

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, November 21, 1963.

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The Special Committee on Food and Drugs met at 9.40 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. Harry C. Harley, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Côté (*Longueuil*), Enns, Fairweather, Gelber, Harley, Howe (*Hamilton South*), Jorgenson, Macaluso, Mitchell, Otto, Rynard, Whelan, Willoughby (13).

In attendance: Representing Cyanamid of Canada Limited: Mr. S. R. Stovel, President, Mr. Norman J. McDonald, Assistant to the President; Mr. John Benet, Manager, Information Services, all of Montreal, Quebec; and Dr. George S. Cooper, Manager, Technical Services, Agricultural Department, of Toronto, Ontario.

Also in attendance: Dr. Robert White-Stevens, Assistant Director, Research, Agricultural Division, American Cyanamid Company, Princeton, New Jersey; and Mr. W. S. McLeod, Supervisor, Pesticide Unit, Plant Products Division, Department of Agriculture.

Mr. McDonald was introduced, and after outlining his background, proceeded to introduce the representatives of both Cyanamid of Canada Limited and American Cyanamid Company, giving the qualifications of each witness.

The reference paper describing the procedures followed by Cyanamid of Canada Limited in preparing a petition for Registration, for specific uses, of a Pesticide, having been distributed to the members of the Committee in advance, the members proceeded with the questioning.

Dr. Robert White-Stevens was invited to elaborate on statements made in his paper entitled "The Role of Agricultural Chemicals in Feeding and Exploding Population", which had also been distributed in advance to the members. Dr. White-Stevens dealt with agricultural science, the impact on the health of humans and animals by the use of pesticides, the increase and efficiency in agricultural production, the economical aspect of developing and marketing a compound, and the problems created by pesticide residues, and related matters.

Mr. Stovel was questioned on the work done in the interest of safety in regard to testing pesticides and insecticides manufactured by Cyanamid, and their further development.

Dr. Cooper explained the problems of labelling and antidotes. He commented on the precautionary and safety measures taken by Cyanamid Company of Canada before a pesticide is made available to the public. During the course of his statement, he circulated to the members, for their perusal, a large quantity of material covering the registration of new uses of malathion.

Mr. McLeod supplied information with respect to new chemicals registered in Canada and new claims for previously registered products.

Mr. Stovel outlined to the committee the organization and operation of Cyanamid of Canada, and the extent and financial aspect of research done by the company. He was assisted by Dr. Cooper.