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President Nixon Signs Lead Bill; 0.5% Lead Level For Paint Now Federal Law

President Nixon signed into law Federal bill S 607 on November 9, 1973, amending the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act.

The new amended law (Public Law 93-151) effective immediately sets forth the following major provisions:

Research—The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is required to conduct research to determine the safe level of lead in residential paint and to make a report to Congress not later than December 31, 1974.

Lead Standard—Prior to December 31, 1974, the standard for lead content is 0.5%. After December 31, 1974, the standard is 0.08% except that if the CPSC research determines that another level is safe, then that other level (not to exceed 0.5%) goes into effect after December 31, 1974. Paint exceeding the required lead content level is defined as "lead-based."

Preemption—Supersedes any state or local laws which provide for a different requirement, prohibition or standard relating to lead content.

Prohibitions on Use—Prohibits the use of lead-based paint on residential structures constructed or rehabilitated with Federal funds (this was the existing law) and also on toys, furniture, cooking, eating and drinking utensils manufactured and distributed after the date of this Act.

Lead Poisoning Prevention—Provides that about \$125 million go toward lead poisoning prevention, detection and elimination programs during fiscal year 1974 and 1975.

Outgoing NPCA President C. A. Brethen, Jr. announced that President Nixon had taken the above action during the Annual Meeting Opening Business Session in Chicago on November 12. Brethen's announcement and comments expressing the Association's approval of the new law were received with applause from the NPCA membership audience.

Larsen President of NPCA

Elmer C. Larsen of PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was elected the new Association President on November 13 at the Chicago Annual Meeting. Succeeding C. A. Brethen, Jr. of the Wyandotte Paint Products Co., he takes office immediately.

Larsen served as Association Treasurer in 1971-72 and chaired the Budget and Finance Committee. He held the office of Vice President under Brethen and also has served on NPCA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the Joint Paint Industry Coordinating Committee.

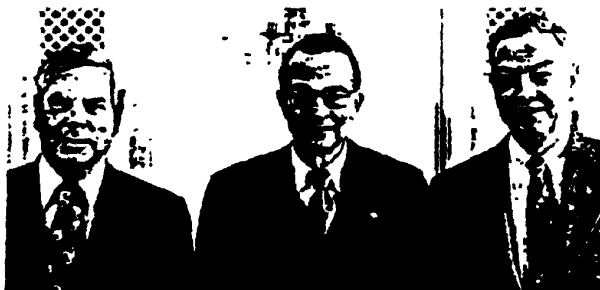
Other officers elected were Vice President—John L. Armitage, John L. Armitage Co., Newark, N.J., and Treasurer—Mansel O. Wiley, Celanese Coatings & Specialties Co., Louisville, Ky.

Regional Vice Presidents elected were New England—A. Bernard Shore, Bonrod Oil, Boston, Mass.; Eastern Zone—E. F. Reilly, Reynolds Metals Co., Richmond, Va.; East Central Zone—B. J. Gooel, Standard Detroit Paint Co., Detroit, Mich.; West Central Zone—Harry Oliver, Revlo Paint Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Southern Zone—John Hughes, Dover & Gay Paint Co., Jacksonville, Fla.; Southwestern Zone—Allen R. Molsbee, South-

land Paint Co., Gainesville, Tex.; Western Zone—Wm. G. Owen, Fuller-O'Brien Co., San Francisco, Calif.

Elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term were: Clinton S. Brown, National Mtg. Corp., Tonawanda, N.Y.; R. G. Bull, Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland, Ohio; E. A. Cowmen, Cowman-Campbell Paint Co., Seattle, Wash.; F. John Demick, Perry & Demick Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; Howard W. Hecht, McCloskey Varnish Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. C. Robert Miles, Lilly Industrial Coatings, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.; John A. Kieckhefer, E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del.; D. B. Kurland, Coatings, Inc., Louisville, Ky.; Henry P. Morris, Elkhart Paint & Varnish Co., Chicago, Ill.; Peter Fess, Reinhold Chemicals, Inc., White Plains, N.Y.; John Ludden, American Cyanamid Co., Bound Brook, N.J.; and Wm. C. Lowrey, Shell Chemical Co., E. Orange, N.J.

Elected to the Board of Directors for a two year term were: C. A. Brethen, Jr., Wyandotte Paint Products Co., Wyandotte, Mich.; and E. A. Von Doersten, Ashland Chemical Co., Div. Ashland Oil & Refining Co., Columbus, Ohio. Elected to the Board for a one year term was D. H. McClure, EXXON Chemical Co., U.S.A., Houston, Tex.



Newly elected NPCA officers (l-r) Treasurer Mansel O. Wiley, Celanese Coatings & Specialties Co., President Elmer C. Larsen, PPG Industries, Inc., and Vice President John L. Armitage, John L. Armitage Co.