LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

1107 New York City Drive Against Air Pollution from Incinerators.

Apartment house owners and superintendents are being notified by Commissioner Arthur J. Benline of the Department of Air Pollution Control of the Department's continuing drive against pollution from domestic incinerators. Building owners have an obligation to instruct their superintendents, janitors, and porters in the principles of incineration operation and maintenance. Smoke, fly ash, and odors adversely affect the buildings in which the incinerators are located, just as they do adjoining buildings, by creating costly cleaning problems, discomfort to tenants, and they are a health menace. Commissioner Benline offers to send the Department's leaflet, "Tips on Incinerators", in either English or Spanish, free of charge, to any landlord or tenant who requests it from: Publications, Department of Air Pollution Control, 15 Park Row, New York 38, N.Y. -- J. Air Poll. Control Assn.

1108 FDA Prepares Regulations for Batch Certification.

The Food and Drug Administration is getting a flying start on preparing regulations for batch certification of all antibiotics, as required by Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act amendments approved at the last session of Congress. Under the new law, individual batches of all antibiotics must be certified by the Food and Drug Administration before they can be released for use; under the old law, batch certification was required for only 5 antibiotics—penicillin, streptomycin, chlortetracycline, chloramphenicol, and bacitracin. Although the new test requirements will not go into effect until May 1, 1963, FDA is urging all antibiotics makers to submit promptly all process details on the production of these drugs. FDA says prompt action will give it plenty of time to work out test details and will prevent delay when the new law is scheduled to take effect. -- Chem. Eng. News

1109 FDA Drive Against "Air Purifiers".

The Food and Drug Administration has launched a new enforcement drive against false claims that so-called "air purifiers" are good for treating or preventing diseases. Consumers were warned not to spend their money for such gadgets in the expectation that they will be beneficial for hay fever, asthma, colds, sinus trouble migraine, allergies, lung cancer, pneumonia, and a long list of other conditions. One hundred eighty-seven units of 5 different brands of "negative ion generator air purifiers" were seized in October as false and misleading claims. -- J. Am. Med. Assn. Washington News

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND NOTICES

1110 Final Report. Age and Sex Differences in Pure-Tone Thresholds from 18 to 65 Years. Research Bull. No. 25. J. F. Corso. 21 pp. (Jan. 1963). AVAILABLE FROM: Department of Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. PRICE: Not given.

This report summarizes the results of a hearing survey conducted in State College, Pennsylvania from 1952 to 1962. The purpose of the survey was to evaluate the effects of age and of sex on pure-tone thresholds for a sample of subjects selected from a population exposed to minimal levels of industrial noise. Audiometric measurements from 250 to 8000 cps were made on 912 subjects divided into 6 age groups: 18-24, 25-32, 34-40, 43-49, 51-57, and 58-65 years, inclusive. The data were analyzed at each frequency by age groups,