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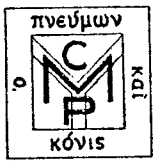
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the hazard. Many employers are still unaware that their workers are exposed to silica dust. Industrial nurses and others responsible for health preservation have a definite responsibility in this field. To plead ignorance in such a matter can hardly be sufficient excuse.

107. Conference on Silicosis Attracts Expert Audience.

Medical, Legal and Insurance Representatives Survey the Problems of Toxic Dusts.

Spectator. 134:30-31, June 27, 1935.

A thorough survey of the medical, claim and engineering aspects of occupational disease, with particular emphasis on dust diseases, characterized the Third Conference on Occupational Diseases, held on June 20 and 21, at the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, New York City. The conference, which was divided into two morning and two afternoon sessions, was attended by more than 225 special representatives of insurance companies and interested observers from the medical and legal professions, the limited space available being filled to capacity at the sessions.

While the nature of the conference called for careful treatment of subject matter by experts in medical and legal technique as well as in insurance, it is worthy of comment that coverage of the conference subject was handled for the most part by insurance representatives, only four of the sixteen speakers being non-insurance representatives. As in the case of the two preceding conferences, this third conference was made notable by the presence of everybody of importance in the field of occupational disease. As Dr. Anthony J. Lanza, assistant medical director with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., commented: "The conference represented the best medical, legal and insurance aspects of the occupational disease problem."

At the open forum frank discussion of the ramifications of silicosis and kindred occupational diseases, including research, laboratory procedure, control of toxic dusts and examination of blood, sputum and urine in the diagnosis of silicosis, occupied the attention of the insurance fraternity. The concluding session was restricted to insurance company representatives only. During the session acceptance and rejection of risks in industries exposed to the occupational disease hazard were discussed at length by Dr. Roscoe Gray, Aetna Life Insurance Co., John B. Lamenzo, Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., and Sanford B. Perkins, Travelers Insurance Co.

The keen interest and enthusiasm manifested during the two-day session have led to the conviction that a repetition of the conference in November would aid materially in solving the difficulties generated by this increasingly important industrial problem.