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NICHOLSON/REITZE TRIP TO EUROPE



U.K. "Regulations" of 2 fibers per cc based upon inadequate (but the only available) data from one factory.

U.K. fiber counts don't match up with us.

Spraying Dome -- Library at Manchester -- air ducts carried spray into other areas of library to a level of 80 fibers per cc during the spraying.

Dr. Bohlig Ludenshum - Epidemiological studies in Hamburg show "many" mesothelioma cases -- all surrounding four shipyards. Soon to be published.

Dr. Sel'koff has failed in all efforts to interest the Plasterers Union in New York in the health hazard of spraying.

German shipyards use a vacuum device that is portable and can be used in sawing Marinite.

Team saw lots of insulation application on industrial sites in Denmark, Holland and Germany. Housekeeping is somewhat better there.

They saw Turner & Newall insulation on Esso Tanker being built in U.K. with little or no asbestos in the pipe insulation (it is calcium silicate +?).

British Ministry of Health using asbestos ceiling tile that gives off dust!

Langer has been to Jeffrey. Says packaging of "loose bags" is dirty operation and very hazardous.

Stumphius has other pathologists looking for mesothelioma and they have found 30 cases so far this year -- in one area. (Dr. Selikoff feels most or all of Stumphius are occupation-related --- not neighborhood - related)

Turner Bros. has subsidiary (J.D. Roberts) that has spray method that reduces dust counts (revolving drum and water) - dampened asbestos is then fed into normal spray equipment. But it doesn't work in practice, yet.

Turner Bros. are now finding mesothelioma -- perhaps 6 per year -- in their textile factories.

British are finding approximately 60 mesothelioma cases per year in U.K.

Dr. Selikoff is concerned because asbestos workers are now developing mesothelioma at a younger age (41-50) and often less working years (20) than before.

Asbestos Research Council is sponsoring tests of ambient air (Turner is doing this) for asbestos fiber.

In general, Europeans are about at the same state we are in asbestos application, insulations, etc. (from an industrial hygiene standpoint.)