

Industrial Health Conference Set for Houston October 6-7

The importance of better industrial health for the Gulf Coast will be the theme for the second annual Gulf Coast Regional Conference on Industrial Health on October 6 and 7 in Houston's Rice Hotel. An industrial waste symposium, believed to be the first of its kind on the Gulf Coast, has been scheduled for the second day of the conference.

Many of the nation's leading industrial health authorities are listed on the speakers' program. These include Dr. James H. Sterner of Rochester, N. Y., a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission, who will be the keynote speaker on October 6. Dr. Sterner, of the Eastman Kodak Co.,

will discuss "Industrial Health in an Atomic Era."

Other health conference speakers will be Manfred Bowdich of New York City, director of health and safety, Lead Industries Association; Dr. Allen J. Fleming of Wilmington, Del., assistant medical director of the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company; Allen D. Brandt, D.S.C., industrial hygiene engineer, Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa.; Dr. Sherman S. Pinto of Denver, Colo., American Smelting and Refining Company; F. Ruth Kahl of Washington, U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. D. D. Irish of Midland, Mich., Dow Chemical Company; George D. Clay-

ton, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington; Dewey Dorsett, general manager of the association of Casualty and Surety Companies, New York City, and Ross Garrett, industrial consultant of Houston and Chicago.

Industrial wastes and stream pollution—a bugaboo faced by many industrialists—will be discussed the second day of the conference, with V. M. Ehlers of Austin, director of the State Health Department's bureau of sanitary engineering and national president of the Federation of Sewage Works Association, delivering the noon keynote address.

Other symposium speakers will include Edward J. Cleary of Cincinnati, executive director and chief engineer, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission; A. H. Wieters of Washington, chief of field operations branch, division of water pollution control, Public Health Service; W. A. Moggio, research engineer, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; M. B. Ettinger, scientist officer of the Public Health Service experimental station in Cincinnati; G. R. Herzik, Jr., chief engineer, Texas State Department of Health, Austin, and Burnell Waldrep of Austin, assistant attorney general of Texas.

Primarily, the conference has been planned to benefit representatives of the medical profession, industrial nurses, safety engineers, public health departments, insurance companies and utility, sanitary and chemical engineers. Sponsors, however, point out that representatives of labor and management will mutually profit from the discussion of current industrial problems.

The October sessions will be the second conducted in Houston. Inaugurated in 1948 by the Houston Chamber of Commerce public health committee, the conference drew 190 industrial representatives. At least twice that number have indicated attendance this year. John Flanagan, vice president, United Gas, is the committee's 1949 chairman.

Joining the Houston Chamber in sponsoring the sessions are Texas Manufacturers Association, Texas State Health Department, Baylor University College of Medicine, industrial health section of the American Medical Association, Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Engineers, Houston branch of the American Association of Industrial Nurses, and the Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America, Incorporated.

The Houston Chamber of Commerce is handling reservations.

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