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COMMON MARKET-U.S. SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS THE HEALTH ASPECTS
OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 7 -- The Commission of the European Communities and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will hold an international symposium this year to discuss the impact of lead on man's health and his environment.

The meeting will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 2-6, 1972.

The main topics which will be discussed are:

- the effects of lead on man's metabolism
- the significance and identification of effects of lead on man
- population studies to identify humans susceptible to effects of lead.

A more specific list of subjects to be evaluated includes: experience gained from lead industrial hygiene and toxicological studies applicable to the better understanding of the biological effects; combination effects of lead exposure together with other toxic substances and environmental agents; and the nature, role, and significance of the effects of lead in establishing environmental standards.

Leaded gasoline and paint are two of the major sources of lead pollution, and regulations concerning them are in effect or under consideration in a number of parts of the world. Scientists have also been worried that lead pollutants in the atmosphere are accumulating in the soil and water, jeopard-

dizing the whole ecosystem, and ultimately, man whose nervous system can be damaged by excessive exposure to lead.

Scientific papers in English, French, or German and a half hour long may be submitted for consideration. A 300-400 word summary (not the entire paper) should be in the hands of the Commission no later than May 1, 1972. These summaries should be sent to: Direction Protection Sanitaire, Commission des Communautés Europeennes, 29 rue Aldringer, Luxembourg (Grand Duche).

Participants should register by July 1, 1972, at the above address. There is no registration fee.

A program of visits and excursions will be organized for the wives of the participants.

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