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ASBESTOS/HEALTH

Attached are documents on this subject, accumulated since our March 24 mailing.

I. MEDICAL PAPERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE (Evaluation Sheets Only)*

"Changing Attitudes to the Diagnosis of Asbestos Disease,"
JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE, January/February
1970, F.A.F. Mackenzie and P. G. Harries.

"Diffuse Pleural Mesothelioma: A Clinical and Pathological
Study," BRITISH JOURNAL OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST, October
1970, G. H. Roberts.

"Identification and Control of Asbestos Exposure," AMERICAN
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, February 1971,
L. J. Cralley.

"Exposure of Insulation Workers to Airborne Fibrous Glass,"
AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, February
1971, D. P. Fowler, J. L. Balzer and W. C. Cooper.

II. MEDICAL PAPERS OF SOME INTEREST (Evaluation Sheets Only)

"Further Observations on the Ultrastructure and Chemistry
of the Formation of Asbestos Bodies," EXPERIMENTAL AND
MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY, December 1970, J.M.G. Davis.

"The Early Radiological Changes in Pulmonary and Pleural
Asbestosis," CLINICAL RADIOLOGY (British), October 1970
B. H. Fletcher and J. R. Edge.

"A Study of Macrophage Reaction of the Pulmonary Tissue of
Hamsters in Response to the Intratracheal Insufflation of
Tritium Labelled (³H)-Benz(a)pyrene Mixed with Carbon
Black and Asbestos," PATOLOGICHESKAYA FIZIOLOGIYA Y
EXPERIMENTALNAYA TERAPIYA (USSR), July/August 1970, L.M.
Pylov, F.J.C. Roe and D. Vorvik.

III. MEDICAL PAPERS OF MINIOR INTEREST

A list describing each paper.

*Entire paper attached to sets addressed to those individuals
who have asked to see the full text of important papers.

IV. SPRAYED ASBESTOS

1. On April 13, C. L. Sheckler testified before the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety on a proposal to remove the "approved" status of all fireproofing sprays containing asbestos. Sheckler represented the Asbestos Information Association/North America, the Asbestos Cement Products Association, and the National Insulation Manufacturers Association. A copy of a report on the meeting from a Hill & Knowlton representative on the coast is attached. Sheckler's prepared testimony was almost exactly the same as that delivered by Fred Pundsack before the Boston hearing in March. The Boston testimony was distributed in the last mailing.
2. On April 19, the City of Philadelphia Department of Health held hearings on a proposed ban of asbestos-containing spray insulations in that city. Among those who presented testimony were Dr. Sidney Spell, representing the Asbestos Information Association/North America; C. L. Sheckler, representing the National Insulation Manufacturers Association and the Asbestos Cement Products Association; and Herbert Levine, representing the Sprayed Mineral Fiber Manufacturers Association. Attached is a report on the hearings by M. M. Swetonic, who also attended.

V. MANVILLE NEWS SERIES

As reported in previous mailings, the MANVILLE NEWS is running a multi-part series on the health effects of asbestos. Attached are two sections dealing with the union view of the problem.

VI. ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA

As we reported in last month's mailing, the Asbestos Information Association/North America held a press briefing for science writers and editors on March 2. Attached are two clippings on the briefing, one from INDUSTRY WEEK and the second from UOB SAFETY AND HEALTH REPORT.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

On March 31, the recently established Federal Environmental

Protection Administration listed three materials -- including asbestos -- in the Federal Register as being "hazardous air pollutants" for which national standards will be set in the next few months. A news release put out by the EPA announcing the listing stated that "even slight exposure to the three materials may contribute to death or serious illness." The AIA/NA has obtained an appointment to meet with Dr. John Middleton, head of EPA's Air Pollution Control Office, on May 12 in Washington to discuss the situation. A copy of the EPA press release is attached, as well as stories on the subject from the NEW YORK TIMES and the DENVER POST.

VIII. RALPH NADER

Consumer protection advocate Ralph Nader has sent a letter to the EPA asking them to set up a program to monitor asbestos dusts eroded from return air plenums. Attached is a story on the subject which appeared in the WASHINGTON POST and a reply from the AIA/NA.

IX. NEW YORK STATE

The New York State Senate has passed a law requiring permits for the spraying of asbestos-containing insulations throughout the State. Attached is a story on this new legislation from the NEW YORK TIMES. Because a companion action being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation would prohibit all spraying of asbestos, the AIA/NA chose not to contest the Flynn bill. Dr. Pundsack is scheduled to testify on May 10 at a hearing before the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

X. OTHER ITEMS

1. Johns-Manville and the AIA/NA were the subjects of a devastating article in the March 20 issue of ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION. A reply, distributed to Policy Committee members on April 21, has been sent to the publication. Attached is a copy of the original article.
2. An article from the April 7 PLAINFIELD COURIER-NEWS on recent work by Dr. William E. Smith of Fairleigh-Dickinson University on mesothelioma.

3. An article from PILOT, a publication of the Manufacturing Chemists Association, on asbestos-related disease as an occupational problem.
4. An article from the March 1971 issue of ENVIRONMENT entitled "A Special Burden." It contains a section on asbestos starting on page 29.
5. Community Medicine Newsletter (Winter edition) from Mount Sinai School of Medicine. It contains much information on the activities of Dr. Selikoff.
6. A calendar of upcoming medical meetings.

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