

14 Workers Ask \$485,000, Allege Sickness on Job

Fourteen former employees of International Bent Glass, Inc., 1825 North Nineteenth st., sued Monsanto Chemical company and a New York paint firm for a total of \$485,000 in damages Wednesday.

They charged that they suffered liver ailments, skin eruptions, cysts and other disorders after handling an enamel distributed by the B. F. Drakenfeld company of New York.

International Bent Glass is a light-fixture manufacturer.

The plaintiffs alleged that both Monsanto and Drakenfeld were negligent in failing to warn of toxic characteristics of the companies' products used at International Bent Glass between 1955 and 1962.

The United States Public Health Service found the plaintiffs' ailments were caused by use of the enamel, the suits allege.

The petitioners are Ronald Simpson, Marie Clifford, Mary Chapman, Dorothy Berry, Mildred Barrett, Rita B. King, James A. White, Walter F. Miller, Thelma Wieners, Martha Sytar, Theodore Czarnecki, Charlotte Shoemaker, Hazel Schneider and Vergel A. Maness.