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EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF
GENERAL COMMITTEE, DIVISION OF REFINING
HELD APRIL 7, 1949 AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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"ATTENDANCE:

Officers

Chester F. Smith
Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)
Chairman

John W. Newton
Magnolia Petroleum Company
Vice Chairman

E. B. McConnell
Standard Oil Company (Ohio)
Secretary

Members

W. R. Argyle Sinclair Refining Co.
D. F. Benton Root Petroleum Co.
Paul G. Blazer Ashland Oil & Refining Co.
Reid Brazell Leonard Refineries, Inc.
H. G. Burks, Jr. Esso Standard Oil Co.
C. E. Davis Shell Oil Co.
David E. Day Richfield Oil Corp.
John C. Day Western Petroleum Refiners Ass'n
H. W. Ferguson Humble Oil & Refining Co.
A. P. Frame Petroleum Advisers, Inc.
J. A. LaFortune Warren Petroleum Corp.
J. Porter Langfitt ... The Pure Oil Co.
Maurice Machris Wilshire Oil Co.
F. W. McCurry The Derby Oil Co.
L. W. Moore Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.
Harold G. Osborn Continental Oil Co.
J. B. Rogerson Lion Oil Co.
C. E. Thayer Sun Oil Co.

Representatives of Members

R. C. Alden (for G. G. Oberfell) Phillips Petroleum Co.
L. W. Doolan (for E. S. Chase) Tide Water Associated Oil Co.
W. M. Holaday (for C. S. Teitsworth) Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc.
K. G. Mackenzie (for M. Halpern) The Texas Co.
J. K. Roberts (for Max G. Paulus) Standard Oil Co. (Indiana)
K. W. Shimeall (for James T. B. Bowles) Crown Central Petroleum Corp.
W. F. Stroud (for E. J. Henry) The Atlantic Refining Co.

Committee Chairmen

D. P. Barnard Automotive Research Committee
B. H. Barnes Committee on Refinery Equipment
L. C. Burroughs Committee on Disposal of Refinery Wastes
H. W. Field Committee on Petroleum Products
H. D. Kolb Committee on Training in Refining
K. G. Mackenzie Program Committee
John W. Newton Advisory Committee
J. B. Rather, Jr. Committee on Analytical Research

Visitors

L. L. Davis Continental Oil Co.
H. G. M. Fischer Standard Oil Development Co.
Albert E. Miller Sinclair Refining Co.

API Staff Members

W. T. Gunn Director, Division of Refining
D. V. Stroop Assistant to the President, API"

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"XIII DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY ACTIVITIES

"Mr. K. G. Mackenzie (proxy for M. Halpern) addressed the General Committee as follows:

"Mr. Chairman:

"The older members of this committee will recall that once the Division of Refining had Committees on Safety and Fire Prevention. It was found that many of the problems of the Division along these two lines were common to other divisions and, consequently, most logically all inclusive committees on Safety and Fire Prevention were created to handle these two subjects for all divisions. These committees were placed under a Department of Safety. I had always believed that the function of these committees was to serve the General Committees of the various divisions rather than either to direct or bypass them. The present position of these two committees is not germane to this discussion. However, about three years ago, a Medical Advisory Committee was created and placed in the Department of Safety of the Institute. The name alone would

indicate that its function was to advise the General Committees of the various divisions. I found, to my surprise, that this is not the case. The Advisory Committee advised only the Board of Directors through the Safety Committee of the Board.

"The Medical Advisory Committee has extended its activities beyond the original purpose for which it was appointed and, amongst other things, has instituted 'Toxicological Reviews.' In the Foreword to these 'Toxicological Reviews' (reprinted September 1948), we find the following:

'The evolution of petroleum refining, from a relatively simple process of thermal distillation and acid treatment of products to a variety of complex catalytic cracking and numerous other involved processes and treatments, has been accompanied by an ever-increasing need for accurate and concise information on the toxic properties of substances handled and used in the modern refinery.'

Likewise, in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Medical Advisory Committee in Chicago on November 12, 1948, the following action was taken:

'The Committee voted in favor of sending complimentary copies of API Toxicological Reviews to those state health departments and to Class A medical schools as may be included on complimentary mailing list to be prepared by the Editorial Subcommittee.'

"I have already mentioned, in connection with the work of the Committee on Disposal of Refinery Wastes, the strong probability that we will be faced, in the near future, with more and more regulations, so that the general distribution of these Reviews to regulatory bodies, or bodies respective to regulatory bodies, introduces a distinct hazard if incorrect material is issued. However, in September 1948, a 'Toxicological Review' on Kerosine was published, which closes as follows:

'Precautionary Measures:

'There is an obvious need for educating the public to the dangers involved in having kerosine about where children can get hold of it. So far as industry is concerned, a possible precaution which could be provided would be the coloring of kerosine to render less likely its being mistaken for water. It is realized, of course, that even this precaution would not eliminate all cases, as some children will drink almost any liquid they encounter.'

"When one considers the difficulties, to say nothing of the expense to which the industry is now put by various colors for various grades of aviation gasoline and motor gasoline -- to say nothing of the various state requirements for the coloring of

tractor fuels -- one can see what might be involved if various states passed legislation assigning various colors to kerosene before it could be marketed. Time does not permit discussion of some of the other activities, but these activities are all of vital interest to the refining industry in the country.

"Accordingly, I move that the General Committee of the Division of Refining respectfully request the Safety Committee of the Board of Directors of the API to first refer to the General Committee any and all material in any way dealing with or affecting refinery operation or petroleum products prior to giving approval for the publication of this material by the Institute or through other channels."

"The motion was seconded by Mr. McConnell. The Chairman of the General Committee thanked Mr. Mackenzie for bringing the matter to the attention of the General Committee and stated that he would appoint a sub-committee to study the matter further."

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