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OBJECTIVE

The writer was invited to attend the above noted monthly meeting to discuss the current status of the Marks Bill.

OBSERVATIONS

The Marks Bill situation was reviewed and their assistance was invited. There was a general air of concern but nobody seemed to get real excited. My summary of their data was presented with a request for them to make any appropriate corrections and O.K. its use by CMA. The only objection came from Larry Keller of PPG who felt their committee should first write their own and report. Our old acquaintance, Fran Gaugush of Sherwin-Williams who chaired the meeting pushed for immediate action which we should get by the middle of next week.

I also took the position that the proposed amendments were written to fit our particular needs and data before we became aware of the possible interest of talc users in the coatings industry. We did not feel the door was closed for further changes. A number of those present want to review them and get back by early next week.

A copy of the material we are sending to our customers was left and they were urged to do the same. I was unable to stir much enthusiasm.

Also discussed the Selikoff letter and the proposed response with Murry and Gaugush briefly. I think we can get some help through their area contacts if we want to move this way. I did not push it at this time.

ADDED NOTES:

It was most interesting to observe an operation similar to the AIA/NA technical committee in operation. Their main topics in the portion of the meeting that I attended were with vinyl chloride and the response to the CPSC demand for formulas.

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WCT Question: What is the CPSC impact on asbestos and how does it relate to the FTC inquiry?

The CPSC has made a broad demand for formulations. Most companies are complying reluctantly and the NPCA attorney would like to get someone to sue. The CPSC is apparently well beyond their constitutional and statutory authority.

The vinyl chloride question had to do largely with product labeling. M. O. Robinson and R. N. Wheeler, Jr. from UCC were present with data and were prominent in the discussion. They have managed to get a letter from Grover C. Wren confirming, a UCC position regarding a definition of mass melting. A very interesting point was made by Bruce Hamill, NPCA Counsel, that this type of legislation by letter had recently been overruled in a U.S. Steel decision.

I was able to talk some with Larry Keller of PPG who was chairman of the committee that met recently with Selikoff and Company to discuss amorphous silica. Dr. Selikoff was grateful for the useful presentation but felt that they should make three studies:

1. A study of the health and death statistics of people who worked in the industry in the 1940-1950 time period.

2. A study of the current health of the people now working in the industry.

3. A continuing monitoring and health study of the people in the industry.

The cost of #1 above is around $10,000 and I got the impression that the industry group would do it or have it done.

Mr. Keller also resigned as chairman of this committee and was replaced with Don Pearlman of Cabot.

ACTION

HBR - Continue close touch with Dick Murry.

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