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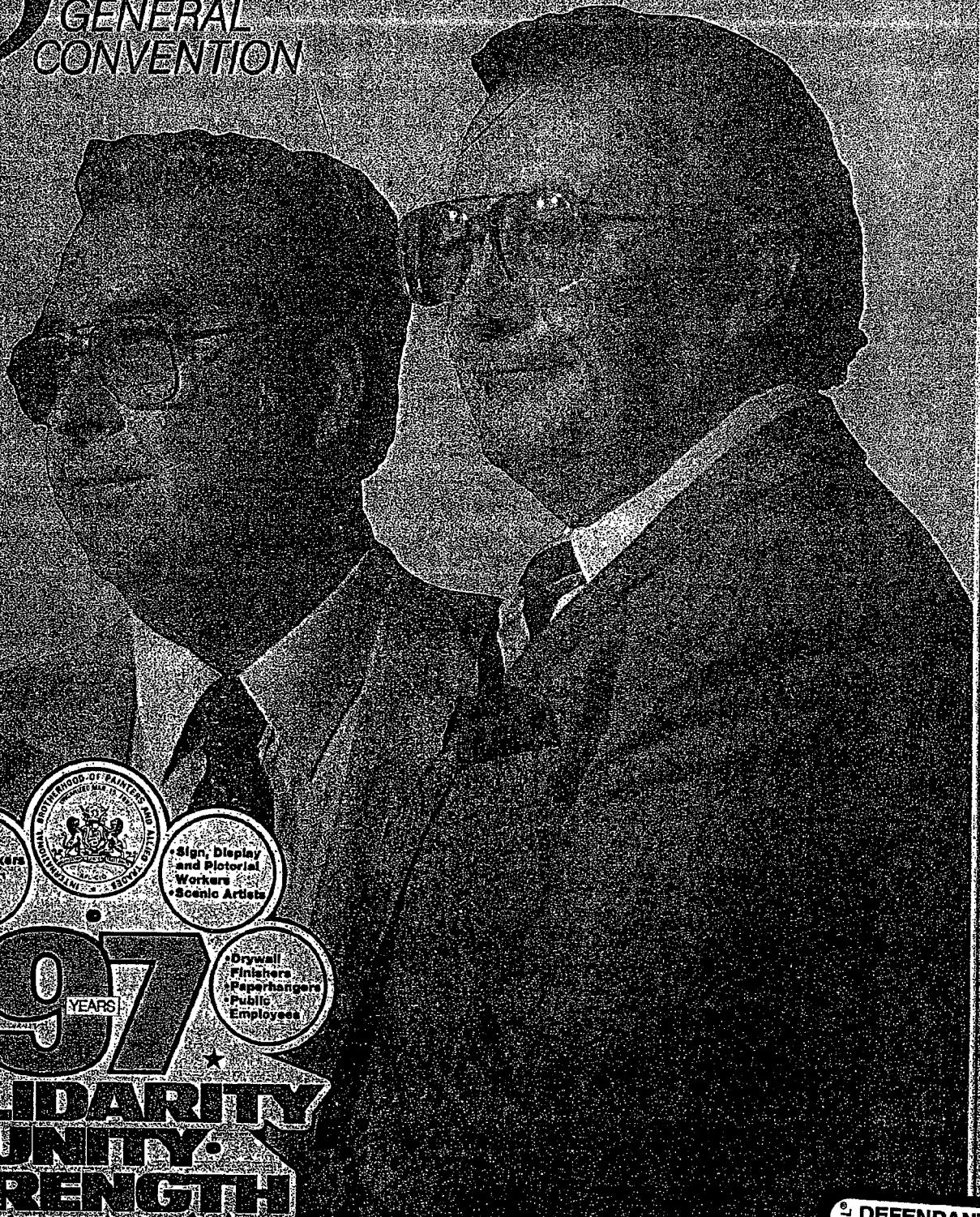
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IBPAT Convention Highlights

Commitment to Health Programs Renewed

The 25th Convention marked the close of the first Decade of Job Safety and Health. "By putting members' needs first, IBPAT has come a very long way in those 10 years," says General President William Duval, "but there is much yet to be done."

General President Duval vowed renewed commitment to members' health and safety concerns over the next five years. Primary issues include better product labeling, more certification regulations, additional research of health risks, improved training programs and upgraded personal protection for members.

IBPAT's many health and safety services for members were prominently displayed throughout the Convention week from a booth in the exhibit area. Computerized neurobehavioral tests, the IBPAT/OSH Hazard Index computer software, educational videos and printed materials and t-shirts were shown to hundreds of delegates. Many delegates took the opportunity to discuss local or state legislation and medical exam protocols with the IBPAT/OSH staff. On Tuesday and Wednesday, two physicians and three technicians from Harvard University were also on hand in the booth to answer questions for delegates.

Health and safety issues filled Tuesday morning's session of the Convention, with four world-reknowned guest speakers and two IBPAT/OSH videotapes presented.

Speakers were Dr. Edwin C. Holstein of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Dr. Eula Bingham of the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Edward Baker of Harvard University, and Dr. Irvine J. Selikoff of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Right-to-Know

Dr. Holstein focused on state "right-to-know" laws for complete labeling of paint-trade products. Holstein, who has aided scores of IBPAT members with work-related health problems over the years, said, "It takes a major research effort to find out what is in just one can." So he has devoted his energies to passage of right-to-know laws.

Health and Safety Highlights

Holstein was followed by a 12-minute "IBPAT Health and Safety Highlights" videotape reporting the many accomplishments of IBPAT and affil-

iated local unions and district councils over the last five years.

Since 1979, 10 affiliates have provided trade-related medical examinations for members. In addition, 13 NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations were obtained by nine affiliates; NIOSH HHEs include jobsite monitoring and health screening.

Certification regulations for high-risk painters have been pushed in at least five states and provinces.

IBPAT representatives have appeared on seven news broadcasts on paint trade health hazards, and excerpts from these broadcasts appeared in the videotape.

Also since 1979, IBPAT's newly-created Health and Safety Department has submitted comprehensive technical testimony on six major OSHA standards and testified on state and local legislation such as right-to-know laws.

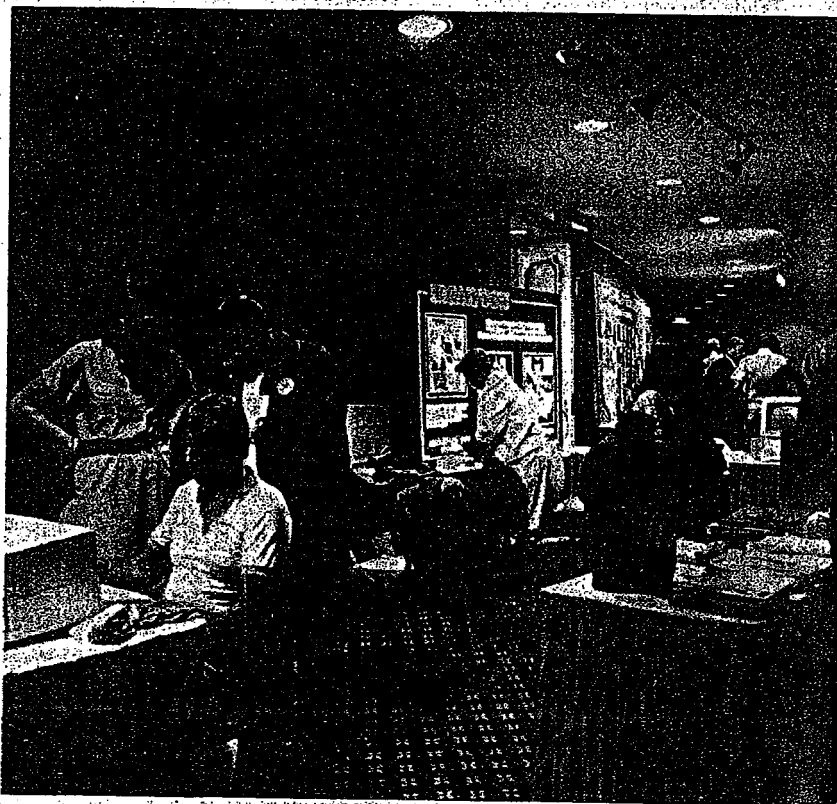
The selection of Local 318 in Fort

Worth, Texas, and Local 49 in Memphis, Tennessee, for participation in IBPAT's National Cancer Institute-funded research study was announced and the first NCI-funded medical examinations in those cities were shown in the tape.

Since the 24th Convention, IBPAT/OSH has devoted over 6,000 professional staff hours to technical assistance to individual members, business representatives, attorneys, physicians and others. Many cases involved compensation claims that would not have been resolved favorably without IBPAT's help.

OSHA and Reagan

Dr. Eula Bingham, former head of OSHA in the Carter Administration, spoke next. Dr. Bingham detailed Reagan Administration efforts to dismantle OSHA and to stack the National Labor Relations Board with anti-union members. She stated that these



The IBPAT/OSH booth presented a comprehensive display of the program's many services for members. At left, representatives from Harvard University demonstrate computerized neurobehavioral tests designed to detect early signs of nervous system damage from solvent exposure. At far right, IBPAT/OSH staff demonstrate the computerized "IBPAT/OSH Hazard Index" software program which calculates workplace exposure levels for respiratory selection and ventilation. The booth also displayed IBPAT/OSH educational videos and printed materials.

Decade of Job Safety Ends

actions have nearly put unions out of business. If Reagan is permitted to make new Supreme Court appointments in a second term, she believes unions will in fact be put out of business altogether.

During her tenure at OSHA, Dr. Bingham promulgated most of the important health standards for OSHA enforcement. She directed her agency to discover and control workplace health hazards to the best of its ability. Much of her work has been reversed or weakened in the last four years.

Solvent Neurotoxicity

Next, a 12-minute videotape "Solvent Neurotoxicity" presented interviews with two IBPAT members who suffer irreversible nervous system damage from solvent exposure. This

occupationally-related condition is well-documented and is known as "Chronic Painter's Syndrome." Also featured in this videotape is Dr. Edward Baker of Harvard University, one of the world's leading researchers of solvent neurotoxicity. Dr. Baker is conducting medical examinations of IBPAT members under a subcontract to IBPAT for its National Cancer Institute research grant.

Chronic Painter's Syndrome

Following the videotape, Dr. Baker told delegates about recent developments in worldwide research of solvents. "Chronic Painter's Syndrome" impairs the individual's mental functioning, affecting memory, coordination, mood and ability to express thoughts in speech. Dr. Baker said this condition may be widespread among IBPAT members because of their hazardous exposures; however, no one knows how many painters and others are affected. He explained that the condition is difficult to diagnose and is frequently overlooked by local

physicians not trained in occupational medicine.

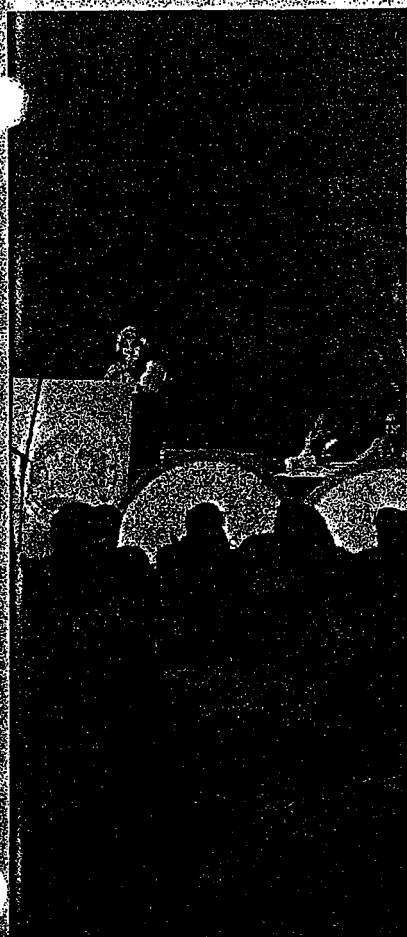
Not a Laughing Matter

One delegate attempted to joke about this condition by comparing it to excessive alcohol consumption. But Health and Safety Director Rod Wolford told the Convention that such joking may provide "a release of tension over the potential magnitude of what we all know from our own experience is a very devastating problem." Wolford said the IBPAT/OSH staff believes solvent-related syndromes are the single greatest threat to member health and that much more scientific evidence of this threat will be uncovered in the 1980's.

Scientific Pioneer

Dr. Irving J. Selikoff of Mount Sinai Hospital then gave a 30-minute lecture and slide-show presenting his research of asbestos-related disease from the 1960's through 1976. Dr. Selikoff stressed many times that al-

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Dr. Eula Bingham, former director of OSHA, addresses the Convention.



World-renowned speakers on occupational health included, left to right, Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, Dr. Eula Bingham and Dr. Edward Baker; they received a standing ovation from delegates for their dedication to improving the health of IBPAT members and other working men and women.

Commitment to Health Programs Renewal

though the hazards of workplace substances may be well-known and understood by scientists and industry, all too often the workers are never informed. In this regard, he emphasized the importance of IBPAT's work through its OSH Program to inform members of hazards and ways to protect themselves. Because of his pioneering research in occupational health, including his 1975 "Investigation of Health Hazards in the Painting Trades," delegates gave Dr. Selikoff a heart-felt standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation.



IBPAT Health and Safety Department Director Rod Wolford told delegates that nervous system damage from solvent exposure is probably the single greatest threat to members health.



Appearing on the dais during the health and safety program were the IBPAT/OSH Project staff, right to left: Director Marilyn Larson, Assistant Director Maria Darby, General Clerk Steve Leber, Secretary Greg Little, Intern Larry Rifken, and Field Study Liaison Doug Pfund of Local 49. The OSH Project is funded entirely by grants from the National Cancer Institute and OSHA. Also not pictured is Health and Safety Department Secretary Norma Brinn.

Videotapes on Safety Available

All segments of the health and safety presentation are available on videotape. Any local union, district council or apprenticeship committee wishing to show any segment to members may borrow tapes for 30 days. There is a \$20.00 shipping and handling charge for each order regardless of how many segments are ordered. (Make check payable to: "IBPAT/OSH.") Just complete this form and mail to IBPAT/OSH, 1750 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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- ☐ Solvent Neurotoxicity (15 minutes)
- ☐ Edwin C. Holstein, M.D. (20 minutes)
- ☐ Edward Baker, M.D. (20 minutes)
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