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JOHN F. BLACK received his elementary schooling in the Enid, Okla., city schools and attended the United States Naval Academy, class of 1926. He started in the steel business as pipefitter helper at Bethlehem Steel Co.'s Sparrows Point plant, progressing to steel shipper, labor foreman, gashouse foreman, general foreman of gas producers, combustion engineer and general foreman

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of pipe mills. In 1941, he transferred to Atlas Steels, Limited, Welland, Ontario as fuel engineer, and in 1943 was made assistant works manager. In January 1947, Mr. Black was appointed general superintendent, Buffalo plant, Wickwire Spencer Steel division of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp. In December 1949, Mr. Black went to work for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. as assistant general superintendent, Indiana Harbor.

The President's Message

Events of recent months indicate little reason for expecting tranquility in the immediate future. The watchword on the economic front must be preparedness, and this calls for thoughtful and intelligent planning. Our future safety and economy may depend

on how well we plan and prepare.

The Association of Iron and Steel Engineers will serve, as always, as an important medium for the exchange of technical and operational know-how for the industry. With our combined energies concentrated on better techniques and greater production, we will successfully meet the challenge of the present and safeguard our future.

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