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On Monday, February 5, 1951, the periodic health inspection was made of the Berlin plant of the Kaylo Division. Conferences were held with George Walker, plant manager, Jim Chandler, personnel director, Dr. Henry Schwartz the new plant physician, and Miss Lois Jordan, R.N., the plant nurse.

This particular trip was made early this year so as to meet the new plant doctor and answer any questions that may have arisen in his mind. I also wished to develop our medical plan for civilian defense.

Because of its location, the plant is probably not too vulnerable to damage except internally. Nevertheless, it is believed that the dispensary and its personnel should always be prepared for any emergency. The dispensary has on hand the required 30 day reserve of dressings, antiseptics and other surgical material. They also maintain a satisfactory emergency bag.

We recommended further consideration of first-aid classes by the American Red Cross, and the blood typing of employees. The plant physician is in close contact with local and state civilian defense planning and will pass on to the plant manager and personnel director such pertinent medical planning as may involve our plant or its people.

The regular trip through the plant was made with Jim Chandler and it was pleasing to note the improved housekeeping throughout. A new coating operation began to date and from our viewpoint had few hazards or risks. Bill Hazard had made certain recommendations and they were in effect.

The dispensary is small, completely equipped and probably adequate for the amount of medical and surgical work performed. The doctor and nurse are working under a handicap but are doing the best they can. The dust situation is not good. Everything to prevent contamination must be covered and that is not always easy. There also is inadequate storage space. Cartons are unsightly. Nevertheless, a fine Medical Service exists and we know it will continue.

Periodic chest X-rays of employees have not been done completely since 1948. The plan was discontinued apparently when it interfered with production. In 1949 a plan was suggested by us but not followed out. We doubt if any damage has been done except that now Bill and I will hesitate to alter our previous recommendations for yearly chest X-rays. Now we do not have the complete story. Jim says they will start periodic X-rays of chests again this year. The chest X-ray is done on pre-employment examinations.

Lee Henry, an employee who had been relieved as plant electrician because of a heart condition, appealed to me for help. We discussed his case completely with him but, under the circumstances, could not offer him any help. We did advise re-examinations by the Navy and better adjustment to a quieter life.

Jim and I went to the home of Mrs. Margaret Gifford for a friendly visit. The unfortunate woman is suffering from a debilitating condition and has not much longer to live.

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