

making it a prerequisite for entrance to any recognized engineering school.

With the rapid development of aviation, radio, and communications, resulting in the shrinking of the earth's surface from a time and travel standpoint, it is becoming quite evident that more and more the relationship of any two countries is not dependent entirely upon the efforts of the various state departments and foreign secretaries. It is increasingly apparent that the professional man who may be employed in another country, either temporarily or permanently, must be considered as an "unofficial ambassador" of his own country while he is there.

This, then, is the challenge to the engineering educators. What they do about it is for them—and you—to decide. The opportunity is still there and I ask that you and the organizations you represent cooperate with and help them. Our engineering schools are an important part of our engineering profession. Let us keep that relationship in the field of surveying and mapping, also.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE Board of Direction met on May 26th and again on August 13th to carry on the business of the Society. Our Society is fortunate in that it has elected Directors who take a very conscientious attitude toward the responsibilities of their position. The attendance at Directors' Meetings is always very good. It is my practice to invite out of town members to attend Directors' Meetings and to express their opinions on various subjects. I do this in an attempt to inject into our administration of the Society the viewpoint of members who live remote from Washington.

The membership drive under the direction of Mr. William H. Meyer, Jr. is proceeding at a pace which is most gratifying to me. We have already increased the membership by almost forty percent. I do hope that we can keep the ball rolling. It may be optimistic to think in terms of 100% increase, but I would like every member to keep that very desirable objective in mind. It certainly should not be too hard for every member to get a member this year. After all, if a number of individuals can each alone sign up ten new members and if one member in particular can sign up thirty-two new members, it certainly should not be too much of a job for each person to find one new member. Let's all get behind the drive with renewed effort for the remainder of the year, and really push our membership up to the top.

At the August 13th meeting of the Board of Direction, the final material for settling the whole matter of member classification was completed. This material will be sent out to the membership very shortly. I urgently suggest that you read all of the material carefully and make your decision based upon the material presented. After all, it must be remembered that every member had an opportunity to study the provisions of the new Constitution during the summer of 1946 when the matter was put to a vote. It was the failure of the members to read and understand the paragraphs and clauses of the new Constitution which gave rise to the confusion at the 1947 annual meeting and the submission of the petition which must now be acted upon.

Also, at the August 13th Directors' meeting the general policy for the revision of the Manual of Photogrammetry was passed upon. The Publication Committee is now in a position to put the Manual Revision Committee to work on this most important project. It is hard to say when the revised Manual of Photogrammetry can be expected. However, with hard work and aggressive leadership, the publication should appear at the end of 1948 or early in 1949.