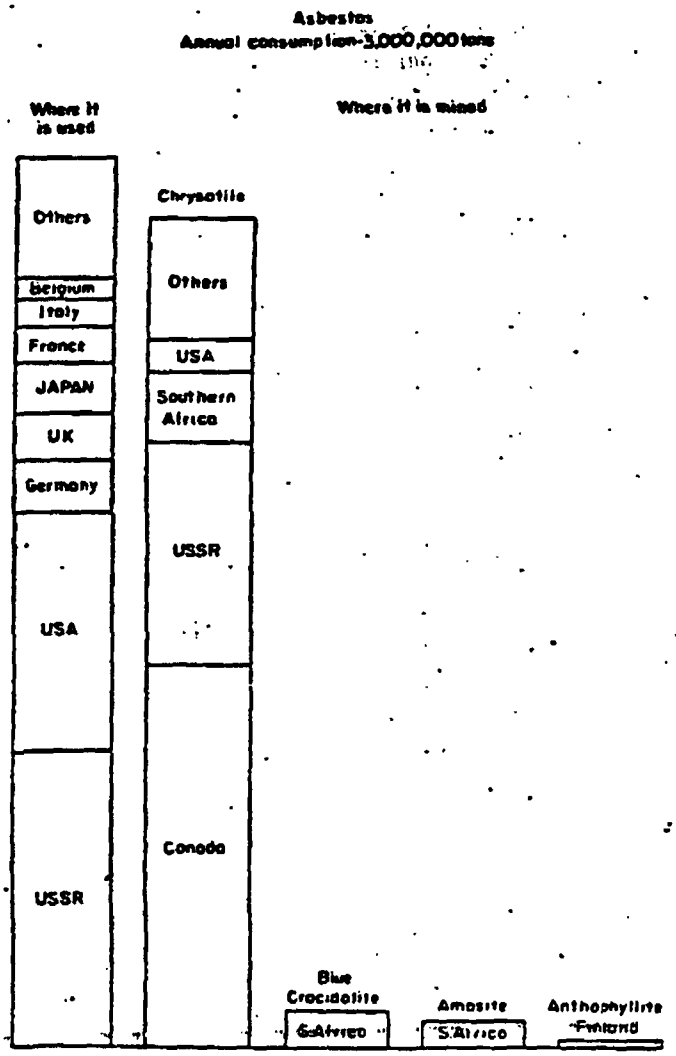


FIG. 2. Areas of use of asbestos.

The different characteristics of asbestos fibres dictate their uses, their applications and their mode of packing and handling. For example, amosite can be pressure packed and palletized, whereas chrysotile lends itself more readily to containerization. By far the greatest use of chrysotile is in the asbestos cement industry. Amosite is used mainly in insulation and building products. Crocidolite, due to its excellent acid resistance, finds its major application in the manufacture of battery boxes in this country. It is added to the pitch mixture in unopened dissoluble bags.