By 1980 the United States will require twice the amount of minerals and mineral fuels consumed today in order to provide for the growth of its economy and national security. The overwhelming need comes at a time when domestic ores are leaner ..... when production costs are increased in providing for the abatement of air, water and land pollution ..... when more and more of our mineral commodities are being imported.

These challenges must be met by the generation and use of new engineering advancements. AIME has the critical role of stimulating and communicating these engineering achievements on a timely basis through its publications and meetings.

During 1967 we moved to meet these unfolding challenges in the many ways outlined in this Annual Report. I urge that you read it carefully so that you will know and better understand the work of your own professional society.

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