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ing. This is true not only in our personal lives, but also with respect to involvement in our companies and our Association. Having served as chairman of the Applied Engineering Committee for several years, and as chairman of the Mechanical and Welding Div., I am concerned about keeping these groups active and more sensitive to the needs of our respective companies. The performance of these committees and divisions can have a highly important effect on the steel industry and on us individually.

Professional and personal self-development is one of the prime opportunities our Association offers to all members. We should, therefore, support it through our participation on the various committees at both the local and national levels. Should demands on our time minimize such activity, we should at least attend the district section and national meetings.

The AISE has just passed the 13,000 membership total, 9,000 above that of 30 years ago and, in my opinion, there is still considerable room for growth. There are many young engineers who are potential members. I would suggest to all that we advise these young engineers that our Association provides them with: 1) the opportunity for self-development outside the confines of their own companies, 2) a chance for broadened contacts with their counterparts in other companies, 3) the opportunity for increased verbal and written self-expression, and 4) a vehicle for attending, participating and making presentations at seminars and meetings. Please survey your companies for potential new members, and I am sure that by the end of the 80s, we can reach a total membership of 16,000, four times that of 1950.

I am honored to serve as President of our Association as we start into a new decade. I submit that with your active participation, the Association's objective of the technical and engineering advancement of iron and steel production and processing will be greatly strengthened.

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### **President's Message** **1980**

The passage of time into the next decade, the 80s, causes everyone to reflect more than ever on our sense of purpose and the direction in which we are head