

- 4 IIRS REPORT ON PARAGUAT SPRAYS. It was agreed that this report could be copied to the Californian State officials.
- 5 CHRONIC TOXICITY. Chevron are concerned on the chronic effects of parquat sprays resulting from 4 cases reported by the State of California. The syndrome is reported as injury to the CNS, non-specific liver/kidney injury. It is said the syndrome can be confused with heat effects from working in the sun. However, prompted by Ida Honaroff, a journalist, one of the 4 is suing Chevron. Refutation of this claim is extremely difficult and Chevron would like more positive data to use in litigation cases. It is suggested that a critical epidemiology study is carried out and a long term toxicity study using sprays on animals. These proposals are to be discussed at future meetings.
- 6 ACTIVITY OF PARAGUAT ON CNS. In a recent autopsy on a parquat poisoning the pathologist discovered lesions on the motor neurons. The lesions were sufficient to cause debilitation. It is not clear from the case history whether the therapy might have induced this effect which is similar to arterio-sclerosis. Fisher has also reported ataxia from parquat administered by any route and Dr Fletcher has received a few enquiries on peripheral neuritis. It was agreed that this effect was difficult to check but evidence might be obtained from an epidemiological study. This topic is to be given further consideration.

III VISIT OF DR VANDEKAR (WHO) TO CTL ON 9 OCTOBER

It was believed that Dr Vandekar could provide CTL and PPD with advice on the presentation of data to WHO and on the ability of WHO to discuss toxicological problems with the manufacturer. Unfortunately his interest lies solely on insecticides for public health use and he suggested we contact Dr Lu or Dr Vetorazzi. This action has been taken.

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