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This is the first time I have seen actual cases reported.

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A Sleeper?

The construction industry had little idea what was over the horizon when the Occupational Safety and Health Act was passed by congress.

In due course, OSHA developed into a major source of concern for all contractors. Everybody's for safety, of course, and few thought passage of the federal law would make very much difference in conducting a business. It's made a whale of a big difference.

Congress has created another bureau which hasn't received a great deal of attention. Maybe it won't have too much impact on construction. On the other hand, it could become a bureaucratic giant affecting almost every business.

It's the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which believes the home is second only to the automobile as the most dangerous "product" on the market today. If CPSC is all that worried about homes, why not offices, warehouses, and all buildings?

The Commission reasons that since it has jurisdiction over appliances, it follows that it has authority over wiring. The wiring's attached to structural framing, so that too must come within their jurisdiction. By extension.

Perhaps it won't happen. But then, whoever thought OSHA would become so important?

Asbestos Danger Cited

Taping and spackling compounds used in drywall finishing may expose workers to dangerous levels of asbestos fibers, according to OSHA officials.

The warning followed an examination of 17 members of a New York City painters' local. Tests showed the lungs of nine painters had X-ray evidence of fibrosis, or excessive secretion build-up in the lungs.

Employer groups and unions are being asked to alert workers to the potential hazard, said federal safety authorities.

Louis Moosbrugger Passes

Longtime IaWCC member Louis J. Moosbrugger died in Lake Worth, Florida, in February. He founded Northwestern Plastic Art, Milwaukee, in 1923, and developed the Nu-Stone system of simulated stone masonry executed in plaster. Northwestern Plastic Art & Nu-Stone Co., Inc., is now headed by his son, Robert.

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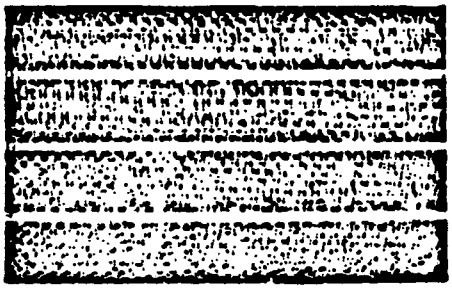
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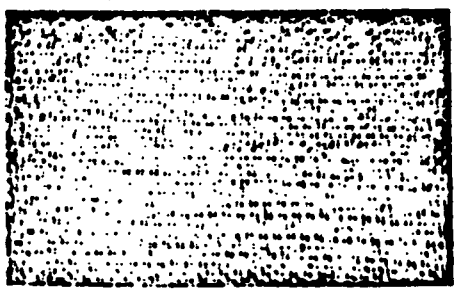
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