...UTES of the General Meeting of
...e Asbestos Textile Institute held
October 7, 1954 at the Warwick,
Philadelphia, Pa.



IN ATTENDANCE:

D. V. Widmayer, President
...ldsley & Mattison Co.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

ASTORIA ASBESTOS CO.
D. V. Aston
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
J. G. Hoffer
E. A. Senuman
W. H. MacAlpine
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Waldem

KELLOGG & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield
E. Muehleck

RANDLETOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. W. Brown
L. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith
G. W. Marshall

RUBBERSET CO.
G. S. Fabel
G. J. Harris
J. T. Griffis
C. M. Fehrens
J. D. McCluer
Mr. Holz

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
A. R. Byrnes
J. F. Corcoran

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.
Paul E. Leclerc

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.
A. M. G. Gibb

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE PRODUITS
Maurice Sallee

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

GUESTS:
H. B. Sharpe, Washington D. C.
R. E. Cryor, North American Asbestos Corporation
J. D. Christian, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Mr. Gilbert, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to all members and guests in attendance. Following the opening remarks each person arose and introduced himself to the group.

2. The President called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute and the Secretary offered them for presentation, however, since all members had received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the proceedings therein recounted, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by J. F. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the reading of the Minutes be omitted at this time.

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3. The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan and, following a discussion of the report, it was accepted upon the motion by C. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Wilson and unanimous approval of the members. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's report was presented by H. C. Shaw and a copy of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

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6. The first committee report was presented by Mr. D. A. Holmes for the Air Hygiene Committee. The report covered the work of this committee in session on October 6th, at which time the regular committee members met with Doctor representatives of the several member companies. The discussions pursued during the course of this session covered a wide range of subjects concerned with the relationship between asbestosis and diseases of the heart and the respiratory system. The full text of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

On the basis of the discussions undertaken during these committee sessions, two proposals for action were recommended for consideration at the General meeting. The first proposal was in the form of a recommendation by Dr. Theodos suggesting that the individual companies voluntarily participate in a program of study to be undertaken by Dr. Theodos which would provide case histories related to the relationship of asbestosis to ailments or diseases of the heart. Such a study would be a long range program wherein each company would provide suitable employee patients for study and observation by Dr. Theodos at a clinic or hospital in Philadelphia. The results of these studies, it is felt, would provide basic data upon which a better understanding of the relationship between asbestosis and heart ailments. The proposed program in no way would involve the financial support or responsibilities of the Asbestos Textile Institute but all such responsibilities will be voluntarily borne by the companies concerned and the individuals selected for such observations. Following a discussion of this proposal, it was moved by C. S. Fabel, seconded by C. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the individual members give full support to the program.

The second program proposed for action concerned the establishment of a study designed to determine the relationship, if any, between asbestosis and lung cancer. It is proposed that such an investigation be carried out using white rats as the subjects for study. The program as presented was in a very general form and the cost of carrying on such an investigation was not suggested. Following a discussion of this latter proposal it was suggested that the Air Hygiene Committee reconsider the subject and prepare a more specific program for consideration at the next meeting.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation of this report, President Widmayer extended to the members of the Air Hygiene Committee the grateful appreciation of the Asbestos Textile Institute for the aggressive action being taken by this committee in pursuance of the air hygiene and related

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problems confronting our industry. It was further recommended that the Secretary prepare a letter of appreciation to be sent to each of the Doctors who have participated in these discussions and have contributed so much to the constructive thinking and action now in effect.

7. The report of the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield. Under the direction of this committee a subcommittee has been activated to provide a contact group between the various Federal agencies and the asbestos textile producers as represented by members of the Institute, for the purpose of clarifying asbestos textile fiber availabilities. This subcommittee is composed of Mr. G. S. Fabel, Chairman, J. A. Bettes and A. E. Whitfield. Mr. G. S. Fabel reviewed the activities of the group during the preceeding quarter and the essence of his remarks are included as a part of the full committee report submitted by Mr. Whitfield and attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. The activities of this committee continue to be constructively productive and in recognition of the efforts exerted in promoting the best interests of the asbestos textile industry, President Widmayer extended the appreciation of the Institute membership.

8. The Fellowship report was presented by Mr. C. Shaw and copies of the full report were distributed at the time of the presentation. A resume of the full report was presented and the results of investigations covering two of the Fellowship Projects were reviewed. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

9. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman of the Technical Committee. This committee met on October 6 and considered a full agenda of subjects and, as part of the afternoon session, met with the Sales Promotion Committee for discussions of mutual interest to both committees. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of this committee and the report for committee, presented at this General meeting are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

10. There being no further committee reports for presentation, President Widmayer acknowledged the activity extended by all of those participating on the several committees and expressed the thanks of the Institute for the tireless efforts directed toward the proper functioning of these committees as they carry out the important assignments with which they have been charged.

11. The next order of business presented for consideration concerned matters of old business.

a) Presented at the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute was a letter written by Mr. A. L. Penhale, on behalf of the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association, wherein the present and the anticipated asbestos fiber availabilities for the Canadian producers was outlined. This letter was subsequently circulated in the press and among the several agencies in Washington concerned with this matter. As a result of this dissemination the fiber availability picture has been clarified and certain inconsistancies and inequities which have existed for some time are now being rectified. In view of the assistance afforded by Mr. Penhale, through his letter, the President wrote an appreciative acknowledgement on behalf of the Asbestos Textile Institute and a copy of this correspondence is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

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