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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

MINUTES OF MEETING PLASTICS COMMITTEE

Wilmington Country Club
Wilmington, Delaware

August 7, 1951

Present.

M. G. Milliken & E. G. Crum
James L. Rodgers, Jr.
Howard S. Bunn
W. S. Landes
E. D. Ries
J. R. Hoover
R. K. Mueller
D. S. Frederick
L. B. Kilgore
F. H. Carman

Hercules Powder Company
American Cyanamid Company
Bakelite Division
Celanese Corporation
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.
Monsanto Chemical Company
Bohm & Haas Company
National Production Authority
M. C. A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. with Mr. M. G. Milliken in the chair. Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 1951 were approved without reading.

Mobilization - N.P.A. Problems.

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The chairman called on Dr. L. B. Kilgore, chief Plastics Section N.P.A. Chemicals Division, to discuss problems concerned with plastics materials and how industry could aid in the general mobilization program. He reported the Chemicals Division and industry were having increasing difficulty with DO PM ratings, as permitted by C.M.P., being extended for materials in apparently excessive amounts with growing danger that essential end uses, some military, may not be supplied. For some plastics being allocated, the PM rating requirements were coming in amounts double and triple previous totals; through careful check of large uses with the military these were often cut down, yet the bonafide requirements were supplied in full.

Steps are now underway to remove chemicals from the C.M.P. band of PM priorities. Some have proposed wider application of Reg. 1 (Inventory Control) and M-32 (the order permitting a ceiling on percent of DO's) for chemicals and plastics; others have proposed removal from the so-called "privileged" use of PM band ratings but provide some procedure to take care of military needs.

Dr. Kilgore stressed the need for industry cooperation in taking care of essential needs of plastic materials and that they may need some statement or assurance of fulfilling military needs to get relief from the C.M.P. band of priorities. It was brought out in discussion that N.P.A. can use directives or allocation to assure deliveries to specific end uses and to protect the suppliers for diversion from normal or established

lished distribution patterns.

Requirements of the Plastics Industry for the C.M.P. controlled metals (copper, steel, aluminum) have not yet been clarified according to Dr. Kilgore. He then stressed the need for reliable statistics on where the products are being used or conversely, how much of a given material is required for a given end product or class of products. The members present indicated willingness to assist the N.P.A. Plastics Section in providing statistics at their disposal so long as the information was to be used by that industry division of N.P.A. (chemicals) and the procedure used was within the existing legal restrictions imposed on industry.

Plastics for Packaging.

The Association had been approached by another section of N.P.A. for assistance or suggestions to obtain details of end use information of molding materials in packaging, and certain production and expansion figures. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Plastics Section was already well advised of total production capacity and pending expansion programs. In open discussion it was brought out that most segments of the industry would voluntarily work with the Chemicals Division of N.P.A. (ie. their industry division) in submitting individual estimates or end use statistics following which the composite industry figures could be compiled. This appeared to be preferable to collection of statistics by the trade association or a single division of N.P.A. acting as a claimant for only part of the supply.

It is understood the M.C.A. staff should assist the N.P.A. Plastics group in any way possible to obtain this end use information if consistent with the above.

M.C.A. Counsel.

The Committee was advised that the law firm of Fowler, Leva, Hawes and Symington has been retained as counsel. Mr. Fowler is currently studying the association structure and activities; he has already consulted with a number of the Plastics Committee as well as the M.C.A. office.

Oyster Harbor Meeting.

Mr. Hoover reported that plans were essentially completed for the September 10 and 11 meeting of the Plastics Group at the Oyster Harbors Club. Reservation forms and program have been mailed to interested members.

It was agreed that Mr. Gordon Brown, President of S.P.I. should be invited to attend this meeting.

Arrangements for this September meeting had been made in June 1950. One member pointed out the September 11 session will conflict with M.C.A. Directors meeting scheduled for the same day. Because of a meeting arranged in honor of some international guests, the Directors meeting could not be deferred. The Committee could not propose a change in the September meeting program to resolve this conflict.

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Public Relations.

The Committee was informed that M.C.A. had retained the public relations firm, Hill & Knowlton. The immediate activity for this group will be in connection with the

chemicals in foods problem.

At this point Mr. Rodgers commented on his company's program of public education in plastic dinnerware and the problems now encountered with general acceptance of plastics in this service.

Customs Simplification Bill.

Hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee have been scheduled for the weeks of August 6 and 13. The bill proposes the elimination of the use of American Selling Price for par. 27 & 28 chemicals.

For S.O.C.M. and M.C.A., witnesses in opposition to certain provisions will be Messrs. Lerch, Moody and Hotchkiss (Robert Heller Associates).

Price Control Orders.

The Committee was advised of recent regulations issued by the Office of Price Stabilization and public information being forwarded by M.C.A.

The effective date for CPR 22, covering most chemicals and plastics materials, is now August 13 and there is very little prospect of this being deferred.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be Sunday evening September 9, 1951 at the Oyster Harbors Club. The October meeting, probably Thursday, October 11, will be held in Pine Valley, New Jersey or Washington D.C., the latter if mobilization problems warrant consultation with N.P.A. representatives.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

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