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LEARNING TO LIVE . . .

Learning to live—safely—was the drawing card which brought more than 13,000 men and women from the United States and 27 other countries to Chicago for the 45th National Safety Congress. These people gathered to exchange the latest ideas in safe attitudes, safe methods and safe equipment. Through speeches, panel discussions and symposiums, they acquired new ideas for helping others—and themselves—to live, work, and play safely.

This was the reason the National Safety Council was organized less than half a century ago, a time when man's thoughts barely kept pace with the industrial revolution. Since then, man has introduced an atomic age which is bringing the continents closer and has made the earth a smaller world. And now man anticipates inter-space travel!

Through science and technology, man is progressing to increasing speeds in travel and production, and increasing dangers—new dangers never before encountered. These, in addition to the everyday hazards of life, occupied the thoughts of the safety people at the Congress.

To encourage more widespread knowledge of the various fields of safety, the National Safety Council publishes the Current Safety Topics—30 volumes of condensations of Congress speeches and exchanges of ideas. Each volume is a handy reference to different phases of accident prevention. The complete set of volumes are listed on the back page of each volume.

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THE CHEMICAL SECTION

This volume is a record of the sessions held at the 1957 National Safety Congress by the Chemical Section. The conduct of these Congress sessions each year is only one of the many cooperative activities which the Chemical Section carries on in behalf of its members, and for the benefit of accident prevention work in the chemical industry generally. The section gives guidance in the preparation of a great variety of technical and educational material useful in the day-to-day safety programs of chemical companies.

The activities of the section are under the direction of its executive committee, the members of which are listed at the close of this volume.