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Manufacturers Association Appoints Committee on Working Conditions

BIG UNITS TO HELP SMALL

Purnell Heads Campaign, With Dr. Heiser, Author of 'Doctor's Odyssey,' as Consultant

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — Big industry has moved to extend the health benefits developed for workers in large manufacturing establishments to smaller plants which have not had the time or money to install them, the National Association of Manufacturers announced today.

Charles R. Hook, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, reported the appointment of a nation-wide committee on healthful working conditions. Standards approved by such agencies as the American College of Surgeons, the National Bureau of Standards and the National Safety Council will help guide the work of the committee.

"One of the prime objectives of this new committee," he declared, "will be to make available to the small and medium-sized manufacturer the benefit of the experience and study of others in this important field."

The committee has Frank Purnell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, as chairman, and H. C. Beaver, president of the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation, Harrison, N. J., as vice chairman.

Dr. Heiser Is Consultant

Dr. Victor G. Heiser, author of "An American Doctor's Odyssey," is consultant.

A general advisory committee to be selected from experts will be headed by Dr. W. Irving Clark, personnel director of the Norton Company, Worcester, Mass.

"During the past twenty-five years," said Mr. Hook, "there have been many developments which improved factory working conditions. Accomplishments in this direction stand among industry's foremost achievements. Naturally, the most rapid advance has been achieved in the larger companies which could afford to devote time and money to the intensive study of working conditions and the development of medical services."

Those who have accepted membership on the main committee include W. A. Anderson, president John A. Roebling's Sons Company, Trenton; Robert H. Cabell, president Armour & Co.; S. Bayard Colgate, president Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, Jersey City; F. O. Geier, chairman the Cincinnati Milling Machinery Company; Carl G. Gibbs, president National Malleable and Steel Castings Company, Cleveland; A. B. Hansen, executive vice president Northern Paper Mills, Green Bay, Wis.; Aldus C. Higgins, president Norton Company.

Others on Committee

Also W. G. Marshall, vice president Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh; Ernest Muehleck, president Keashey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa.; Charles B. Nolte, president Crane Company, Chicago; Louis Ruthenburg, president Servel, Inc., Evansville, Ind.; W. L. Settemire, assistant to the president, Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company, Mount Vernon, Ill.; H. S. Wherrett, president Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; James C. Self, president Matthews Cotton Mill, Greenwood, S. C.; F. B. Davis Jr., president United States Rubber Company, New York City; August Kochs, president Victor Chemical Works, Chicago; Walter J. Kohler, chairman of the board, Kohler Company, Kohler, Wis.; Alvan Macauley, president Packard Motor Car Company; Hiram S. Rivitz, president Industrial Rayon Corporation, Cleveland, and Blaine S. Smith, president Universal Atlas Cement Company, New York City.