

Is not yet fixed, but I expect to be able to announce it within a few days."

Dr. Cumming said he had been in conference in the past few days with officials of the Public Health Service on this subject, following the receipt of reports and opinions from Dr. David L. Edsall and Dr. Cecil K. Drinker of the Harvard Medical School, who questioned the earlier Bureau of Mines report, and Prof. Yandell Henderson of Yale and others.

Round Table Conclave

Dr. Cumming said he hoped to be able to get these experts, among others, to come here for the proposed conference, which will be in the form of a round table discussion, he said.

Dr. H. Foster Bain, Director of the Bureau of Mines, said this afternoon he would have to put off until tomorrow any statement of what the bureau plans to do in further experimentation and the effect of its original report.

Officials of the Public Health Service, without directly criticizing the Bureau of Mines, intimated the bureau's report had had an unfortunate effect, in that it had evidently led city officials in New Jersey and elsewhere to restrictions against the sale of ethyl gasoline before it had been conclusively found whether the product was harmless.

It was also clear that opinion in the Public Health Service strongly inclines to the view that the ethyl gasoline is far from harmless, as it is sold at automobile filling stations. They have not studied its effect directly but, from what they consider trustworthy contemporary opinion, they are strongly suspicious that the effect of the ethyl gasoline, diluted to the extent of one part tetra-ethyl lead to 1,000 parts gasoline, may be extremely dangerous to health.

Called Danger Remote

The Bureau of Mines report had expressed the conclusion that in this dilution, in which ethyl gasoline is being sold at upward of 10,000 filling stations, the danger was "remote." The Bureau of Mines said its conclusion was based on laboratory experimentation with 100 or more rabbits, guinea pigs, pigeons, monkeys and dogs, which had been exposed for long periods to the exhaust fumes of engines using ethyl gasoline.

Dr. Cumming was emphatic in saying that he had not regarded this as finally demonstrating harmlessness and that the projected conference would be designed to go into the subject far more exhaustively.

The Surgeon General considers the subject one of vital importance. "It is a public health question of extreme seriousness," he said, "if this product is actually causing slow poisoning and serious effects of a cumulative character."

"Tetraethyl lead," he added, "is undoubtedly a deadly poison of a most insidious kind. The question is whether this poison in dilution as it is being sold to the public is harmless, and that remains to be determined."

Dr. Cumming said he thought the subject might be taken up at the meeting in May of the American Medical Association.

According to the information of the Public Health Service upward of 300,000,000 gallons of the tetraethyl leaded gasoline have been marketed in the last two years by the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, jointly owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the General Motors Corporation.

Alarms Intensified

By Columbia Tests

Public alarm over the widespread use of tetra-ethyl

Bayway "Loony Gas" Disaster Directed Attention to Tetra-Ethyl

Public attention was first attracted to the possible menace to public health in tetraethyl-leaded gasoline last fall when five men employed in its manufacture at the Bayway, N. J., plant of the Standard Oil Company died in straitjackets and a score of other employees were rendered temporarily insane by the fumes from tetra-ethyl lead, referred to as "loony gas."

Dr. Andrew F. McBride, New Jersey Commissioner of Labor, declared against further manufacture by the process in use in Bayway on the ground that "experience has demonstrated workmen cannot be safeguarded against the effects of poisonous contact."

The Union County Grand Jury, however, absolved the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, subsidiary of the Standard Oil and General Motors Corporation, of all blame.

The discussion over the Bayway deaths drew the admission from Thomas Midgeley Jr. of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation that seven months before that two workers had died and forty were placed under observation at the Dayton, O., plant of the General Motors Corporation. He also admitted there had been some trouble in the du Pont plant at Wilmington, Del.

The report of the Bureau of Mines that there was no danger from the use of the fluid in automobiles was sharply challenged by Dr. David L. Edsall and Dr. Cecil K. Drinker of the Harvard Medical School and by Prof. Yandell Henderson of Yale.

POLICE ON GUARD TO BLOCK RED COUP

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the name of the Workers' Party of America and was entitled, "Down Tools on May Day." He was fined \$5 in Jefferson Market Court.

Jerome Brandt, nineteen, and Zoltan Freedman, twenty, both of No. 326 East 81st Street, were arrested charged with distributing radical literature to students of the Eastern District High School, Brooklyn. The pamphlet calls on the students to resist capitalist propaganda in schools and announces two meetings for tonight. One will be at the Central Opera House, 67th Street and Third Avenue, and the other at Grand Miller Hall, Grand and Havemeyer Streets, Brooklyn.

Ten meetings of alleged Communists were stopped abruptly late last night by police, under the direction of Acting Capt. Gegan of the Bomb Squad, and hundreds of Communist sympathizers were sent out of their meeting places into the streets.

The most important meeting was that at No. 108 East 14th Street, where William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Workers' Party, was presiding. Literature was seized and, in spite of Foster's protests, the men and women present were made to bring the meeting to a close. Foster announced later that he will head a committee which to-day will protest against the treatment of police to Commissioner Enright.

Paris Police Are Ready For a Communist Coup

From The World's Bureau
Special Cable to The World

PARIS, April 30.—Fears that Communists might celebrate May Day tomorrow by attempting to seize the Central Telegraph Bureau, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of War, Prefecture and other public offices were somewhat allayed this evening by declarations of high police officials.

"If the Communist headquarters staff is watching events," said one, "the police staff is on guard, ready for any emergency."

munists to assemble will be sternly broken by the police. Only the usual labor meetings at the Labor Exchange will be tolerated.

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Austrians and Poles Row Over Chamberlain's "Plot"

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LONDON, April 30.—A diplomatic quarrel has been caused by the leakage to the press yesterday regarding a "plot" against the life of Austen Chamberlain. Warning was given the British Foreign Office by the Polish Legation that this "plot" had been hatched by Communists in Vienna. This warning was part of other data purporting to show the Russian Embassy at Vienna was the centre of the terrorist movement in the Near East.

Publication of the Chamberlain report has infuriated the Austrian Legation. The Austrians have complained to the British that since the alleged plot was hatched on their territory, Poland, as a courtesy, should have informed Austria and not Britain. The Austrians say the whole affair proves the Poles are maintaining an espionage service in Vienna.

Meanwhile the Russian Embassy is chortling with joy over the discomfiture of its diplomatic enemies. Austen Chamberlain, in his modest flat in Morpeth Mansions, continues to be guarded, just as before the news of the "plot" was received, by one "bobby" in the street outside the front door and another in the area-way in the rear.

Roman Police Say Reds Plan Demonstration To-Day

ROME, April 30.—Police declared to-day they had discovered evidence of an Italian revolutionary organization affiliated with Communist groups in Russia which has been planning a May Day workers' strike and demonstration against the Government throughout Italy. The police said active organizations of Soviet propagandists are established in Italy. Police are prepared to prevent trouble

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