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Senator Jacob K. Javits conferred with medical officials of Mount Sinai Hospital and with labor leaders yesterday about what he called the "sleeping peril" of asbestos particles in the air.

After the conference, Dr. Irving Selikoff, professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, took Senator Javits on a tour of laboratories in which research was being done on diseases caused by asbestos and vinyl chloride.

The party, which included Mrs. Javits, got trapped in a stalled elevator for 10 minutes.

Asbestos Workers Represented

"You can see," Dr. S. David Pomrinse, director of the hospital, joked as they awaited rescue, "that we spend our money on science, not maintenance."

Dr. Selikoff and the union leaders at the conference, which was held in the hospital's Basic Science Building at 102d Street and Madison Avenue, thanked Senator Javits for his help in calling attention to the "horrors" of lung cancer, which afflicts workers who handle asbestos and vinyl chloride. But they said there was a great need to alert the public to the danger.

The group showed slides of children playing in and near mounds of asbestos, and told the Senator of an 11-year-old girl who had contracted lung

cancer from the asbestos dust brought home on her father's working clothes and shoes.

The union leaders present represented asbestos workers and painters.

Senator Javits promised to press for passage of legislation that he and Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr. have pending before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, which would require expansion of state workmen's compensation coverage to include victims of dust-related illnesses. The Mount Sinai research program is partly financed by a Federal program supervised by the committee, of which Senator Javits is a member.

Later Senator Javits joined other officials and political candidates at 69th Street and Fifth Avenue to review the Columbus Day parade.

'A People's Year'

Ramsey Clark, the Democratic candidate for Senator Javits's seat, also reviewed the parade, after opening a Manhattan storefront headquarters at 401 Fifth Avenue, between 36th and 37th Streets.

"This is a people's house," Mr. Clark told the audience, which included the Democrats Robert M. Morgenthau, candidate for District Attorney of Manhattan; State Senator Mary Anne Krupsak, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Robert Abrams, candidate for Attorney General; Joan Davidson, candi-

date for State Senator, and 11-year-old Paul Carey, representing his father, Representative Hugh L. Carey, Democratic candidate for Governor.

"This is a people's year," Mr. Clark declared, during which "the people" had a chance to reverse the "gnawing corruption in government" and the growing economic crisis by electing Democrats.

Poll Pleases 2 Candidates

Senator Javits and Mr. Clark both said they were pleased by the results of a state poll commissioned by Newsday, showing Senator Javits the choice of 39 per cent of those polled, with 32 per cent for Mr. Clark, 9 per cent for Barbara Keating, the Conservative candidate, and 20 per cent undecided.

Mr. Clark said that "39 per cent for an incumbent is no vote of confidence and 20 per cent undecided raises real problems for him—it's a real contest."

Senator Javits said the poll results were "good for me, considering the way in which the state is running." He referred to the fact that the poll showed Mr. Carey leading in the governorship race, with 49 per cent, while Governor Wilson got 28 per cent.

Mrs. Keating spent yesterday being interviewed by reporters and attended a dinner by the Kings County Conservative party at the Carlyle restaurant in Flatbush last night.