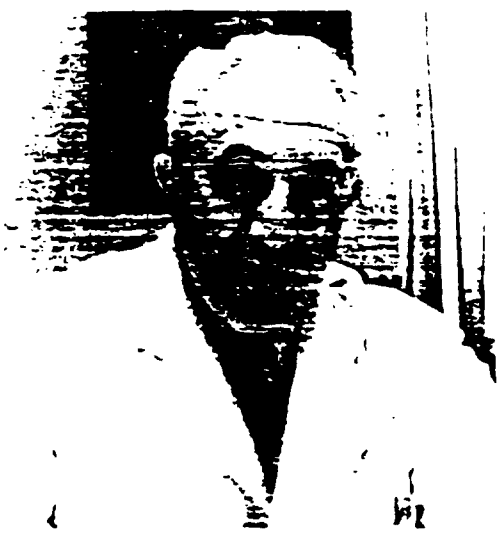
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IRVING J. SELIKOFF, M.D., speaker at our March Chapter Meeting.

NOTES ON A MEETING OF NOTE

The hazards of one small phase of the construction industry were emphasized dramatically, when the dangers of working with asbestos were outlined for us by Dr. Irving Selikoff of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

His extensive work in this field produced some frightening statistics on the increased occurance of lung diseases, and even cancer, in those who merely live within a few miles of an asbestos plant. If it happens to housewives, what about the electricians, for example, working on a floor below a fireproofing spray crew? He concluded his talk, however, by pointing out that the long exposure needed to contract these diseases gives us time to design some safety factors into the industry – such as comfortable facemasks, vacuum attachments on bench saws and silicone sealers for asbestos pipe and accessories. Thus was one of the most informative and interesting of Roy Schickedanz' programs this year.

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