television in the current edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. His interests in education include membership on the School Board of Abington, Pennsylvania, and he has served on the visiting committees for the Departments of Electrical Engineering at M.I.T. and Pennsylvania State University. His most recent book, "Physics of Television," written for M.I.T. Physical Sciences Study Committee as part of the revised curriculum in high school physics, is being published in foreign editions in Asia, Africa, Western Europe and Poland.

He resides in Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Alice Berry, and their three children.

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