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A New Industrial Clinic for Small Firms

An industrial health clinic to serve an industrial estate consisting of medium and small sized companies was opened in May 1961 by the Minister of Labour.

The new clinic is on the Poyle Industrial Estate, Colnbrook, Bucks. It is the first clinic of the Slough Industrial Health Service to be established outside the area of the Slough Trading Estate and will serve the 60 firms on the Poyle Estate, several of which employ less than 25 workers.

Member firms will pay 10d. per week for each employee. Nearly half the companies on the estate with some 1,500 employees have joined the scheme.

The Clinic has been established by a committee representative of companies on the estate.

The Slough Industrial Health Service serves 250 member firms employing 23,000 workers. The Service now consists of a central poly-clinic, three sub-clinics, including the new clinic at Poyle, medical departments in the larger firms, and a mobile dressing station. The laboratories of the Occupational Hygiene Service which was formed by the Industrial Health Service in 1950 are in a building adjoining the Central Clinic. This unit is now self-administered, but the facilities for the recognition, evaluation, and advice on control of hazards to health in industry are available to member firms without charge and to industry generally on a "fee for service" basis.

The new clinic at Poyle was built and equipped by a grant from the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust. It is a self-contained unit consisting of a waiting room, treatment room, and consulting room. It is open from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily.

A full-time industrial nurse is the Sister-in-charge. Twenty-four-hour cover is given for emergencies, and radiological, electrocardiograph, physiotherapy, chiropody, occupational hygiene and social welfare facilities are available at the Central Clinic.

The importance of having an adequate number of workers trained in first aid is recognized and facilities for this training are provided.

Nicolò Castellino Prize

An Italian Foundation which supports scientific inquiry has offered a prize which may be given to Italian competitors or to those from any other country.

This organization, of which the president is Professor Dr. Giuseppe Tesauro, Rector of University Studies in Naples, has published the conditions of the competition.

A competitor may not hold any university professorship or be employed by any official organization; he must not exceed 40 years of age on December 31, 1962. Papers may be written in collaboration, but the prize will not be divided. They should be written in Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, or Portuguese and must be signed with a motto. A sealed envelope bearing the same device should contain the name and address of the competitor.

A declaration that the manuscripts submitted have not been published elsewhere and that they represent original work is necessary.

The Foundation described was created in memory of Nicolò Castellino and this is the third international competition of this kind, designed to perpetuate his memory and to further the objects to which he devoted so much of his energy. The prize is one million Italian lire.

The subject should be in the field of industrial medicine, but competitors may choose any which appeals to them. A strictly scientific approach is essential and the decisions of the judges are final. Papers should reach the secretary of the Foundation by December 31, 1962 and be addressed to INAIL, via IV Novembre 144, Rome.

Further particulars may be obtained from the secretary of the Foundation.

National Meeting on Industrial Medicine

The Seventh National Meeting on Industrial Medicine will take place in Paris on September 17 to 19, 1962.

The subjects will be as follows: "The left-handed worker" and "Hours of work".

The address of the Secretariat is:

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