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Program for Ninth Annual Meeting

H. E. Batcheller, President of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation and Chief of Operations of the War Production Board, will deliver the keynote address opening the Ninth Annual Meeting of Members of Industrial Hygiene Foundation at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, on November 15 and 16.

The keynote address, starting at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, November 15, will be followed by the panel "Putting the Disabled Veteran Back to Work." This is a continuation of the reports on veteran rehabilitation which made history at the Foundation's 1943 meeting. (More copies of that discussion have been distributed than any publication the Foundation ever issued.) Participants in the panel will be the same with one addition.

The afternoon of the first day will be devoted to the Medical and Engineering Sessions which include reports on Pre-Placement Physical Examinations, Protection of Workers Against Noise, Practical Psychiatry in Industry, Control of Air Pollution from Industrial Stacks, Tolerance of Men to Heat and Humidity, and Findings from Foundation Surveys. Col. A.J. Lanza, M.C., Chairman of the Foundation's Medical Committee, and Philip Drinker, Chairman of the Engineering Committee, will preside.

Program for Second Day

The second day's program opens with the Legal Section, presided over by Theodore C. Waters, Chairman of the Legal Committee. Subjects include, Medical and Legal Aspects of Compensation for Partial Disability from Silicosis, Second Injury as Employment Aids to the Handicapped, and Legal Developments in 1944 Respect to Industrial Health.

The remainder of the day will be devoted to the Management Section which will be featured by a panel on Sickness Indemnification, or health insurance. R. A. [Name], Associate Actuary, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, will preside. Phases of subject to be covered are the Economic Basis of Health, Sick Benefit Plans, including an analysis of plans in operation from the cross-section of Foundation member companies, and Medical Expense Indemnification. Following these presentations there will be a 30 minute period for open discussion.

The meeting concludes with a talk on the increased importance of industrial relations, by V.P. Ahearn, Executive Secretary of the National Industrial Sand Association, and an Industry Member of the National War Labor Board.

Accommodations Limited

Because of the increase in Foundation members and the corresponding increase in representatives from member companies, the Foundation has been forced to radically reduce the number of invitations to special guests this year. Member Companies who have not yet sent in the names of their representatives are urged to act immediately to secure accommodations.



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Proceedings to be Issued in Parts; Veterans Report First

The Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Meeting of Members of Industrial Hygiene Foundation, held at Mellon Institute on November 15 and 16, will be issued in several parts this year, rather than in one volume as in the past. Reason for this is to expedite publication and circulation of the material to properly interested parties within our member companies. The subject matter is so diversified, ranging from medicine and engineering, to health insurance, law and labor relations, that efficient circulation of the material would be impossible in one publication.

"Putting the Disabled Veteran Back to Work, II," the panel discussion at the annual meeting, is now in page-proof form and will be published soon. (This panel discussion, with which the Foundation pioneered at the 1943 meeting, was published separately from the remainder of the Proceedings a year ago.) The next publication will be the panel discussion on "Sickness Indemnification" or health insurance. The Medical-Engineering Section of the program and the Legal Section will also be published separately.

Meeting Received Wide Attention

The Ninth Annual Meeting received a "national press." Numerous news stories were carried by the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service to their hundreds of client newspapers throughout the country. The WALL STREET JOURNAL devoted a lead article on page one to the meeting. Meanwhile, numerous trade and technical journals are publishing highlights of the meeting in their current or forthcoming issues. Notable among these is a comprehensive report scheduled by CHEMICAL AND ENGINEERING NEWS.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States recently called attention to the Foundation's plant survey services for the control of noxious and obnoxious exposures in the workplace, and sent literature describing the Foundation to its approximately 2,000 members.

R.E. Zimmerman Heads Research Committee

R.E. Zimmerman, Sc.D., Vice President, U.S. Steel Corporation, has accepted Chairmanship of the Foundation's Research Committee. Dr. Zimmerman is a trustee of the Foundation. He succeeds the late B.D. Saklatwalla, whose death was reported to Foundation members at the annual meeting.

Dr. Lanza Returns to Civilian Life

Col. A.J. Lanza, who organized and directed the Occupational Health Division of the Army Service Forces, was honorably discharged from the Army recently. Dr. Lanza, Chairman of the Foundation's Medical Committee, returns to his old position as Assistant Medical Director, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

A Healthful New Year!