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Lead Industries Association
420 Lexington Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT: LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow, representatives of some seventy lead producing and consuming companies will gather at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia to celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Lead Industries Association. The Association was founded in 1928 by a group of ten lead companies who underwrote the expense of a vertical association representing both the producers and consumers of lead, an unusual idea at that time and one which has come to be recognized as providing the most benefit to the public at large. The founding fathers of the Association set as their objectives the dissemination of accurate information regarding lead products and how best they could be used; the development of methods for the improvement of the welfare of those engaged in the lead industries or in the use of its products; the promotion of serviceability of the lead industries to the community; and the collection and publication of statistical information relating to the production, distribution, marketing, consumption and use of lead and lead products.

Since its founding, the Association has grown to number some seventy member companies including associate members representing the important foreign lead producers from Canada, Mexico, Africa, Australia and Peru.

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Clinton H. Crane, Board chairman of the St. Joseph Lead Co., served as president of the Association from its inception until 1948 when he retired and was succeeded by Felix E. Wormser, vice president of St. Joseph Lead Co., who had originally served as secretary-treasurer of the Association from 1928 to 1947. Robert Lindley Ziegfeld, assistant secretary from 1929, succeeded Mr. Wormser in 1947 as secretary-treasurer.

The Association has expanded in its twenty-five years from a staff of two to sixteen and today includes specialists in virtually all fields affecting the lead industry. For example, the present staff consists of specialists in metallurgy, chemical engineering, chemistry, plumbing, mining, and industrial health, all of whom are qualified to render expert technical service to users of lead products.

Besides offering technical and economic services to both members and their customers, a big part of the Association's work is rendering these services to the military and other governmental organizations.

Participating in the first day of the two-day fete in recognition of the Association's Silver Anniversary will be Henry L. Day, president, Day Mines, Inc., Wallace, Idaho, who will serve as chairman of the general session; Thomas Nolan, assistant director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C., who will speak on "World Lead Mine Resources and Production;" Thomas G. Moore, manager, Geological and Exploration Dept., The American Metal Co. Ltd., New York, N. Y., will head a panel of experts discussing lead mine production in various districts. The panel includes Paul C. Feddersen, superintendent, Bunker Hill Smelter, Kellogg, Idaho; L. H. Hart, resident engineer, American Smelting and Refining Co., New York, N.Y.; F. L. Hallam, assistant comptroller, Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd., Trail, B.C.; Miles P. Romney, manager, Utah Mining Association, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Elmer A. Jones, assistant general manager, St. Joseph Lead Co., Bonne Terre, Mo.

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Also on the first day, Reuben Viener, partner, Hyman Viener & Sons, Richmond, Va., will speak on "The Secondary Lead Industry." The meetings on the first day will be climaxed by the Honorable Richard M. Simpson, Congressman from Pennsylvania and member, House Committee on Ways and Means who will speak on "The National Legislation Picture."

The meeting will be continued on Friday with the following participants: R. A. Gardiner, Jr., vice president, Gardiner Metal Co., Chicago, Ill., who will act as chairman for the general session at which J. A. Costello, vice president, Ethyl Corp., New York, N.Y., will give a talk on "A Consumer Looks at Lead." "The Lead Consumption Outlook" under the chairmanship of W. J. Welch, manager, Metal Dept., National Lead Co., New York, N.Y., will include "Storage Batteries" by R. L. Sommerville, president, Association of American Battery Manufacturers and assistant general sales manager, Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; "Cable" by K. S. Wyatt, engineer of cables, Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corp., New York, N.Y.; "Tetraethyl Lead" by T. B. Prickett, Petroleum Chemicals Div., E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del.; "Metallic Lead Products" by E. L. Newhouse, III, sales co-ordinator, Federated Metals Div., American Smelting and Refining Co., New York, N. Y.; and "Pigments and Chemicals" by Miles W. Zoller, vice president, The Eagle-Picher Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. The final paper of the meeting will be "The Lead Industries and Human Health" by Robert A. Kehoe, M.D., director, Department of Preventive Medicine and Industrial Health, College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, and medical director, Ethyl Corp.

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