

423 Lead Toxicity and Virus.

Histologic studies of renal tumors induced in rats by ingestion of large amounts of lead acetate fail to support the theory that lead toxicity may activate an oncogenic virus, Peter Mao, M.D., and John Molnar, M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, report. "We are unable to demonstrate any virus or virus-like particles in the tumors," Dr. Mao told the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists in Cleveland. "It is possible, however, that the lead compound itself, in high doses, acts as a carcinogen by inhibiting or interfering with the normal synthetic or regulatory mechanism in the cell."

-- J. Am. Med. Assn. 195, 35 (March 28, 1966)

424 Leaded Gasoline.

From a health point of view, lead needn't be eliminated from gasoline, according to Dr. Joseph C. Calandra, president of Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories. Emissions of lead from auto exhausts aren't creating a public health hazard. In fact, lead concentrations in the air from all sources are low—far below levels known to be safe for industrial workers, Dr. Calandra told the Lead Industries Association, meeting in St. Louis. Levels of lead in the air have been found to be very much lower than those considered safe for an occupational exposure of eight hours per day for a working lifetime. Dr. Calandra urges proper professional recognition of the large body of scientific data on lead toxicology until the completion of industry/government research programs that are gathering additional information on lead exposure.

-- Chem. Eng. News 44, 37 (April 11, 1966)

425 Health Physics Society.

The Eleventh Annual meeting of the Health Physics Society will be held June 27-30, 1966, at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas. For information regarding the meeting write to O. L. Pirtle, Jr., Hastings Radiochemical Works, P.O. Box 60448, A. N. S., Houston, Texas.

-- Am. Ind. Hyg. Assn. J. 27, A-4 (Jan.-Feb. 1966)

426 Hygienic Guide Series.

The following additional Hygienic Guide Series are now available: Ethyl Ether (Ether, Diethyl Ether, Ethoxyethane, Diethyl Oxide, Ethyl oxide), and Chloronaphthalenes. They are given in the January-February AIHA Journal pp. 85-91 and can be obtained from the American Industrial Hygiene Association, 14125 Prevoist, Detroit, Michigan 48227, at 50 cents each.

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| | June 8-10 | Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Annual Meeting, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. |
| | June 9-11 | 1st Conference on Biomedical Engineering Materials, New York, N.Y. |
| | June 13-15 | American Neurological Association, Washington, D.C. |
| | June 13-15 | Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, 7th Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio |
| | June 13-17 | American Nurses' Association, San Francisco, Calif. |
| | June 13-17 | Society for Applied Spectroscopy, 5th National Meeting, Chicago, Ill. |
| | June 16-18 | American Rheumatism Association, Denver, Colo. |
| | June 20-22 | American Proctologic Society, Cleveland, Ohio |
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| | June 27-30 | Health Physics Society, 11th Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas |
| | June 29-July 1 | Conference on Sulfur Chemistry, Princeton, N.J. |