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Of the various subjects dealt with under the general heading "Other Activities", the Delegation of Hungary considers the protection of health of industrial workers as the most important.

In view of the fact that industrial health is closely related to other subjects previously discussed, especially to the tuberculosis-control problem, as the incidence, spread, and progress of the disease depend, to a great extent, on the conditions prevailing in factories, workshops, etc.,

and in view of the great number of women employed in industry (which brings up questions connected with mother-and child-protection),

The Delegation of Hungary submits the following propositions:

- (1) That a medical officer, well qualified in industrial health, be employed by the World Health Organization to study industrial hygiene and to co-ordinate available information;
- (2) That the World Health Assembly advise the Executive Board to set up an expert committee, consisting of specialists of industrial hygiene, to act as an advisory body.

The Delegation of Hungary at this time would like to submit the following proposition to such an expert committee:

In factories employing a thousand employees, there should be a full-time physician, aided by a health visitor. In view of the fact that in most countries the factory employees are covered by the social-insurance system, the physician to be appointed should be selected and employed by the social-insurance institute, thereby avoiding the dependence of the physician upon the factory-management.

The primary task of the physician would be preventive health work, such as examination of workers; control of occupational hazards, control of sanitary conditions in the workshops, and, if there are such, of shower-rooms; day-nurseries, factory canteens, etc.: and the organization and direction of sports activities, to counteract damages resulting from one-sided occupation.

Factories and workshops employing less than a thousand employees should jointly ensure the services of a full-time physician, along the above lines.