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Minutes - GENERAL MEETING - February 4, 1971

The RED CARPET INN, Charlotte, N.C.

In attendance:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J.W. Campbell
Wm. MacKnight
H.H. Walter

GARLOCK INC.
Alex. Kuntz
W.F. Brainerd

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION
N.D. Brown
K.A. Roberts
E.A. Schuman
C.L. Sheckler

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.
L.E. Moody
D.B. Childers
J.W. Echard
E.C. Bratt
J.D. McCluer (Retired)

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.
GEO. Griswold, Jr.
E.W. Russell

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
K.Q. Snowcroft
J.W. Hawkins
Dr. J.L. Goodman
J.W. Frampton (Guest)

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
G.P.A. Dyer
P.E. Leclerc

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED
Wm. J.M. Smith
Walter H. Smith

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD.
C.E. Sticklen

TURNER BROS. ASBESTOS CO., LTD.
W.M. Deelman
H.J. Corson

UNIROYAL, INC.
E.A. Morris
R.C. Hunt
H.M. Willingham
Dr. J.H. Wolfie
S.J. Peele, Jr.
T.H. Newby
L.F. Dieringer (Guest)

CADVALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H.C. Roosevelt (Legal Counsel)

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H.E. Sunbury (Secretary)

*** Minutes ***

1. President Moody called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.
2. Those present were asked to stand and give their name and company.
3. President Moody asked that a moment of prayer be observed in memory of Ralph B. Smith who passed away on January 21, 1971 at his home in North Charleston, S.C. Mr. Smith had attended A.T.I. meetings regularly for nearly twenty years, and served as Chairman of our Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee during 1960 and 1961.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion by Mr. E.A. Schuman, seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was voted to omit the reading of same.

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situation for asbestos textile manufacturers in the U.S.A. because there is no alternative to iron fibre except Cassiar. The U.S. Government has a sizeable stockpile of low iron fibre but apparently is not willing to release any of it.

10. Committee Reports were given by the respective Chairmen:

Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee - H.H. Willingham, Chm.
 Technical Committee - J.W. Hawkins (Acting chairman)
 Asbestos Advisory Committee - E.A. Morris, Chm.
 Fiber Testing Committee - D.E. Childers, Chm.

✓ Their reports are attached to these minutes.

11. Dr. J.L. Goodman, North Charleston, S.C., associated with Raybestos-Mahattan, Inc., speaking as a member of the A.T.I. Environmental Health Committee, reported that he had attended a seminar on Asbestosis, arranged by Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, that was held on June 15-18, 1970 at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York City. Said that he was surprised to find a goodly number of representatives of labor in attendance. Dr. Selikoff's staff members presented the program, which turned out to be a diatribe against industry. At the opening of the meeting it was announced that spraying of steel framework with asbestos fiber, in new buildings under construction, had been discontinued in New York State. Dr. Goodman was critical of Dr. Selikoff's presentation and accusations against industry. When questions were directed to various (staff) speakers Dr. Selikoff spoke up to answer the question - sometimes quite rudely!

The second day of the Seminar was devoted to mesothelioma, which Dr. Goodman said was a very controversial and debatable form of cancer (as to cause). He does not agree with many of Dr. Selikoff's statements and/or conclusions on this subject.

Dr. Goodman feels that Dr. Selikoff is a "dangerous" man, and the asbestos industry is going to have to learn how to combat his tactics! We cannot, and should not, take Dr. Selikoff lightly as he has the facilities for getting his version of the "facts" widely distributed, and the only way he can be rebutted is by being faced with the overwhelming weight of objective scientific and factual data.

When asked if something could be done thru the American Medical Association (to control Dr. Selikoff) Dr. Goodman expressed doubt. There is a grievance committee of the AMA but it was very difficult to get it to act. Thought that perhaps pressure on the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine might be effective.

In regard to mesothelioma Mr. Wm.J.W. Smith asked if Dr. Selikoff differentiated between Crocidolite and Chrysotile fibre. Dr. Goodman said that Dr. Selikoff inferred that Chrysotile was suspect as well as Crocidolite.

Following Dr. Goodman's report, Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of A.T.I.'s Environmental Health Committee, commented that Dr. Selikoff was going to be around indefinitely and we might as well resign ourselves to that fact, even though Selikoff might be prone to deal with "half-truths".

Mr. Sheckler mentioned the excellent promotional-type English film entitled "WHY ASBESTOS" that was shown to members the previous evening, and said there is now an Asbestos Information Association of North America. Members of this new association are some of the

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leading manufacturers of asbestos products in the U.S.A. No further information was given regarding the new association.

Mr. Sheckler then discussed the new Federal "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" (F191-596) that will become effective on April 28, 1971, saying that Industry and its customers can well face new exposure to penalties after the law becomes effective. Outlined some of the penalties, and discussed standards under the new law. For example, the present standard for noise is 90 decibels maximum, and he doubts that any textile plant can show such a low noise level.

Under the new law the government inspectors will have free access to plants and records. An employee or employee group may request the government to make inspection at any time. The employer is required to post conditions that exceed standards. All penalties are to be final unless contested within 15 days.

In regard to medical & health research Mr. Sheckler said that a "National Institute of Safety & Health" has been (or will be) set up within the framework of the Health, Education and Welfare Department. Dr. L.J. Cralley's group will be part of it.

Concluding his remarks Mr. Sheckler said that warning labels on products were now voluntary but probably will become mandatory at some future date. Thinks that our industry must give serious consideration to the use of warning labels on asbestos products. Mentioned that Common Law product liability suits are proliferating in the Thermal Insulation Industry. Date that label use began could indicate whether a manufacturer had been negligent, if law suit arises.

12. Locations for A.T.I. Meetings in 1971 were announced:-

June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.
October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga.

The June meeting schedule will call for arrival Wednesday afternoon or evening, committee meetings Thursday morning, and GENERAL MEETING from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday afternoon. This shortened program will enable most attendees to be back at their respective offices on Friday morning.

The October meeting is our ANNUAL MEETING to which company officials and their wives, also members' wives are specially invited. The meeting schedule in October will suggest arrival on Wednesday afternoon or evening, the committee meetings will be on Thursday, and the GENERAL MEETING on Friday morning.

13. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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