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166 Industrial Health Conference.

The preliminary program of the 1956 Industrial Health Conference has been issued. The Conference will be held at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., April 21-27. The organizations participating include the Industrial Medical Association, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Association of Industrial Dentists, the American Association of Industrial Nurses, and Occupational Health Institute. A large number of papers covering a wide range of subjects of interest in the field of industrial medicine will be presented. Programs may be obtained from Industrial Health Conference, 28 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

167 Commonwealth Fund and Ford Foundation Support Medical Education.

Ten university medical schools have received grants totaling \$7,150,000 for medical education from the Commonwealth Fund. The Ford Foundation will grant 90 million dollars to privately supported medical schools as endowment to help strengthen their instruction, although the exact allocation to the individual schools has not yet been determined. These grants will aid in meeting some of the needs that have existed during recent years, but they have not closed the gap that has been represented as being equivalent to approximately 10 million dollars annually for all needs. There is need of more general appreciation of the fact that the present-day medical school is no longer simply an educational institution devoted solely to the undergraduate training of physicians. Today's medical schools are complex centers of medical science, concerned also with graduate and postgraduate training and research. Every possible effort should be made to obtain the additional financial backing necessary to maintain and further develop the needs of our medical schools. The Commonwealth Fund and the Ford Foundation have given a vital "shot in the arm" in support of these needs, and should serve as a stimulus to other foundations, to industry in general, and to all members of the profession to redouble efforts to achieve the over-all financial needs of our medical schools, so that their continued progress may be assured. -- From editorial, J. Am. Med. Assn.

168 Mental Illness Support.

Now that the U. S. Public Health Service has made the initial grant of \$250,000 for a three-year national survey of mental illness, the way has been cleared for the Joint Commission on Mental Illness and Health to solicit additional contributions from philanthropic groups. Additional funds from the Government will be available in the future. The American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and 18 other groups formed the Joint Commission last year. The first grant will be used to initiate the study, including the recruiting of staff, the appointment of an advisory committee, and the setting up of task forces to look into the various phases of mental illness.

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