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Asbestos & Cancer - the Facts - May 25

A super program — "Asbestos and Cancer — the Facts" — is set for Wednesday, May 25 at the Rutgers Medical College main auditorium on the Piscataway campus.



Dr. I. J. Selikoff

This widely supported program will feature the pre-eminent Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, Professor of Medicine, Department of Community Medicine at Mt. Sinai's School of Medicine, New York.

Early registration is heavy for this blockbuster which has a high-ranking officer of Johns-Manville Corp, on the program to talk about the "Responsible Use of Asbestos." Johns Manville, as a manufacturer of asbestos products, has been in the thick of the controversy early this year on so-called asbestos-induced sicknesses.

Co-sponsors of the symposium are the State Health Department, American Cancer Society, N. J. Division, the Medical Society of New Jersey, the N. J. College of Medicine and Dentistry, the N. J. Health Officers, Assn., the N. J. School Boards Assn., and the State Association of Occupational Health Nurses.

Said Dr. Oscar Sussman who will be moderator: "Public officials across the nation are asking whether the health of millions of students and working people is threatened by daily contact with materials made from asbestos."

The speakers will bring expert opinion in their discussions on the scientific, administrative and legislative aspects of the control of asbestos as it relates to an environmentally induced health problem.

After welcoming remarks by Dr. Stanley S. Bergen, President of the N. J. College of Medicine & Dentistry, and Dr. Selikoff, the morning program will include: Dr. Paul Kotin, senior vice president of Health, Safety & Environment for the Johns-Manville Corp., Denver, Colo.; and Dr. Roy T. Forsberg, chairman of Cancer Control, Medical Society of New Jersey who is with the Wuester Tumor Clinic, Elizabeth.

Rep. James J. Florio of Camden, member of the House Health & Environmental Subcommittee of the interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee will speak at the luncheon on "scientific facts and legislative implementation" relative to asbestosis.

Two afternoon speakers are Dr. Norman H. Edelman, chief of the Division of Pulmonary Diseases, Rutgers Medical College, speaking on "Diagnosis of Pulmonary Disease: Asbestosis" and Mark Hurwitz, Ph. D., Executive Director of the N. J. School Boards Association, Trenton, speaking on administrative responsibility in environmental health problems.

A reactor panel will include Walt Nicol, NJPH Assn. president, Kenneth W. Steffan of the American Cancer Society, Thomas A. Pluta, president of the N. J. Health Officers Assn.

coming up June 28

A look into Trenton policy

President Walter J. Nicol has called for an investigation of the policies of the State Health Department in a letter directed recently to the Chairman of the Public Health Council, Michael Kachorsky.

Following a resolution passed by the Executive Board in April, Nicol wrote Kachorsky, charging that morale of public health professionals is "at the lowest point in 30 years", that there is "wideranging dissatisfaction" with the direction of public health activities in New Jersey and that professionals for high-ranking positions in the Department are often sought out of state.

"It seems unclear why, in the present administration, the only experts who are available live out of state," his letter said.

A June 28 meeting probably will be held at the Rutgers College of Medicine's main auditorium on the Piscataway campus near New Brunswick.

President Nicol said "We're hoping to make the program more of an open hearing to identify the weak spots in public health and the questionable high level policy decisions that have been taken in Trenton for the past four or five years."

The meeting it is hoped, will bring together officers of public health related organizations, senior citizen groups, the State League of Women Voters etc. "We'll invite labor too," said Nicol.

A $20 million asbestos claim

A Mrs. Irene Sarraf of Howell Township early in the year filed a $20 million claim with the Howell Board of Education, charging her two sons became ill because they inhaled asbestos fibers flaking from ceilings in a Howell elementary school.

Asbestos poisoning is claimed-charging the exposure at school "will result in a shortening of their lives and subject them to neuropsychiatric injuries, lack of insurability, lung cancer, mestohelioma and increase their risk of cancer."

A family doctor in one case said X-rays and smear tests for asbestos were negative.