

APPENDIX TO MR. CRYOR'S REPORT

3. Pahlische Gummi und Asbestwerke—Dusseldorf.
Location of this plant is at Rohl (suburb of Dusseldorf). Investigation was made in October 1945, and any statements made apply to that date. Those interviewed were Dr. Heinrich Pahl, Plant Manager, and Dr. Alfons, Technical Director.

This plant does not produce asbestos textile products of any kind, but rather is engaged in manufacture of mechanical rubber goods, conveyor belting and rubber hose.

It has been reported, however, that this company had some knowledge of developments of "synthetic" asbestos fibre. Questioning on this subject revealed only the fact that some of the technical personnel at Pahlische had participated in experiments on the production of fibrous glass and mineral wool materials, and that no commercial development had resulted from these experiments.

4. Oster Goseler, Glasgarnstoffwerk, Hamburg.
Location of this plant is Kempchenstrasse 71 Herge-dorf, Hamburg. Investigation was made in October 1945.

Dr. Wilhelm Esser, Managing Director, was interviewed. This plant is engaged in the manufacture of glass fibre insulating materials by processes of their own development. The glass fibres produced are relatively coarse and have no applications as textile materials. Fabricated products consist solely of stitched glass wool blankets and glass wool turbine and boiler lagging, tailored in the form of pads with asbestos fabric jackets. The purpose of the asbestos jacket is to provide protection against high temperatures as the glass wool insulating material inside the pad has temperature limit of about 600° F.

United States Rubber Company on August 1st announced the purchase of a government-built plant in Fort Wayne, Ind., for the production of industrial rubber products. The floor space totals more than 400,000 feet. The plant will specialize in the manufacture of automobile rubber parts other than tires and tubes, including engine mountings for reducing vibration, steering wheels, rubber window stripping, gaskets, vibration absorption mountings and various other products.

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