

U. S. Opens Fight On Worldwide Nazi Monopoly

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3 Firms, 7 Men

Indicted in N. Y.

Antitrust Action

The Federal Government yesterday moved to crush a gigantic German-organized monopoly which had world-wide control in the manufacture and distribution of chemicals, films and dyestuffs.

The Department of Justice announced that indictments were returned by a Federal grand jury in New York naming three corporations and seven individuals in this industry as having violated the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Wilson Tariff Act.

Defendants Named

Named as defendants were: General Aniline and Film Corp.; Dietrich A. Schmitz, its former president and director; William H. Vom Rath, former secretary and director; Hans W. Aickelin, vice president and director; Ernest Schwarz, vice president in charge of the Agfa-Ansco division, and F. William von Melster, general manager of the Ozalid division; the General Dyestuff Corporation, E. K. Halback, its president and director, and I. G. Farbenindustrie, A. G. Hermann Schmitz, its president.

Three indictments were returned by the grand jury. The first accuses General Aniline, General Dyestuffs, I. G. Farben, Dietrich Schmitz, Aickelin, Halback, and Hermann Schmitz of restraining commerce in manufacture and sale of dyestuffs and heavy chemicals.

Trade Controlled

This group allegedly controlled the trade in these commodities both within the United States and between this country and foreign nations. By restraining importation and sale of dyestuffs, which are used in manufacture of textiles, paints, leather goods and plastics, this group also is considered to have violated the Wilson Tariff Act.