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LETTERS

IEEE Faces Deficit Operation

To the Editor:

I urge all members of AIEE to vote against the merger of AIEE and IRE as proposed.

For many years I have worked for close cooperation between the two institutes and have hoped for their eventual amalgamation. However, the proposal to be voted upon leaves much to be desired. In my opinion the IEEE would be of less help to the individual member than AIEE has been. For detailed analysis of specific shortcomings I refer the reader to the recently published letter of Wm. R. Brownlee . . .

In my opinion, not the least objectionable feature of the proposal is the concentration of too much power in the hands of a largely self-perpetuating board of directors. IEEE would not be the democratic organization we have known as AIEE.

The recently distributed fiscal outline contemplates deficit operation for at least two years. In my opinion it will be necessary to increase the proposed schedule of dues soon after the merger, or else drastically curtail services to members. Why does not the plan contemplate charging realistic and adequate dues from the start? Is it feared that IRE members would vote it down if faced with an increased levy?

Walter J. Barrett
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Indoor Gas Lights on Way?

To the Editor:

Current gas industry advertising in home builder magazines features outdoor gas lighting for entrances, drives, patios, as a "plus value" of the Blue Star Home.

I would be willing to wager a modest amount that within ten years, gas industry advertising in these books will be featuring indoor gas lighting—so healthy in my respect, not for their product, but for their vision, aggressiveness and driving energy of our competitors.

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