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Case report by telephone from Mr. George Warren, Atlanta, Georgia.

At the Standard Oil Company Refinery at Savannah, Georgia on August 18, 1936, six men (1 negro) were sent ^{into} ~~with~~ a tank which had been used for leaded gasoline for the purpose of cleaning it. The tank had been steamed for 96 hours, cooled for the subsequent 48 hours and then forced air had been circulated in the tank for 36 hours. As far as could be determined the tank had been cleaned in a very dry state, no masks had been worn and other regulations covering the cleaning of leaded tanks had been totally disregarded. Nothing could be reported concerning the subjective symptoms of the men while engaged in the work. 24 hours after completion of the job the negro became ill with colic, nausea and insomnia as the prominent symptoms. The other five men became successively ill in 48 to 62 hours presenting the same symptoms as the first case.

On August 25th through a conversation with Dr. John Kirk Train, the physician in charge, it was learned that no diagnosis had been made but each of the group had been given large quantities of milk and sodium bromide for insomnia. At the time of the conversation all were ambulatory and the only persisting symptom was insomnia. Continued calcium therapy with viosterol ggts XV daily was suggested. It was also suggested that these men do not return to work for at least another week and not at that time unless all symptoms have cleared.

Bottles for spot urinary samples were forwarded by air mail.

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