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Dear Sir :-

I really have to reacted sooner to your letters of your papers on lead poisoning. I gladly take this from you for these papers which I have the greatest of interest.

There is nothing I could report to you in connection on behalf of the Ethyl Exposition. The course of the one year past of poisoning and the number of cases have been relatively small owing to the matter in Central Europe. I am interested to hear that the average of the Czech labourers is small. I am sure the people proposed had to be careful for the handling of ethyl. I have been guided according to the instructions issued by the authorities. I have been guided according to the opinion prevalent in Austria that poisoning by inhalation is rare and by oral intoxication.

In Austria the authorities are beginning to interest themselves in the matter and the possible damages to health. The chief of the department of the State Health is Professor Dr. Ernst Brezina, a

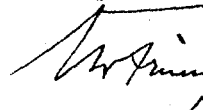
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such as station operators etc., the question is what different. I would be very much obliged indeed, if you could answer some questions in connection for my own information, as well as the information of the State Health Inspector. In this regard I beg to refer to the postscript of my letter of April 2nd 1935, advising, that you send to me a study on the lead absorption of station and garage mechanics.

Which dangers exist for those persons handling ethyl gasoline ? Are there many cases of lead poisoning of those persons ? Which preventive measures are customary in America or which preventive measures are required by the authorities ? Here there is rather a tendency of seeing a considerable danger in the handling of ethyl gasoline and of probably requiring protective measures and periodic medical examinations by the authorities, all of which may hinder the distribution of gasoline and may affect the commercial rent. When replying to my questions kindly consider that I intend to show your letter to Professor [redacted] with whom I am on friendly terms since many years and who regards you as the first expert in the world of tetra ethyl lead poisoning.

I hope that my request will not cause any undue inconvenience and ask you to accept my best thanks beforehand.

Yours very truly



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