

MINUTES of the General Meeting of
the Asbestos Textile Institute held
October 7, 1954 at the Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
Keasbey & Mattison Co.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.

D. V. Asten
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

JOHN-MANVILLE CORP.

W. G. Hoffer
E. A. Schuman
W. H. MacAlpine
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Wakem

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.

C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield
E. Huehleck

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
H. W. Oliver
R. S. Smith
G. W. Marshall

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.

G. S. Fabel
G. J. Harris
J. T. Griffis
O. H. Fehrrens
J. D. McCluer
Mr. Holz

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

A. R. Byrnes
J. P. Corcoran

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.

Paul E. Leclerc

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.

A. W. G. Gibb

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE L'AMIANTE

Maurice Sallée

CADMALADE, WICKERMAN & TAFT

H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

H. C. Shaw

GUESTS:

H. B. Sharpe, Washington D. C.
R. E. Cryer, North American Asbestos Corporation
J. D. Christian, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Mr. Tigert, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to all members and guests in attendance. Following the opening remarks each person arose and introduced himself to the group.
2. The President called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute and the Secretary offered them for presentation, however, since all members had received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the proceedings therein recounted, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by J. G. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the reading of the Minutes be omitted at this time.

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3. The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan and, following a discussion of the report, it was accented upon the motion by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wakem and unanimous approval of the members. - Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.
4. The Secretary's report was presented by M. C. Shaw and a copy of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.
5. The Legal Counsel, Mr. M. I. Buddock, was next asked to address the meeting on legal developments that might be of interest to members. Mr. Buddock spoke on the continuing efforts of the courts and congress to reconcile the "hard" and "soft" approaches to competition set forth in the Sherman and original Clayton Act on one hand and the Robinson-Patman act and Fair Trade Laws on the other. He also discussed new developments in the Federal Trade Commission's approach to Trade Practice conferences.
6. The first committee report was presented by Mr. D. E. Holmes for the Air Hygiene Committee. The report covered the work of this committee in session on October 6th, at which time the regular committee members met with Doctor representatives of the several member companies. The discussions pursued during the course of this session covered a wide range of subjects concerned with the relationship between asbestosis and diseases of the heart and the respiratory system. The full text of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

On the basis of the discussions undertaken during these committee sessions, two proposals for action were recommended for consideration at the General meeting. The first proposal was in the form of a recommendation by Dr. Theodos suggesting that the individual companies voluntarily participate in a program of study to be undertaken by Dr. Theodos which would provide case histories related to the relationship of asbestosis to ailments or diseases of the heart. Such a study would be a long range program wherein each company would provide suitable employee patients for study and observation by Dr. Theodos at a clinic or hospital in Philadelphia. The results of these studies, it is felt, would provide basic data upon which a better understanding of the relationship between asbestosis and heart ailments. The proposed program in no way would involve the financial support or responsibilities of the Asbestos Textile Institute but all such responsibilities will be voluntarily borne by the companies concerned and the individuals selected for such observations. Following a discussion of this proposal, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the individual members give full support to the program.

The second program proposed for action concerned the establishment of a study designed to determine the relationship, if any, between asbestosis and lung cancer. It is proposed that such an investigation be carried out using white rats as the subjects for study. The program as presented was in a very general form and the cost of carrying on such an investigation was not suggested. Following a discussion of this latter proposal it was suggested that the Air Hygiene Committee reconsider the subject and prepare a more specific program for consideration at the next meeting.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation of this report, President Widmayer extended to the members of the Air Hygiene Committee the grateful appreciation of the Asbestos Textile Institute for the aggressive action being taken by this committee in pursuance of the air hygiene and related