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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

The year 1970, which was characterized by unprecedented progress in almost every area of environmental and occupational health in our industrial society, also saw the following major developments in IHF.

- IHF's image has been effectively updated by substitution of "health" for "hygiene" in our name, to cover all aspects of employee health conservation as well as environmental and occupational hazard control and prevention.
- We estimate that one employee in 10 (i. e., 8,000,000) in the United States now benefits directly from various programs of *health research* within our Foundation's membership. All workers, internationally, can benefit indirectly, of course, through IHF publications. IHF's laboratory research role in support of American industry, which is comparable to that of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology to our military establishment, is growing steadily under Dr. Paul Gross' direction.
- A continuing educational *academic* role for IHF, now emerging, should become no less important to American industry than has been the Industrial College of the Armed Forces to our national security in matters of economic health. The most advanced project in this area now under way is our continuing educational course in employee mental health prepared with the American Institutes for Research for occupational health nurses (under National Institute of Mental Health sponsorship since 1965) which should be introduced into trial use in IHF's membership in 1971. Other instructional courses in preparation (or under consideration) deal with orientation in industrial hygiene for those whose experience has been limited to safety (i. e., how to cope with industrial hygiene provisions of new Federal legislation) and industrial hygiene and safety management for future industrial executives.