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Arthur J. Vorwald, M.D., Director
The Saranac Laboratory
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Vorwald:

I have been asked to develop a program for the steel and heavy industries section of the American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons to be presented during the coming annual meeting in April. This section and several others was formed this year in order to allow physicians from closely related industries to get together and put on a program of more immediate interest to them than was offered by the general sessions in the past. Our particular section will probably meet on Thursday morning April 7.

It has been decided that the initial program should be in the nature of a symposium on pulmonary diseases, since this seems to be a problem which is common to us all and for which we still need an answer.

I am particularly anxious to have a pathologist on our program, for I feel that there is still a great deal of confusion in the minds of many physicians as to the nature of the pulmonary reactions to dusts other than silica, and particularly as to the significance of these so-called inert dusts in relation to pulmonary function in the normal as well as the diseased lung. This is of greatest importance to us in the steel industry because we have a large number of exposures which are periodically credited with causing pulmonary disease or aggravating such conditions as tuberculosis, bronchitis, asthma, bronchiectasis and even heart disease. Aside from the medico-legal aspects of this problem there is the even greater problem of proper placement of workers with pulmonary diseases in an industry where few jobs do not involve exposure to some air contaminant.

I am sure that from the foregoing you will see that we really need someone like you on our program, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation to review for us what is known of the action of the various air contaminants on the pulmonary tissues and their functions.

Very sincerely yours,

C. J. Bamberger

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1. [illegible] Hazards in the Steel Industry and their Relation to Pulmonary Diseases. 20 minutes.
L. H. Carlisle, M.D., Medical Director, Inland Steel Company.

2. The Administration of Pulmonary Disease Control Program.

   a. In a large Steel Plant. 20 minutes.
   L. F. Charnock, M.D., Chief Surgeon, Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa.
   b. In a Small to Medium-sized Industry. 20 minutes.
   L. A. Hamlin, M.D., Medical Director, American Brake Shoe Company.

3. Pneumoconiosis and Pulmonary Diseases. 20 minutes.
Arthur J. Vorwald, M.D., Director, The Mayo Clinic Laboratory, Saranac Lake, N.Y.

4. Medico-legal Aspects of Pulmonary Diseases. 20 minutes.
Mr. Leo J. Brogan, Attorney. Lacey, Brogan, Lacey & Buhrman, Detroit, Mich.

5. Pneumonia in the Steel Industry. 15 minutes.
T. H. Rice, M.D., Chief Surgeon, Ford Steel Corp. Ashland, Ky.

6. Tuberculosis and Silicosis in the Steel Industry. 15 minutes.
Speaker to be announced.

7. Questions and Discussion. The speakers will sit as a panel to answer questions. Active participation in the discussion is expected of all who attend the meeting.

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