

U. S. Indicts Aniline Corp. For Restraint

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 19.—A Federal indictment of General Aniline & Film 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 and the giant 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 & 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 through General Dyestuffs Corporation.

The charge also claimed that General Aniline had agreed not to export dyestuffs from the United States until authorized by I. G. Farben.

Individuals Listed

Individuals named in the indictments were: Dietrich A. Schmitz, former president and director; Vom Rath, Hans W. Alckelin, vice president and a former director; Ernst Schwarz, vice president in charge of the Alfa-Ansco Division; W. Wilhelm von Meister, general manager of the Ozalid Division; E. K. Halbach, president and director of General Dyestuffs; and Herman Schmitz, president of I. G. Farbenindustrie.

U. S. 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, on the theory I. G. Farben dictated General Aniline policy to the detriment of United States interests.

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 promised "to eliminate all elements not in harmony with the Government of the United States."