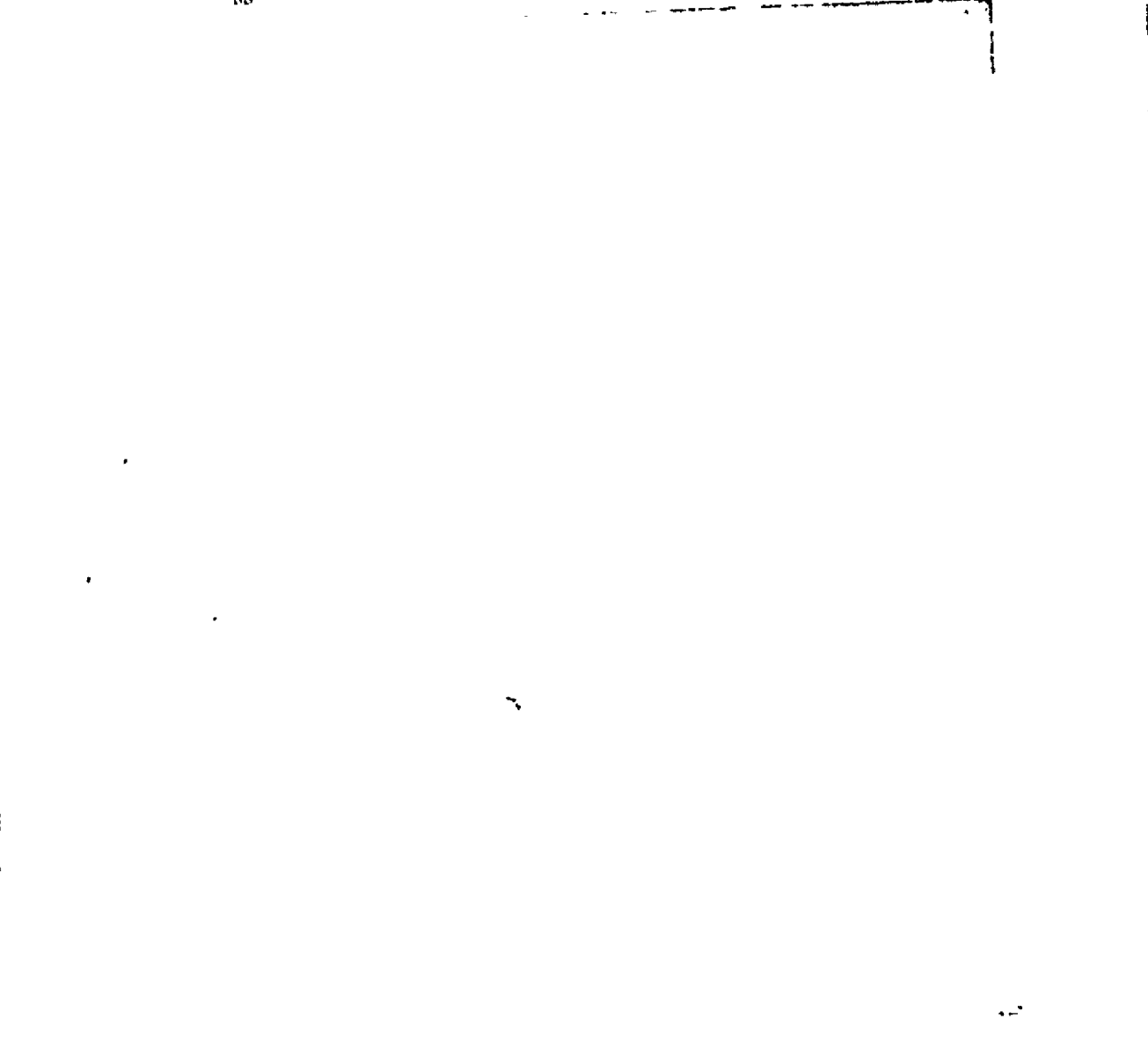


*Fig. 1.* The postero-anterior chest roentgenogram (A) shows small lungs with only 8 posterior ribs visible. There is a dense linear infiltrate which is more marked in the lower zones. The outlines of the heart and diaphragm are ill-defined and there is diffuse pleural thickening. The lateral film (B) emphasizes the high diaphragm, basal infiltration and perhaps a pleural plaque anteriorly.

adsorptive properties have led to its use in an ever-widening range of products (table 1). This is reflected by the rising world consumption, from 300 tons in 1870, to 4 million tons in 1968 [1].

*Uses of asbestos.* A meaningful occupational history requires some knowledge of likely asbestos-containing products, because workers may be una-



*Fig. 2.* A magnified view of the left lung, one year later, shows the diffuse, fine linear or reticular pattern of infiltration in more detail. Diffuse pleural thickening reduces the contrast between lung and soft tissues.