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SYNOPSIS

THE USE OF JOURNALISM AND ITS PARTNERS

Information given on 31st October 1967 to the Danish Merchant Navy by Doctor KAKKONEN of the Regional Directorate for Europe of the Organisation mondiale de la Santé (WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION) (O.M.S.)

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Asbestos exposure and neoplasia

By I.J. SELIKOFF, J. CHURG and E. CUYLER HAMMONT of New York.

Memorandum submitted to the annual meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians - Atlantic City - 17th June 1963.

Published on the 6th April 1964 in the Journal of the American Medical Association - vol. 188 - pp.22-26.

Examination of 1522 dossier members of the asbestos operatives' Trade Union in the New York area (fitters of asbestos-based insulations).

Comparison with the tables of general mortality.

The mortality rate is said to be 50% higher (period: 1953-1962).

Cancer of the lung is 6.8 times higher.

Health problems generally occur after 20 years of service.

A Finnish study shows that the atmosphere is polluted over a wide area around the asbestos mines.

Bibliography.

Report and recommendations of the working group on asbestos and cancer

Conclusions of the Working Group of the "International Union for the fight against cancer" - New York - 22/23 October 1964.

Published in the British Journal of Industrial Medicine - 1965 (22, p. 245).

Recommendations - Diagnosis - Research techniques.

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By Dr. DAVID HUGH ROBERTSON.

Assigned by the author to the meeting on 21st April 1965 of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers.

(Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine) - vol. 58 - January 1965.

Respiratory among asbestos workers (same publication as above)

By Drs. Hill, R. DILL and J.P. KNOX.

(M.A.C. Statistical Research Unit - University College Hospital - London and Turner Bros. Asbestos Company - Redditch).

These memoranda were followed by an important discussion which drew attention to the importance of the risk in asbestos mines and factories, to the considerable progress which had been made in Great Britain since 1931 in this connection, and to the risks of asbestos dust being transmitted into residential premises.

Doubts were expressed in connection with generalisation of the risk.

Other possible causes of cancer of the respiratory channels.

Asbestos and its associated health problems

Provisional report of a study group, which was set up in Great Britain in 1965 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Lloyd Davies.

Published in the annual report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Factories on Industrial Health - 1966 - pp. 57 - 60 (Complete summary of the position). (Great Britain).

Increasing risk of disease of the lungs developing into cancer (in the case of asbestosis).

All types of asbestos do not present the same dangers. Prevention of diffusion and breathing in of asbestos dust.

General of the asbestos hazard

Editorial - leading articles - THE LANCET - 17th June 1967 - p. 1314.

Discussion on the gravity of the problem and action to be taken (Conclusions in the captioned, Sir Richardson).

By Dr. L. J. SELIGER, President of the Division of
Environmental Medicine, French School of
Medicine, New York.

Symposium on pneumoconiosis - Asbestosis - 19th-23rd
June 1967, published by the Regional Office of the
World Health Organization, 8 Scheerfigvej, Copenhagen.

Complete report on the position and research work
in various countries - Recent Statistics - Increase in
the production of asbestos - Direct and indirect risks
to workers and to the population.

Effects of other particles which may cause lung
cancer.

Very numerous references.

Statistics clearly show that smokers are affected
to a much greater extent by asbestos dust than non-
smokers. In America, mortality due to cancer of the
lung is eight times greater in the case of workers of
the same age group who have been handling asbestos for
at least 20 years, i.e. as compared with the average
for the whole population.