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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Upon the completion of my term as your president I'd like to take this opportunity to make a few observations and reflections regarding the operation of the Institute during the past year.

I believe we have come to grips with the realities of our industry; this fact was specifically demonstrated very forcefully and directly through the presentation of progress made by the committee on connection details during their general session at the New Orleans Convention. This is only one area of this demonstration; the many others were cited throughout the reports furnished by the several technical and administrative committees as well as by the many fine papers presented.

There is no finer example of our industries answer to the demands for striking shapes as well as proving prestressed concrete's versatility along with maximum efficiency and economy than the buildings and facilities constructed early this year to serve the Seattle World's Fair.

The important area of standardization was advanced by the completion and publication of two standards; i. e., the joint AASHTO-P.C.I. Standard for Prestressed Concrete Piles and the Standard for Prestressed Concrete Channel Girders for Small Bridges. These documents which are the result of technical committee work should allow an additional use of prestressed concrete.

You have seen first hand the results of our expanded publication efforts beginning with the February 1962 issue as the Journal has been published every two months rather than quarterly. It is hoped that this fine publication can attain a monthly status early in 1963. Another prime example of our publications expansion is the manual entitled "Fundamentals of Prestressed Concrete Design" which, under the auspices of P.C.I. came off the press last spring.

Material progress has been made in several other areas of activity, such as the successful completion of the fire test for floor and roof single tees; the development of a project by the Bureau of Reclamation in Arizona and New Mexico using prestressed concrete electrical transmission line towers as an outgrowth of the results of our E. H. V. Project; the generation of several railroad bridges using prestressed concrete members because of our cooperative efforts in liaison with the A.R.E.A.

In my humble opinion this past year has been one of vigorous progress for the Institute; this has been possible only through the splendid cooperation and assistance so unselfishly given by the P. C. I. Membership, the Board of Directors, T.A.C. and the Chicago Administrative staff. Our future holds considerable promise and a large scale potential—we should pursue it diligently.