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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This is the fifth issue of the C.S.E.G. Journal and there is no doubt now that the decision to commence publication was sound. Already, articles that have been published in the C.S.E.G. Journal are being cited as reference material for technical papers appearing in other publications. Early doubts about the availability of suitable material for publication have now been completely dispelled; in fact if present trends continue it may soon be necessary to increase to two issues a year. Much credit for the Journal's success is due to the original proponents of the idea as well as to the numerous contributors and the editorial staffs, not to mention the advertisers whose support has been most gratifying.

The year 1969 will be a memorable one for our society since we will be hosting the 39th Annual International Meeting of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. This will be the second time we have been host to this meeting the first being in 1962. These will have been the only times that this meeting has ever been held outside the United States. A full program of technical papers and entertainment has been scheduled for this meeting and I would urge all C.S.E.G. members to attend. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all other members of the S.E.G. who will be attending the meeting.

1969 will also be a memorable year for our society in that it marks the twentieth year since the society was founded. During these twenty years our membership has increased from the original group of less than 100 to the present membership of over 800. To commemorate this occasion we are preparing an attractive hard cover photographic membership directory which will be distributed prior to the S.E.G. convention.

My introductory remarks for the 1969 C.S.E.G. Journal would not be complete without reference to what is considered by many as the greatest scientific and technological achievement of all time which occurred in July of this year. I refer of course to the landing of the United States astronauts of Apollo 11 on the moon and their safe return to earth. Analysis of moon samples that were collected by the astronauts and data transmitted by the seismometer that was left on the lunar surface are expected to provide answers to questions about the moon's origin. The results will undoubtedly contribute substantially to our understanding of our own planet earth. This feat is a spectacular example of the accomplishments that man is capable of in his quest for knowledge. It is a privilege to be a member of a profession that played a role in the data gathering part of this great adventure and we join the rest of the world in saluting astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins.

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