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Lead Industries Association  
60 East 42nd Street  
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More than 100 executives of lead mining, smelting, refining and manufacturing companies are gathering at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, today for the annual meeting of the Lead Industries Association. In addition to the regular business of electing directors and hearing various committee reports, they will hear a number of experts in their respective fields talk about the outlook for a number of important lead products. The Association's president, Andrew Fletcher, president of the St. Joseph Lead Co., will preside at the opening session and Kenneth C. Brownell, president of the American Smelting & Refining Co., at the afternoon session.

Dr. D. P. Barnard, research coordinator of the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) will present the petroleum industry's views on the future for tetraethyl lead anti-knock compound used in practically all gasoline today. Dr. Alex Stewart, director of research, and Hugo Ratti, head of new product development, both of the National Lead Co., will review the place of other chemical compounds of lead in industry. Roger H. Cutting, vice president, The Bunker Hill Co., will outline the use of lead in building and chemical construction.

The outlook for lead in storage batteries, lead's largest single use, will be discussed by B. B. Steiner, president of the Association of American Battery Manufacturers, while lead cable sheathing, third largest use of lead, will be handled by C. C. Shackford, chief engineer of the Electrical Wire Division of John A. Roebling's Sons Co. Two smaller but rapidly growing applications of lead, its employment to combat atomic radiation and its use in ceramics, will be covered by Dr. Charles E. Crompton, associate technical director, National Lead

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Co. of Ohio, and Prof. R. L. Cook, University of Illinois, respectively.

Industrial medical problems of the industry will be the subject of a talk by Dr. William E. George, chief medical officer of Consolidated Zinc Proprietary, Ltd., of Australia.

On the following morning the Lead Industries Association will meet jointly with the American Zinc Institute to hear three papers on world production and consumption and the market outlook for the two metals. They will be presented by R. H. Mote of the U. S. Bureau of Mines; R. Hendricks, vice president of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.; and Dr. Joseph Zimmerman, editor-in-chief of the Daily Metal Reporter.

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