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"ASBESTOSIS" REPORT TO ALL SWACA MEMBERS:

Meeting of committee of SWACA, Local 19, Local 127, and Northern Contractors with Wisconsin State Industrial Commission at Madison, Wisconsin on February 20, 1963.

Mr. Knutson - Commissioner Wisconsin State Ind. Commission
W. J. Kilpatrick - Factory Safety
R. Ostrom - Safety Director
Don Taylor - Taylor Insulation
Bill Bero - Industrial Insulation
Harry Lumayo - Local 127
Al Lemminger - Local 127
William Globig - Local 127
Phil Taylor - Milwaukee Insulation.

No detailed reports or facts or figures were presented but suggest all concerned try to get facts from Insurance Companies, Asbestos Manufacturers and Associations, International Union and doctors.

In the meantime, where there is asbestos dust present, TYPE A respirators should be worn by the men when cutting blocks, or asbestos pipe covering, or handling asbestos cement. Suggestion made that all employers issue said respirators to all employees, have the men sign for them, and insist that they be used by all employees, including warehouse employees. The State law says the Wisconsin State Industrial Commission has legal responsibility to protect the worker, and the employers must protect workers or be subject to penalty, and the last employer is liable and responsible. However, the worker must use safeguards he is supplied or the worker is liable and would be penalized.

X-Ray exams were discussed and the union will probably raise X-Ray questions and demands to incorporate into the Union Contract agreement. Recommended that everyone get free chest X-Rays at T B Mobil units or union may be able to get free X-Rays under their group insurance plan.

No further meeting was scheduled, and no formal conclusions. Tentative conclusions: Ventilate and/or wear respirators. In case of doubt the Hygiene Dept. of State Board of Health can determine conditions. They will sample, test, inspect conditions, and make a report on findings. There have been 3 or 4 cases of "asbestosis" in the past 13 years and it would be advisable to check man's health before hiring.

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