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### The President's Message

Historians will have many pages well filled when the pertinent events of the year 1940 are recorded. Worldwide unrest, international, national and local happenings, in general, did not live up to that common saying, "Coming events cast their shadows before them." We live in a changing world.

We, the members of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, are able to look back over our record of the last year with extreme pride and satisfaction, for the unusual happenings of the year did not materially disturb our Association's purpose or program for making worth-while contributions of material benefit to the iron,

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Our annual Iron and Steel Exposition and Convention was one of the best, not only in attendance and general interest in the exhibits but also from the excellence of exhibits and the abundance of fine engineering papers.

The recently elected national officers realize only too well the past achievements, the position attained and the necessity of this Association in the eyes of the iron and steel industry. Under the leadership of the very able officers who have preceded us the work has been carried on most efficiently. Collectively or singly, our publication, the Iron and Steel Engineer, is ample evidence of our efforts and essential service to this industry. The Association has done much to unify the ideas and efforts of the engineering, operating and maintenance divisions of the industry, to the mutual benefit of all concerned. Maintaining this enviable position and prestige in the industry entails much work and responsibility, which we gladly assume because we know of the unselfish enthusiasm of the members for the advancement of this Association and their desire to participate in the sharing of this work and responsibility.

At the threshold of a new year that promises to be one of the most uncertain in the history of our Association, it is heartening, indeed encouraging, to know that we are identified with and give our all to that very essential unit of

our nation, either in time of peace or war, the iron, steel and allied industries. During this year the national preparedness program will take precedent over all other programs. This will be nothing unusual for you because as engineers you are continually developing, building and preparing the iron and steel industry for national defense. This happens in your regular, every day attention to your normal duties. Your initiative and resourcefulness, supplemented by personal contacts in meetings as well as written records of our Association in the Iron and Steel Engineer, will surely be of immeasurable value to you during this peak period of operations.

In order to carry on our work successfully during this year we need the continued enthusiasm of our members. They should be more generous in the presentation of engineering papers and discussions. This same enthusiasm which was behind the founding of our Association will be required to keep it in the high position it is now enjoying. The industry in which you work, the organization of which you are a member, and the nation in which you live need this service on your part and your president sincerely requests that there be no letup in your efforts in your chosen field.

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