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STEEL INDUSTRY SEEKS WORKERS

CHICAGO—(AP) The steel industry, headed for its biggest year in history, is running out of workers in the Chicago-Gary, Ind., area, largest steel producing center in the world.

Two of the industry's giants, U.S. Steel and Inland Steel, reported today they are carrying recruiting drives for their busy Chicago area plants into the far corners of the Midwest and Pennsylvania in an effort to beef up overworked crews.

The problem, say industry spokesmen, is the lack of skilled labor in Chicago, traditionally a fertile source for the steel plants.

"We've advertised here and tried to work with employment services," said a Chicago spokesman for U.S. Steel, "but we are just unable to meet our requirements locally. We're having trouble getting skilled and even semiskilled workers."

The spokesman said U.S. Steel will conduct job interviews this week in many industrial areas of Pennsylvania, including Altoona, Johnstown and Uniontown. He said the company needs the skills possessed by the available workers in the steel areas of the East.

The Chicago area produces nearly 22 per cent of the nation's steel and industry officials estimate the nation will produce a record 125 million tons of pig iron in 1964. Last month's production of 16.6 million tons of pig iron set a new industry record for the month of September.

"There's a big push on," said Phil Morris, personnel director for Inland Steel's vast Calumet works. "And when you get large steel companies looking for the same thing (skilled labor), there aren't enough top flight people to go around."

In Chicago, Morris said, "we're looking for people with high school educations or at least the equivalent. You just can't find them there."

"In this area (Chicago) you'll find a lot of immigrants or immigrants from the South with less than eighth grade educations and you just can't afford to put them on."

"You hire a man as a laborer, but you want him to move up," Morris said. "The days of the pick and shovel are over in the steel mills — when you hire a permanent employee you want him so he can move up the ladder to a skilled job."

As of the week, Morris said, there were 465 jobs open among his work force of 21,200. "And if I filled those I'd have to ask for some more."

SIGN TRADE PACT
WARSAW, Poland—(UPI) Communist Poland and neutralist Ceylon yesterday signed an agreement for expanded trade, according to the official news agency PAP.

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Gambian Leader Visits UB



David K. Jawara (left), prime minister of Gambia, West Africa, a British colony and protectorate scheduled to gain its independence in February, yesterday visited the University of Bridgeport. He is touring the United States. The object of Prime Minister Jawara's interest was Cushman Jague (right), a Gambian student at the university. Left to right are Prime Minister Jawara, Dr. Henry W. Littlefield, university president, Mrs. Jawara and Mr. Jague.

LOWEST AND HIGHEST
NEW YORK—(UPI) The lowest temperature reported to the U.S. Weather bureau this morning, excluding Alaska and Hawaii was 20 at Lebanon, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt. The highest reported yesterday was 105 at Imperial and Blythe, Calif.

It is estimated that one drinker in 13 is an alcoholic. It takes from eight to 15 years to become an alcoholic.

ASBESTOS LINKED TO LUNG CANCER

By ALTON BLAKESLEE
(Associated Press Science Writer)
NEW YORK—Medical specialists pointed a strong finger of suspicion today at asbestos as a cause not only of lung cancer, but also of another extremely rare form of fatal human cancer.

This cancer, known as mesothelioma, involves the lining of the abdominal and chest cavities.

Much of their evidence comes from autopsy studies of men working with asbestos as an insulation material.

But they said it also is possible that dust from products containing asbestos might be exposing people generally to some risks of cancers. How much risk there might be, they said they could not tell.

Release Dust
Asbestos is used not only for insulation but as a flooring material, in auto brake shoes, and in many other applications. Ordinary wear and tear, they said, might release dust into the atmosphere.

The report was presented tolerantly as a cause of death in

the American Public Health Association by Dr. Irving J. Selikoff and Jacob Churg of the Mount Sinai hospital, New York, and E. C. Oyster Hammond, Sc.D., director of statistical research for the American Cancer society. Dr. Hammond is known for his studies of cigarette smoking in relationship to cancer.

Asbestos is a mineral silicate, and about 25 million tons of it are used worldwide each year, they said. In 1955, worldwide usage amounted to about 500 tons, the researchers said.

Lodge in Lungs
Tiny, hard particles of asbestos can lodge in the lungs during mining, processing and application of asbestos-containing materials, or possibly from dust raised through normal wear, they said.

"We had previously found that lung cancer and possibly gastrointestinal cancer were markedly increased in incidence among asbestos insulation workers," they said.

Now they also find a markedly high increase among such work-

ers in the incidence of cancer of the stomach.

the international classification of diseases.

As a prime example, they reported finding 10 deaths due to this form of cancer in a study of 301 deaths among New York and New Jersey building trades union members engaged in using asbestos at least occasionally as an insulation material.

By contrast, this form of cancer was found to be the cause of death among only three out of more than 30,000 asbestos in an ongoing study of the general population sponsored by the American Cancer society.

Other studies showed a high incidence not only of lung cancer but mesotheliomas among persons who had asbestos particles in their lungs at the time of their deaths, they said.

"It would appear that mesotheliomas must be added to the neoplastic (cancer) risks of asbestos inhalation, and joint lung cancer (53 out of 307 deaths) and probably cancer of the stomach,"

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and colon (34 of 317 deaths) as a significant complication of such industrial exposure in the United States," their report said.

The cancers may not appear until 20 to 30 years after asbestos dust is inhaled or swallowed, they said. But since the particles do not dissolve, they may remain in body tissue as a continuous source that might incite malignant cancer.

Dr. Hammond said one worry is whether a low or even a single past exposure, even by persons generally, might set the stage for cancer. He said there is no evidence yet that this could happen, but it is a matter calling for more research.

Taking precautions to avoid breathing in asbestos dust is a main protection for industrial workers, he and Dr. Selikoff said.

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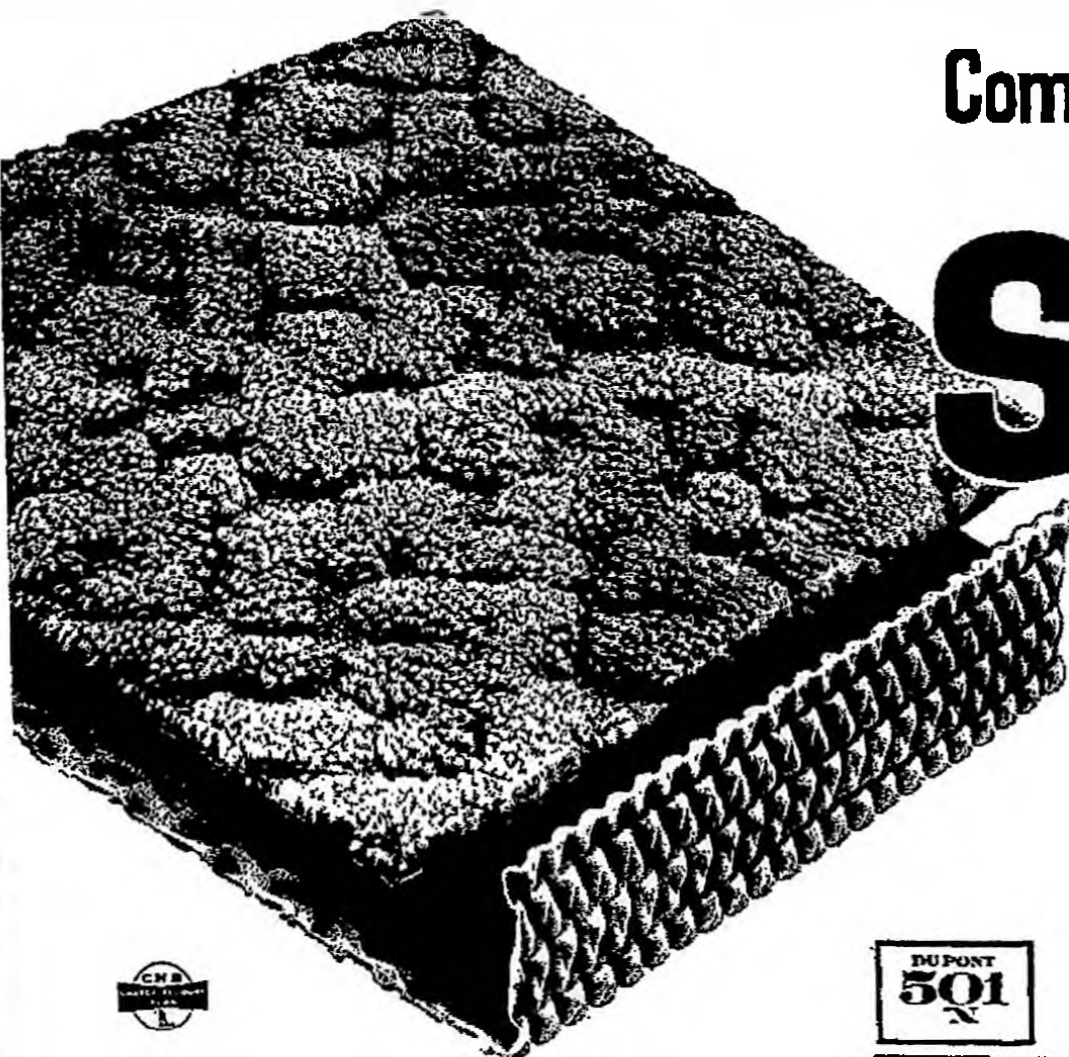
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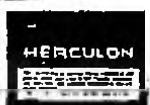
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