

NEW CANCER

The asbestos industry seems to have turned up a new type of tumor, a malignant form called mesothelioma, according to Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, who testified recently before a Congressional Committee.

Dr. Selikoff, professor of Community Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y., and president elect of the New York Academy of Sciences, said that though lung cancer kills one out of five asbestos insulation workers, the new type also attacks the lining of the chest and the peritoneum.

"People who work in the dusty atmosphere of the asbestos industry not only breathe in the dust, they eat it, too," said Selikoff.

For the past six years Selikoff has conducted intensive tests and studies of 632 asbestos insulation workers, members of the New York and New Jersey locals of the Asbestos Workers Union. It is out of these and previous studies that he discovered this new form of cancer.

On the basis of normal life expectancy, of these 632 workers, 203 could have been anticipated to die by 1962. But, instead, the mortality figure was 255, Selikoff said.

"We might have looked for six or seven deaths from lung cancer. There were 45. We could have expected 9 or 10 stomach or colon cancers, the figure was 29," he told the committee.

In discussing the new cancer, mesothelioma, Selikoff stated it was so rare that its incidence of occurrence is in 1 out of every 10,000 cancer cases. "But of the 113 deaths in the asbestos worker group in New York, 13 have been from mesothelioma." ♦

PICKETS BY THE TON

The National Football League Players Association announced plans to register with the U.S. Labor Department, as a trade union. A sports writer observed with a picket line of guys over 6 feet each weighing over 250 pounds, who would take a chance to cross it—unless it's another football team. ♦

RESIDUALS HIT NEW HIGH

Writers Guild members ended 1967 with an all time high for residual money received for their writing efforts, according to executive-director Michael H. Franklin. Domestic and foreign residuals gave writers \$4,720,539.12. This included residual compensation for films released for TV.

Residuals for 1967 were 63 per

cent more than 1966 when writers earned \$2,889,095.78. The previous high mark was 1964 when collections amounted to \$3,342,696 which still gave 1967 a 41.2 per cent edge over the previous high year.

Since the inception of the residual program in 1955 the Guild has collected for its members a whopping \$27,691,672.13 in 12 years or an average of \$2,307,639.35 a year. ♦

Calendar

May 4-10	United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America, AFL/CIO	Atlantic City Convention Hall
May 5-12	United Textile Workers of America, AFL/CIO	Miami Beach The Carillon Hotel
May 6	Building Service Employees, International Union, AFL/CIO	Washington Sheraton Park Hotel
May 6-10	Canadian Labour Congress	Toronto Royal York Hotel
May 20-27	Distillery, Rectifying, Wine and Allied Workers International Union of America AFL/CIO	Washington Hilton Hotel
May 23-31	International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL/CIO	Atlantic City Traymore Hotel
May 27-31	Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL/CIO	Miami Beach Fontainebleau Hotel
May 27-31	United Furniture Workers of America AFL/CIO	Memphis Sheraton Peabody Hotel
May 13-17	International Union of Dolls, Toys, Playthings, Novelties & Allied Products, AFL/CIO	Grossingers, N.Y. Grossingers Hotel
June 2-7	American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees, AFL/CIO	Bal Harbour, Fla. Americana Hotel
June 17-20	American Federation of Musicians, AFL/CIO	Shreveport Captain Shreve Hotel
June 17-22	Communications Workers of America, AFL/CIO	Washington Sheraton Park Hotel
June 24-28	Office & Professional Employees International Union, AFL/CIO	Philadelphia
July 7-13	Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL/CIO	San Diego El Cortez Hotel
July 8-12	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, AFL/CIO	Houston The Rice Hotel
July 8	Transportation—Communication Employees	St. Louis Sheraton Jefferson Hotel
July 15-19	International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, AFL/CIO	Philadelphia Ben Franklin Hotel
July 15-19	International Brotherhood of Operative Potters, AFL/CIO	Vancouver Hotel Vancouver
July 16-19	Stove, Furnace & Allied Appliance Workers, International Union, AFL/CIO	Long Beach, Calif. Edgewater Beach Hotel
July 28-August 1	United Glass & Ceramic Workers of North America, AFL/CIO	Hollywood, Fla. Diplomat Hotel

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