asbestos textile manufacturers in the U.S.A. because there is no alternative low iron fiber except Cassiar. The U.S. Government has a sizeable stockpile of low iron fiber but apparently is not willing to release any of it.

10. Committee reports were given by the respective chairmen:-

Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee - H.H. Willingham, Chm.
Technical Committee - J.T. Hawkins (Acting chairman)
Asbestos Advisory Committee - E.A. Morris, Chm.
Fiber Testing Committee - D.E. Childers

Their reports are attached to these minutes.

11. Dr. J.L. Goodman, North Charleston,S.C., associated with Raybestos-Manhattan,Inc., speaking as a member of The A.T.I. Environmental Health Committee, reported that he had attended a seminar on Asbestosis, arranged by Dr.Irving J. Selikoff, that was held at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York City, on June 15-18, 1970. Dr. Goodman said he was quite surprised to note a goodly number of representatives of Labor in attendance.

Dr. Selikoff's staff members presented the program, which turned out to be a diatribe against industry. At opening of the meeting it was announced that spraying of steel framework in new buildings(with asbestos fibre) had been discontinued in New York State. Dr. Goodman was critical of Dr. Selikoff's presentation and accusations against industry. When questions were directed to various speakers Dr.Selikoff invariably spoke up to answer the question - sometimes quite rudely.

The second day of the Seminar was devoted to mesotheliomas, which Dr. Goodman stated was a very controversial and debatable form of cancer (as to cause). He does not agree with many of Dr. Selikoff's statements and/or conclusions on this subject.

Dr. Goodman feels that Dr. Selikoff is a "dangerous" man and the asbestos industry is going to have to learn how to combat his tactics. We cannot and should not take Dr. Selikoff lightly as he has facilities for getting"facts",but gets away with half-truths, and the only way he can be backed down is being faced with true facts.

When asked if something could be done thru the American Medical Association(to control Dr. Selikoff) Dr. Goodman expressed doubt. Said there was a grievance committee of the AMA but it was very difficult to get this committee to act. Thought that perhaps pressure on the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine might be effective.

In regard to mesothelioma Mr. Wm.J.... Smith asked if Dr. Selikoff differentiated between Crocicolite and Chrysotile fibre. Dr. Goodman said that Dr. Selikoff inferred that Chrysotile was suspect as well as Crocidolite.

Following Dr. Goodman's comments Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of A.T.I.'s Environmental Health Committee, said that Dr. Selikoff was going to be around indefinitely and we might as well resign ourselves to that fact, even though Selikoff might be prone to deal with "half-truths".

Mr. Sheckler commented on the excellent promotional type English film entitled "WHY ASBESTOS" shown to the members the previous evening, saying that there is now an Asbestos Information Association of North America. Members of this new association are some of the leading manufacturers of asbestos products in the U.S.A., but no further information was given out by Mr. Sheckler.

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Mr. Sheckler then discussed the new Federal "Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970" (PL91-596) that becomes effective on April 28, 197 saying that Industry and its customers can well face new exposure to penalties after the law becomes effective. Outlined some of the penalties, and discussed standards under the new law. For example, the present standard for noise is 90 ~~xxxx~~ decibels maximum, and he doubts that any textile plant can show such a low noise level!

Under the new law government inspectors will have free access to plants and records. An employee or employee group may request government to make inspection at any time. The employer is required to post conditions that exceed standards. All penalties are to be final unless contested within 15 days.

In regard to medical and health research Mr. Sheckler said that a "National Institute of Safety & Health" ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ has been (or will be) set up within the framework of the Health, Education and Welfare Department. X Dr. Cralley's group will be part of it.

Concluding his remarks Mr. Sheckler said that warning labels on products were now voluntary but probably will become mandatory at some future date. Thinks that our industry must give serious consideration to the use of warning labels on asbestos products. Mentioned that Common Law product suits are proliferating in the Thermal Insulation Industry. Date that label use began could indicate whether a manufacturer had been negligent in case of a law suit.

12. Locations for meetings in 1971 were announced:

June 9-10, 1971 - Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.
October 6-8, 1971 - Savannah Inn & Country Club, Savannah, Ga.

The June meeting schedule will call for arrival Wednesday afternoon or evening, committee meetings Thursday morning, and General Meeting from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Thursday afternoon. This shortened program will enable most attendees to be back at their respective offices on Friday morning.

The October meeting is our ANNUAL MEETING to which company officials and members' wives are specially invited. The meeting schedule in October will suggest arrival on Wednesday afternoon or evening, the committee meetings will be on Thursday, and General Meeting on Friday morning.

13. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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