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ASBESTOS CAUSED FATAL TUMOUR

A VERDICT of accidental death was returned at Southwark on Wednesday on a Rotherhithe man who, after working most of his life in asbestos factories, died from a malignant lung tumour.

He was Charles Rose (57) of 59 Albion Estate, Swanage, Rotherhithe. His brother, Thomas, of the same address, told the coroner how Mr. Rose had been an active, healthy man but had worked for various asbestos firms since 1920.

He had become "chesty" in the past three years. An X-ray revealed that he was ill and he was admitted to hospital. Mr. Rose said his late brother had had an operation for cancer. He died on February 27 at St. Olave's Hospital.

Professor Keith Simpson, pathologist, said microscopic examination had revealed asbestos particles to be the source of the tumour.

"This is a growth that now accepted generally as diagnostic of asbestos."

After the coroner had outlined to the jury the significance of Mr. Rose's having worked in asbestos factories over many years, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

THE LISTENER
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Asbestos

Sir: I, like many other city-dwellers, will be only too pleased to learn that asbestos worn from car brake linings is not, after all, a cancer risk. But, in the face of the massive concern shown about asbestos by the US President's Science Advisory Committee, total reassurance about this will need massive testing. The single series of tests quoted, in part, by Mr Howard of the Asbestos Information Committee (*Listener*, 22 May) seems by no means conclusive, and is not, in total, entirely reassuring. Even the drum brakes tested released some free asbestos fibres—where cancer is concerned, no carcinogenics would be the only truly good news. But modern British cars commonly rely for most of their braking effort on disc brakes, not drums. The single sample of disc brake tested that reported by Mr Howard released more than 5 per cent of its worn residue as free asbestos fibres.

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BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, YORKS
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Industrial disease caused death

Mr. Jack Bamford (64), of 16 Verity Street, East Bierley, Bradford, died from a malignant tumour due to the industrial disease asbestosis, the West Riding Coroner, Mr. B. Lattie, recorded at Cleckheaton today.

Mr. Bamford, who died at home on Sunday, had worked at the Cleckheaton firm of British Belting and Asbestos Ltd. from 1927 to 1935 in the spinning and carding department.

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THE OXFORD TIMES DEATH FROM ASBESTOS DISEASE

Forty years after working in an asbestos factory an Oxford woman became ill and died from an industrial disease known as asbestosis, it was stated at an Oxford inquest on Wednesday.

Mrs. Kathleen Doris Fox, aged 64, of 14 Ousley Close, Marston, died on April 23 at Sunny-side, Headington.

Her husband, Mr. Frederick Fox, a car assembler, said his wife had shown no signs of the disease until her stomach started to swell.

He said his wife had worked in an asbestos factory at Barking from 1923-28. Her brother had died from a similar complaint.

Dr. Richard Whitehead, consultant pathologist at the Radcliffe Infirmary, said he found that Mrs. Fox's body was "rich in asbestos bodies."

He said that the effects of this type of industrial disease from as long ago as 40-50 years could still result in complications.

THE NORTHERN ECHO
May 23, 1969

ASBESTOS DUST: Mr. Robert Wood (L. Rhaydon) was told that the asbestos regulations, published yesterday, extend protection to all workers, including laggers, potentially at risk from asbestos dust.

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