

MEMORANDUM

of

THE MEETING AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHICLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

November 27th 1935.

Present:

**Messrs. P.K. Wrigley
Nelson Buck
W.C. Arkell
J. S. Ellithorp, Jr.
P.L. Becker,
S.S. Yates.**

I submitted copy of a telegram sent November 26th to Mr. Brydon, our manager in Merida, reading as follows:-

**"IS ANY SOLDER IN CONTACT WITH CHICLE IN KETTLES,
stop - HIGH IMPRESSIONS TODAY BUT INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY."**

and Brydon's reply of November 26th, reading as follows:-

**"INSIDE OF KETTLES AND JOINTS ARE PLATED WITH SOLDER OF TIN
AND LEAD EQUAL PROPORTIONS COVERING BLACK IRON ON BOTTOMS AND
GALVANIZE ON SIDES, stop, INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE KETTLE
MANUFACTURER".**

I have continuously insisted that there could be no contamination from the kettles because of the fact that three years ago we made a very thorough examination and sent up to New York one of the kettles actually in use, which was representative of those, at least, that we actually saw. This kettle upon examination proved to be of American manufacture and contained no solder. Since that date, without my knowledge at least - and probably, without the knowledge of others in the company, the kettles of Mexican manufacture have been substituted. These kettles are not handled by us but they are bought directly by the contractors.

After a further discussion of the X matter, the following points were agreed upon for submission to Mr. Dunn and for action unless he desires to make any changes:-

- (1) It was agreed that we would send one of our scientific men, preferably, Dr. Kehoe, to the government chemist to try to discuss with him and settle:-

- (a) A fair method of sampling
- (b) A proper method of analysis

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- (2) In attempting to comply with the government's suggestions of tracing contamination, we are to make all future shipments of chicle in relatively small lots in order to keep the source of the lots and the individual contractors' deliveries separate. In the case of the Chicle Development Company, we are to mark the bags with the name of the contractor, whose chicle is contained in the bag.
- (3) We will hold intact all lots of chicle, which may be detained by the government and we will not, for the moment, press for resampling of these lots and we will not reexport them now.
- (4) Until further notice the Chicle Development Company and the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company are to supply the small importers with replacements of their chicle lots held up. This replacement will be on the basis of the proportional lots imported by the two companies during the year ending November 1st 1935. We will take over the lots in question although they will be held in the warehouses in the names of the importers.
- (5) The Wrigley Company and the Chicle Development Company will independently conduct examinations of the sources of contamination by sending men during the present producing season to visit the main producing sections. It is understood that these examinations are to be most thorough and detailed records and written reports will be submitted.
- (6) These written reports will be exchanged between the two companies.

This meeting was followed by a luncheon of the above men with Mr. Charles V. Dunn. Mr. Dunn has submitted a report of the discussion that took place at the luncheon.

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