

RED LEAD MANUFACTURERS
LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

New York, N.Y.

November 9, 1942

A meeting of manufacturers of red lead who are members of the Lead Industries Association was held in the Association offices on Monday, November 9, 1942. The following were present:

Present

A. E. Goetz
M. M. Zoller
William Wilke
Erwin Wilke
J. Tully
R. M. Evans
D. A. Merson
Alex Stewart
B. M. Van Cleave

Representing

The Eagle-Picher Lead Co.
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Hammond Lead Products Inc.
Hammond Lead Products Inc.
Metals Refining Co.
National Lead Company
National Lead Company
National Lead Company
The Sherwin-Williams Co.

F. E. Wormser, Secretary

R. L. Ziegfeld, Assistant Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 P.M. by Mr. Wormser. He read a telegram from Mr. Coolidge of The Sherwin-Williams Company expressing his regret at not being able to attend. He then suggested that inasmuch as this was the first meeting of this group of manufacturers, it was in order that they elect their own Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Wormser should act as Chairman while the committee was being organized and a program developed.

It was decided that since the biggest problem the red lead manufacturers currently have to meet is the threat to the continued use of red lead in paint and the partial loss of that market already, the discussions should be confined to the use of red lead in paint. It was pointed out that the Navy had already switched from red lead to zinc chromate for ships and that the Maritime Commission, although still using red lead, is on the fence at the moment. Moreover, the industry would do well to plan as best it could for after the war competition.

Mr. Wormser outlined talks he has had with Navy officials about red lead, stating that the principal objections given him are:

1. Toxicity
2. Heavier weight on ships
3. Zinc chromate permits less frequent dry-docking of ships

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The chairman expressed himself as being skeptical of the validity of these objections.

He pointed out that he has been assured that the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks would continue to adhere to the use of red lead in its huge construction programs. He also pointed out that zinc chromate also presents a health hazard and that the health standards of the American Standards Association permit a lower concentration of zinc chromate in the air than it does of red lead.

It was agreed that the problem is largely a technical one and that the first step should be the appointment of a Technical Committee to investigate the problem, inasmuch as all or many of the red lead producers have already studied the problem in their own laboratories. It was felt that the industry should examine first the relative merits of the pigments in the two paints particularly for three purposes -

1. Atmospheric exposure.
2. Fresh water exposure
3. Salt water exposure

the last presenting the most difficult problem.

An observation was made that the fire hazard is of great importance on warships and that zinc chromate apparently presents a serious fire hazard.

It was also unanimously recommended that the Lead Industries Association, in developing a red lead promotional program, should obtain, if possible, the full-time services of a highly respected and recognized paint chemist to help the Secretary in the solution of the red lead problem and in the promotion of red lead.

It was unanimously decided to hold a meeting of technical representatives of the member companies at the Association offices in New York City on Friday, December 4, 1942, at 9:30 A.M. to exchange and sift existing scientific data on the relative merits of red lead and zinc chromate and to recommend what steps should next be taken. Between now and December 4, the technical staffs of member companies could examine their available data and have them ready for submission at the December 4 meeting.

It was further suggested that each member endeavor to procure the names of properly qualified personnel who might be considered by the Association to handle the technical aspects of the promotion of red lead so that recommendations along this line could be made at a later meeting.

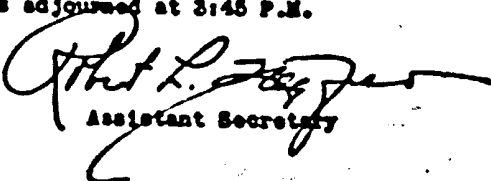
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The chairman was questioned as to whether there might be any objection on the part of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors of the Lead Industries Association to the red lead manufacturers embarking on a red lead promotional program within the Association. He stated that he was sure approval would be granted if the red lead industry itself were convinced that it was the proper thing to do and that there should be no difficulty in making financial arrangements for such promotional work in accordance with the principles established for other promotional funds of the Lead Industries Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.



Assistant Secretary