

1983-9-12

RE: COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS

Following is generally heresay evidence involving a supposed large number of our employees.

Over the past several years there has been periodic articles in the newspaper (Advocate) about asbestos exposure and litigation (Federal Court, Victoria & Tyler, Texas). No decisions, no awards, etc., just a lot of talk about exposed workers and the asbestos mfg.

This A.M. I stopped a "mason" I know well who was working in Bldg. 1 and we talked a minute or two when he said "they" finally got some settlements out of one of the mfg's of asbestos and something about a worker (Pt. Comfort employee dying a year or two ago) pulmonary (cancer?) that got a judge to ok the offer of some \$6400.00 and now the word has gone out to inform the industrial work force to determine exposure and possible positive physical exam results for asbestos.

Some names I heard were Donald Williams, Juan Salazar.

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Understand there was a meeting held at Holiday Inn in Port Lavaca last Friday noon. A sizable number (50) salaried and hourly employees attended. Also there has been meeting (regular Union meeting, but discussed the asbestos situation -- with hand-outs and questionnaire to fill out). If the worker was in the Potrooms prior to 1974, then they may be scheduled for a physical exam in Marshall, Texas. I understand there were some 3-4 hundred signing up (Alcoa active and retired employees). Only 5 can be physicaled per day so it appears to be a lengthy process. A Ms. Becky Williams from Marshall was the individual signing up people. I called her office this A.M. and she was away in Mississippi on business, but they wanted my name to sign up for a interview. I replied that I just wanted to talk w/her. (Ms. Becky Williams, P. O. Box 1249, (214) 938-4395, Marshall, TX.) We did find out that the Holiday Inn reservations were made in the name of Jones-Jones & Baldwin and one of my legal contacts said this is the legal firm very heavily involved in the asbestos litigation. (I also found out that Commercial Union also has some big legal guns in the area of asbestos litigation).

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* The "Nova" TV program probably drew a lot of inquiries on the subject of "Asbestos". (Attached)

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Some more names I heard were C. Wratishaw, John Schoenherr, (a retired Alcoa "Warren" was said to be organizing retirees).. Machicek.

1983-9-27

I called Ms. Becky Williams again -- still in Mississippi.

1983-9-28

Becky Williams' office called me asking if I wanted to make an appointment -- I told the lady who I was and she claimed up w/the reply that Mr. Baldwin would call me back later.

1983-9-29

Received a call from Scott Baldwin, Legal Firm of Jones, Jones & Baldwin, Marshall, Texas.

I told Baldwin who I was and my Department. That I had received a number of inquiries from employees as to who to see and where to sign up for this asbestos thing. I said I thought we deserved to know what was going on w/our employees who may have been given some false expectations, etc.

Baldwin apologized saying he would be glad to explain everything to me. He said he is the attorney from Marshall who has led the way in the asbestos litigation initially from Tyler, Texas (for a number of years; 8-10 years).

Cont'd from Scott Baldwin:

A couple or so years ago Jimmy Smith, local attorney, contacted him (Baldwin) asking if he would represent a number of local workers that he (Smith) had. Baldwin said he would and they did succeed in attaining a small settlement (\$6400.00) for those few claimants. Baldwin said that word evidently spread very fast because his office was getting swamped w/phone calls inquiring about a same or similar settlement. Baldwin said the prior claimants were encouraged to accept this settlement since no one knows how long the money will hold out. Also, in accepting this court settlement, future W/C claims on asbestos, cancer, would be offset and also W/C medical coverage would be in question. Baldwin said he has discouraged any involvement in W/C, up to this point and time.

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Baldwin has continued to work very closely w/Jimmy Smith, and since there was such a large number of inquiries, he decided to dispatch one of his employees, Becky Williams, to Port Lavaca, to answer questions and sign up people.

I mentioned some inquiries I had about exposures to asbestos (prior to 1974 exposures).

Baldwin said, really 1972 was the year that asbestos sales were outlawed but it took a couple of years to get rid of inventories at industrial sites.

Generally, Baldwin said that if a worker was exposed 5-6 years prior to 1972-74, and if there is a positive asbestos finding via medical exam, then they will likely sign that person up.

Baldwin said, asbestos litigation is currently underway in Houston, Texas but that court is holding up waiting to see what action is going to be taken in the John Mansfield bankruptcy proceedings up East.

Baldwin said this is a lengthy legal process but may at some future date contact me or someone here about personnel and medical records. I replied that Alcoa has pretty standard procedures on that matter, and that's usually via court subpoena.

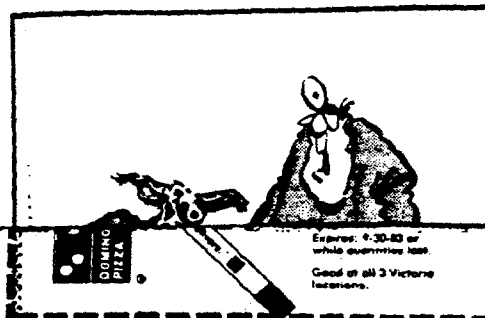
I thanked Mr. Baldwin for the above information.

NORRIS W. NEELEY

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Pay Television

By DAVID CROOK

Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

HOLLYWOOD — For the leading national pay-television services, commercial TV's fall hype parade is a lot of sound and fury, signifying nothing. The annual electronic rite of autumn is something to be ignored. Or avoided.

for us because a subscriber every month," said Ganson, senior vice president of programming at Showtime. "Subscribers expect a new product every month." Pay-TV's economics that Home Box Office or is far more concerned at

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6:00
 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● NEWS
 ● MACHIEL / LEHRER NEWSHOUR
 ● BURNS AND ALLEN
 ● GUNSMOKE A band of former Confederate officers-turned-outlaws takes Doc and saloon owner Lyle Ross captive. (Part 1)
 ● FAMILY FEUD
 ● ONE DAY AT A TIME Ann's business rival cons her into getting transferred out of town.
 ● SPORTSMAN
 ● SPORTSCENTER
 ● MONEYLINE
 ● SOLEDAD

6:30
 ● FAMILY FEUD
 ● THE JEFFERSONS
 ● ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT Valerie Bertinelli talks about her new movie image.
 ● NEWSOPE
 ● BARNEY MILLER
 ● DORIS GILLIS
 ● P.M. MAGAZINE A sneak preview of the new TV series "After M*A*S*H": tips on how to be your husband's centerfold pin-up.
 ● CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS Quiz: "Brotherly Love," "Bedtime Bonnet."
 ● M*A*S*H Radar's sudden promotion to lieutenant stuns everyone but Hawkeye and B.J., who were responsible.
 ● SOAP The wedding of Corinne and Tim is disrupted by the groom's mother.
 ● JIMMY HOUSTON OUTDOORS HBO MOVIE ★★½ "S.O.S. Titanic" (1979) David Janzen, Cloris Leachman. The personal dramas of the passengers and crew aboard the "unsinkable" ocean liner are played against the backdrop of the famous disaster at sea.
 ● TRIPLE A WORLD SERIES "Championship Game" (If necessary, live from Louisville, Ky.).

● CROSSPIRE
 ● VERONICA, EL ROSTRO DEL AMOR

7:00
 ● ● ● ● ● THE A-TEAM (Season Premiere) The team is hired by an Englishwoman (Kristen Meadows) to protect her murdered father's South African diamond mine from his killers.
 ● ● ● ● ● JUST OUR LUCK (Premiere) A TV weatherman (Richard Gilliland) finds his life altered after he opens a bottle that releases a very modern genie (T.K. Carter).
 ● ● ● ● ● FULL HOUSE A New York playwright (Dennis Dugan) tries to raise his five children while coping with his impending divorce and a severe shortage of money.
 ● BUSINESS REPORT
 ● ISPY
 ● P.M. MAGAZINE A sneak preview of the new TV series "After M*A*S*H": tips on how to be your husband's centerfold pin-up.
 ● THIS IS NEW ZEALAND "Rotorua" The heart of New Zealand's thermal region and thriving tourist center is shown.
 ● PRIMEVIEWS

7:30
 ● ● ● ● ● MOVIE ★★½ "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney. A young Brooklyn paint-store employee finds disco dancing the only source of excitement in his otherwise bleak life. (R)
 ● NEW VISIONS Featured is a look at the arts and politics of Houston's minority communities.
 ● ROWAN & MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN Diana Ross joins regulars Ruth Buzzi and Judy Carne.
 ● CHESPIRITO

8:00
 ● ● ● ● ● REMINGTON STEELE (Season Premiere) The murder of a Mexican boy leads Laura Remington and a persistent IRS agent (Doris Roberts) to scenic Acapulco.

● ● ● ● ● MOVIE ★★½ "One Shoe Makes a Murder" (1982) Robert Mitchum, Angie Dickinson. A down-on-his-luck former policeman is hired by a gambling kingpin to locate the latter's missing wife. (R)
 ● NOVA "Asbestos: A Lethal Legacy" An investigation into the tragic consequences of asbestos exposure, and the current controversy over who is responsible, is presented. (R) □
 ● 700 CLUB Featured: a look at the Far East and its futuristic approach to business and technology.
 ● MOVIE ★★½ "Never Steal Anything Small" (1958) James Cagney, Roger Smith. A smalltime boss aims for the big time stepping on everyone in his path before coming to his senses.
 ● TELEFRANCE U.S.A. "Cine-Club: Toni" / "Entracte: The Dream Of An Opium Fiend" / "Fiction: Emile Zola And The Dreyfus Affair (Part 7)" / "Night Music: Robert Charlebois"

8:30
 ● SABOR LATINO
 ● LIFELINE "Dr. Roger Freeman" Dr. Freeman, Chief of Emergency Obstetrics at Long Beach, CA, is profiled.
 ● HBO WHEN WOMEN KILL Actress Lee Grant directed and narrates this documentary, which profiles six women serving prison sentences for murder convictions.
 ● FREEMAN REPORTS

9:00
 ● STAR TIME
 ● NFL'S GREATEST MOMENTS "Son Of Football Follies" (R)
 ● 24 HORAS
 ● ● ● ● ● NEWS
 ● NUMERO UNO American discus thrower Al Oerter, the only track and field athlete to win gold medals at four successive Olympics, is pro-

fled. (R)
 ● BENNY HILL Be some well-known as HBO MOVIE ★★ (1980) Mel Gibson, an Australian of the future, the friends a highway pursuit of the targets of a gang. (R)
 ● SPORTSCENTE
 ● SPORTS TONK
 ● COLLEGE FOOTBALL State vs. Notre Dame
 ● ● ● ● ● TONK Carson. Guests: O Keenan Ivory Way series "For Love And
 ● THREE'S COMPANY mates spend a week at a farm.
 ● THE JEFFERS "white sheep" of returns home. (Part
 ● LATENIGHT A Betty Kaman, explains how to get and into good nutrition
 ● ANOTHER LIFE
 ● MAGNUM P.I. their missing teaches painting cause Chelions for Magnum. (R)
 ● BARNEY MILLER informer approaches hot tip.
 ● ABC NEWS
 ● THE ROCKFORD convict trying to ; Rockford to combat his legitimate restaur
 ● CROSSPIRE
 ● MOVIE "Rostro Date) Libertad L. Solar.
 ● ALL IN THE FA

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FROM H. F. HILLEGASS
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TO J. A. THOMPSON
WENATCHEE WORKS

1992 FEBRUARY 28

RE: ASBESTOS CONCERNS

K. L. STRATTON, A. L. WILLMS, AND THE WRITER CONDUCTED A WALK THROUGH INSPECTION OF THE CONDITION OF PIPE LAGGING IN THE CENTER PASSAGE AND SOUTH PASSAGE OF THE POTROOMS WHILE INVESTIGATING WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE PIPE LAGGING BY THE LADDER ADDED TO THE CRANE IN ROOM 6.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF DETERIORATED OR DAMAGED PIPE LAGGING:

S. E. CORNER OF RODDING ROOM -LOOSE AND HANGING DOWN

CENTER PASSAGEWAY GOING TO 33

CENTER S. W. COLUMN RM-4

CENTER CEILING RM-8 AT THE PIPE HANGER

CENTER RM-10 AT PIPE HANGER

CENTER RM-12 NICKS CAUSED BY TOP OF CRANE LADDER,

CENTER RM-14 LOOSE AT THE JOINT

CENTER RM-16

CENTER RM-18 JOINTS

CENTER RM-18 1/2" PIPE WEST SIDE NEEDS ATTENTION

NORTH SIDE CENTER PASSAGE -OUT SIDE- IN 19 COURT YARD,
DAMAGE TO METAL COVERING IS ALLOWING RAIN TO DAMAGE INSULATION

PIPE IN CONTROL AREA (CENTER 19)

SEVERAL SPOTS ON SOUTH PASSAGE SOUTH WALL

SEVERAL OF THE CONNECTING PIPES FROM THE SOUTH WALL TO THE
SOUTH BATHROOMS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR.

H. F. HILLEGASS

*Bill - These projects are too large to be done
by local folks - regulation doesn't allow.
we need to continue to do a little every
year to get rid of all asbestos.*

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