



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To Members of the Faculty:

I am happy to announce the appointment of Professor Joseph H. Keenan as Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, effective July 1, 1958. He will succeed Professor Jacob P. Den Hartog, who has served with distinction in this post since 1954 and who will now return at his own request to full-time teaching and research.

Professor Keenan has been a member of the Faculty at the Institute since 1934. Upon graduating from M.I.T. in 1922 he joined the engineering staff of the General Electric Company as a steam turbine engineer and later served on the faculty of the Stevens Institute of Technology.

A world authority on thermodynamics, Professor Keenan has in recent years directed his interests toward the new subject of irreversible thermodynamics. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to permanent engineering literature he has been awarded the Worcester Reed Warner Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and in the furtherance of professional responsibilities he has served on numerous governmental and professional committees, including five International Committees on the Properties of Steam. He has also served as Fulbright Professor and Lecturer in England at both the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London and at Cambridge University. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Professor Keenan also holds honorary membership in the Association of Physics Teachers.

Professor Den Hartog joined the M.I.T. Faculty in 1943, became Head of the Division of Applied Mechanics in 1945, and Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 1954.

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