After elimination of men with nonoccupational diseases that might affect the result, there remain 459 men in group 1 and 384 in group 2 for the examination in question. With the exception of a slight irritation of the mucous membranes, these men showed no objective symptoms at the examination described above. The reported subjective troubles, on the other hand, were so numerous that a more detailed analysis has seemed desirable.

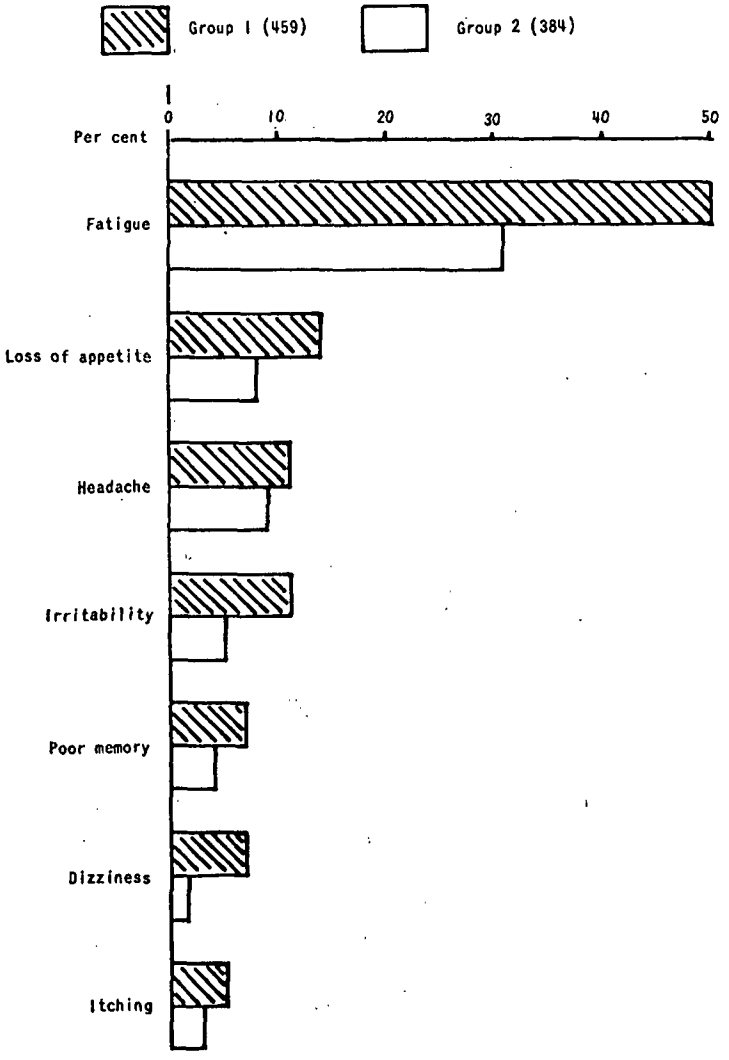

Chart 4.—The frequency of subjective symptoms among the workers who had no objective symptoms, charted according to type.

One must apply the greatest caution in evaluating these subjective troubles. But as far as is known, there has been no "mass psychosis" in the material studied; the anamnesis has been recorded by the same person; housing, wage, insurance and other social factors have been approximately the same for all as far as could be ascertained. Despite this, it has not been deemed possible to draw conclusions from absolute frequency figures. Conclusions have been based exclusively on a comparison between the conditions within the more exposed group 1 and the less exposed group 2.