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PATERSON PROGRAM GETS \$4,000,000

A grant of \$5,000 was made December 11 by the Aaron and Rachel Meyer Foundation for the publication and distribution of the report of the survey of health facilities and needs in Paterson, N.J., conducted by Dr. Brown and Mr. Winston under Dr. Deuschle's supervision.

The report recommended the development of five neighborhood health stations in the "model neighborhood" and a health center to provide primary health care to residents of that area. It formed the basis for developing the health services component of Paterson Model Cities Application which was recently awarded a \$4,000,000 grant - about \$600,000 of it for development of community health services.

Additional federal funding will be required to implement this program fully. John Bell, director of Model Cities, and Dr. Yager, who is health officer of Paterson, are coordinating their departments' efforts toward bringing these recommendations to full realization.

A research program in Paterson on the effects of asbestosis is now being conducted by the Division of Environmental Health under Dr. Selikoff's direction. Dr. Yager is participating.

WORLD'S FIRST COURSE IN
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

The Division of Environmental Medicine, which gave the world's first course in asbestosis last June, will give another never-been-done-before course April 19-23. This course, which is on Occupational Health Hazards, is designed to meet the requirements of union representatives concerned with the growing problems of occupational disease. Dr. Selikoff and Dr. Heimann will direct it. Participation will be limited to 75 selected students.

Monday sessions will include:

Welcoming Address	<u>Dr. James</u>
Historical Review	<u>Dr. Heimann</u>
Medical Screening Procedures (As Used in Industry)	
Introductory Statement,	<u>Dr. Selikoff</u> ;
Blood Tests,	<u>Dr. D. Gutfreund</u> ;
Liver and Kidney Tests,	<u>Dr. Churg</u> ;
Breathing Tests,	<u>Dr. A.S. Teirstein</u> ;
Skin Tests	<u>Dr. A.W. Glick</u>

At Lunch Mayor John Lindsay will speak on "The City's Responsibility for the Health of Workmen."

Physical Examinations	<u>Dr. Selikoff</u>
Statistics in Occupational Health	<u>Dr. Hammond</u>
Accidental Traumatic Injury	
Industrial Accident Statistics,	Mr. J. Gordon;
Preventive Techniques for Industrial Accidents,	Mr. D. Padden
Eye Protection and Vision Conservation in Industry	Dr. W. David

Tuesday sessions will include:

Occupational Skin Disease

Common Occupational Skin Diseases,

Dr. S. Peck;

Preventive Techniques,

Dr. P.A. Possick

Major Health Hazards -- Physical

Radiation,

Dr. Nicholson;

Temperature, Humidity,
Fatigue, Work Stress,

Drs. Cunningham and Dacso

Air Pressure Problems,

Dr. Gonda

Noise and Hearing,

Dr. S. Rosen

Major Health Hazards -- Chemical (Solvents)

Toxicity of Paraffinic Compounds,

Dr. Kay;

Toxicity of Aromatic Compounds,

Dr. Heimann

Major Health Hazards -- Metals

General Principles

Dr. Heimann;

More Toxic Metals - I
(Mercury, Cadmium),

Dr. L.J. Goldwater;

More Toxic Metals - II
(Beryllium, Lead, Arsenic),

Dr. H. Hardy

Wednesday sessions will include:

Major Health Hazards -- Gases

The Toxic Gases,

Dr. J. Goldsmith;

Principles of Control

Mr. Holaday

Major Health Hazards -- Dusts

The Nature of the Dusts,

Dr. Langer;

The Pneumoconioses,

Dr. Selikoff;

More About Respirators,

Dr. Holaday

The Labor Medical
Department Viewpoint

Dr. H. Abrams

Health Hazards at the Bargaining Table (Panel Discussion)

Moderator -- Dr. Selikoff

Panelists: Mr. Ahern
Mr. Bommtarito
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Leonard
Mr. Mazzocchi
Mr. Perkel

Friday Sessions will include

Recent Trends in Occupational
Health Legislation in U.S. Mr. G. Taylor

Workmen's Compensation in the U.S., (A Panel Discussion)

Moderator -- Mr. A. Walinsky

Current Status and Trends, Mr. G. Sellers;

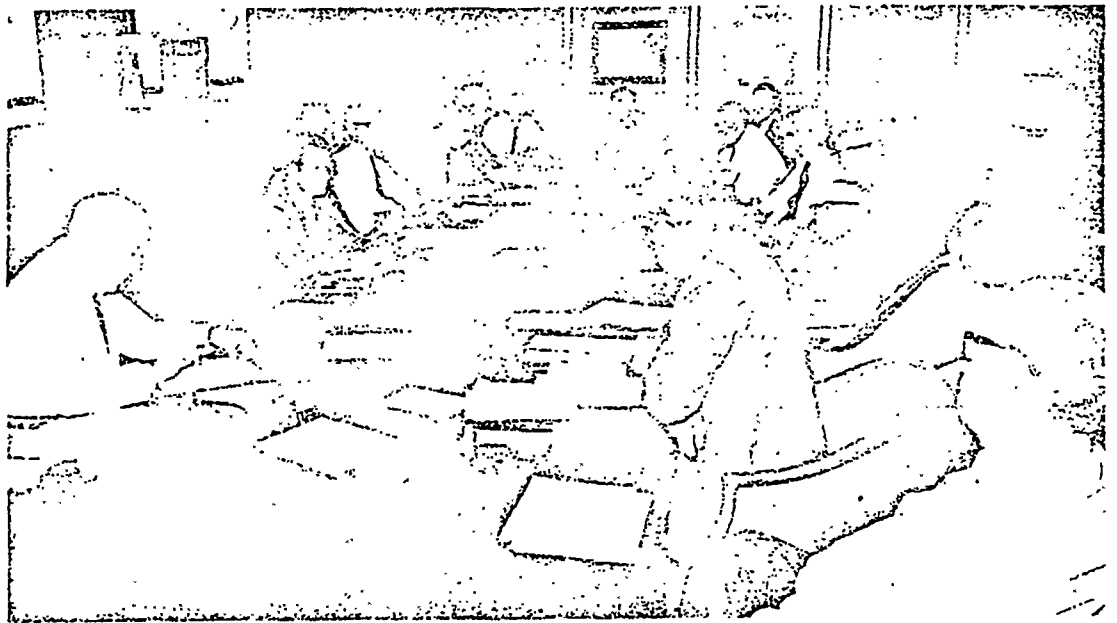
Workmen's Compensation
and Occupational Disease Dr. Ladimer;

Compensation Law for the
Pneumoconioses Dr. C.B. Rabin;

Changing Concepts of
Compensation Law as
Evidenced by the Coal
Workers Pneumoconiosis
Legislation Dr. L. Kerr

THE U.S. NAVY JOINS BATTLE WITH SHIPYARD DUST

The U.S. Navy is shortly to introduce a set of procedures to reduce insulation dust exposure - especially asbestos dust - to workers in naval shipyards. These procedures were outlined by Commander Samuel Barboo, U.S.N., at a meeting held October 15 in Mount Sinai's Environmental Sciences Laboratory. He is Head of the Industrial Environmental Control Branch of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. He traced the Navy's quickened interest in the problem to a conference held with Dr. Selikoff two years ago that reviewed health hazards of shipyard insulation workers.



Problems of shipyard insulation dust being discussed at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Commander Barboo, U.S.N., is at head of table, Dr. Selikoff L.

Also at the October meeting were Commander George Lawton, M.C., U.S.N., Director, Industrial Environmental Health Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Mr. John O'Neill, Consultant, Bureau of Labor Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, and representatives of the commercial shipbuilding industry, the insulation manufacturing industry, and Mount Sinai's Insulation Industry

Hygiene Research Program.

Commander Barboo described the proposed Navy procedures for insulation application and rip-out.

Mr. Carl Mangold of the Industrial Hygiene Section of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, detailed some of the procedures that are now standard at that yard.

Disposable overalls, costing approximately \$1 per pair are used as a routine matter. A downdraft cutting box for hand sawing has been found to be particularly effective and is well received by the workers. Extensive use of portable vacuum cleaners has reduced most of the unnecessary dust exposure in confined areas.

Mr. O'Neill said that a set of regulations applicable to the shipbuilding and ship repair industry and also the construction industry is under consideration by the Department of Labor.

At the end of the meeting a committee was appointed to draft a unified approach to the problems of shipboard insulation work.

It includes representatives of the Navy, the Department of Labor, the Asbestos Workers Union, the commercial shipbuilding industry, the insulation manufacturers, the insulation contractors, and Mount Sinai's IIHRP.