

INDICT 3 LARGE DYE FIRMS ON TRUST CHARGES

Vast Nazi Company Is Included.

New York, Dec. 19 (AP).—A federal indictment of General Aniline and Dye corporation and two of its close associates was announced today almost at the very moment new officers of the big chemical firm, once German controlled, made known further plans to place it more firmly in American hands.

The indictment, charging restraint in the trade and manufacture of heavy chemicals and dyestuffs, covered General Aniline, General Dyestuffs corporation, the vast German I. G. Farbenindustrie, and seven individuals.

General Aniline's new president, former Justice John E. Mack of the New York Supreme court, announced the election of two new directors, Ralph Budd, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, and Robert L. Stevens, New York financier and son-in-law of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Bullitt to Be Chairman.

William C. Bullitt, former United States ambassador to France, elected a director of General Aniline two weeks ago, would be elected chairman. Mack added, under plans of the board, Bullitt was made a director after the resignation of William Vom Rath, whose late father was vice chairman of I. G. Farbenindustrie.

General Aniline, a 62 million dollar corporation formerly known as American I. G. Chemical corporation, is the country's second largest maker of photographic supplies, third largest dyestuff producer, and the biggest maker of dyes for American army uniforms. General Dyestuff is the company's selling agent. I. G. Farbenindustrie sponsored the formation of General Aniline in 1929.

The federal indictment charged the three corporations agreed to combine all their dyestuff properties in the United States into a single manufacturing company and not to compete otherwise in the manufacture or sale of dyestuffs in this country except thru General Dyestuffs corporation.

Export Pact Alleged.

General Aniline had agreed not to export dyestuffs from the United States until authorized by I. G. Farben, it was alleged.

Individuals named in the indictments were: Dietrich A. Schmitz, former president and director; Vom Rath; Hans W. Aickelin, vice president and a former director; Ernst Schwarz, vice president in charge of the Agfa-Ansco division; F. William Von Meister, general manager of the Ozalid division; E. K. Halbach, president and director of General Dyestuffs, and Hermann Schmitz, president of I. G. Farbenindustrie.

United States treasury agents moved in on General Aniline last week to examine and supervise operations. Assets were frozen under a recent treasury order, as were those of General Dyestuffs. For months federal officials have been trying to track down possible relationships between General Aniline and the German chemical giant.

Mack Explains Situation.

Mack said the present indictments "deal with conditions that existed before the present management was inducted into office." Full cooperation was given the government's investigation, he said, and promise "to eliminate all elements not in harmony with the government of the United States."

Extensive revisions in the board and the personnel of the company have taken place, Mack said, "as a step forward in the Americanization of the firm."