

WAR CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL HEALTH

THE medical, surgical and industrial hygiene experts who are safeguarding the well-being of more than twenty million industrial workers have agreed to pool their knowledge and exchange their experiences regarding the many new and complex problems of war-time production. For this purpose their organizations—The American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons; the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the National Conference of Governmental Hygienists—are combining their annual meetings in a four-day "War Conference" at Rochester, N. Y., to be held from May 24 to 27. Among the problems to be discussed from a practical standpoint are:

The mass entry of women into industry;
Older-age employees, with their various associated problems; proper placement and employability considerations of the 4F rejectees;

Rehabilitation and proper employment of those already discharged from the military services because of disabling conditions;

Toxic and other hazards from new substances, new processes and the use of substitute materials;

Absenteeism; fatigue; nutrition;

Effects of long hours; double shifts; two-job workers; overtime; increased industrial accident rates;

Advances in the treatment of illnesses and injuries, and many others.

This joint meeting will be a report on the state of the nation by the men who know in matters of industrial health. Dr. William A. Sawyer, medical director of the Eastman Kodak Company, is general chairman; Dr. James H. Sterner and Lieutenant Commander J. J. Bloomfield are arranging the programs.

Physicians and surgeons, hygienists, engineers, nurses, executives—all who are interested in the problems of industrial health and their solution—are invited to attend as many of the sessions as they can arrange for; no registration fee is required.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN, president of the Johns Hopkins University, previously director of the American Geographical Society, has been elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to succeed Dr. Arthur H. Compton, of the University of Chicago. Due to the postponement of the New York meeting Dr. Bowman was elected by mail ballot.

DR. SIMON FLEXNER, emeritus director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, of which he was director from 1920 to 1935, reached his eightieth birthday on March 25.

THE Borden Company Prize of \$1,000 for research in the chemistry of milk has been awarded by the American Chemical Society to Dr. Earle O. Whittier, senior chemist of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The prize, which will be formally presented on April 14 at a general session of the meeting of the society in Detroit, is given in recognition of researches in the chemistry of milk constituents. These studies have been concerned chiefly with the utilization of lactose and casein, the chemistry of the manufacture and uses of lactic acid, acid-base equilibria and the buffer values of milk and milk constituents, oxidation-reduction equilibria in milk and ionic equilibria which are fundamental to a knowledge of the stability of the protein systems.

THE University of California at Los Angeles during the observance of Charter Week conferred the honorary doctorate of laws on Dr. George David

Birkhoff, Perkins professor of mathematics and dean of the faculty of arts and sciences of Harvard University.

WILLIAM LOREN BATT, vice-chairman of the War Production Board and president of the SKF Industries, was presented on March 17 with the annual Philadelphia award "as the citizen who performed the most distinguished service for the city in 1942." The award carries with it the sum of \$10,000.

DR. RUDOLPH MATAS has been presented with the medal of the Nu Sigma Nu Degree of Merit. This award is in recognition of approximately thirty years service rendered by Dr. Matas to the fraternity as a faculty member. Former recipients of the medal are Victor C. Vaughan, Nicholas Senn, J. P. McMurrich, W. H. Welch, F. G. Novy, G. C. Huber, W. H. Park, J. M. T. Finney, T. H. Sollmann and James Bryan Herrick.

By action of the executive committee of the American Association of Anatomists, Professor Eliot R. Clark, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed acting secretary-treasurer of the association, in the place of Professor Francis H. Swett, deceased, to serve until the next meeting at which an election may be held. While the regular meeting of the association, scheduled for Montreal, has been cancelled, two sectional meetings have been organized: one in Chicago at the University of Illinois College of Medicine on April 23 and 24, of which G. von Bonin is *secretary*, and a second in Philadelphia at