

## I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE

INDICTMENT OF OFFICIALS—STATEMENT OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. E. G. McCULLOUGH (Assiniboia): On March 20 I received a return in reply to this question:

Is the I. G. Farben Company or any subsidiary of such company operating in Canada?

The answer I received was no, that investigations were still proceeding. Due to press reports that twenty-four top officials of the German I.G. Farben Company have been indicted by the United States government, has the government any further information in regard to the investigations being carried on here in Canada?

Hon. COLIN GIBSON (Secretary of State): The hon. member was good enough to send me notice of his question. In view of the widespread publicity in connection with the indictment by the United States government of twenty-four top officials of the I. G. Farben Company who were charged with plunder, spoliation and mass murder, I prepared a report which may be of interest to the house.

In the office of the custodian there are records of five patents which stood in the name of I. G. Farbenindustrie which, after the outbreak of the war, were licensed for use in Canada by the commissioner of patents under the patents, designs, copyright and trade mark (emergency) order 1939. In respect to these patents, royalties at the rate prescribed by the commissioner of patents in his licensing order have been collected by the custodian from the Canadian licensees. These royalties amount to a little over \$8,000. The only Canadian company in which I. G. Farbenindustrie had any direct share interest was a company in Montreal in which I. G. Farbenindustrie owned sixteen per cent of the capital stock. The shares representing this interest were reported to the custodian by the company and vested in the custodian under the regulations.

There was also reported to the custodian a contract between a Canadian company and I. G. Farbenindustrie relating to the use of trade marks and technical assistance. All payments under this contract have been made by the Canadian company to the custodian. In this connection it may be stated that a company incorporated in the United States has laid claim to the amounts realized in relation to this contract by virtue of an alleged assignment from I. G. Farbenindustrie

to the American corporation. This claim, however, has not been recognized by the custodian.

My department has not yet an official copy of the recent indictment preferred by the United States against twenty-four senior officials of I. G. Farbenindustrie. The *New York Times* of May 4, 1947, published extracts and summaries from the indictment. Reference is made in the indictment to cartel agreements with more than 2,000 major industrial concerns in the United States, Great Britain, France, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands and Poland. The second count of the indictment, relating to plunder and spoliation, mentions the countries involved as Australia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Britain, France, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Yugoslavia, Greece, the Soviet Union and the United States.

The head office of the I. G. Farbenindustrie at Frankfurt is in the American zone of occupation and it may be inferred that the indictments were prepared after examination of the records available at the headquarters of I. G. Farbenindustrie. It will be observed that in neither count of the indictment is there mention of relations with firms or industries in Canada. The Canadian government is keeping in close touch with the situation as it develops but has no evidence suggesting any Canadian firm or company has failed to make disclosure of any contracts with I. G. Farbenindustrie, nor is there any evidence that I. G. Farbenindustrie had anything which could be described as an affiliated or subsidiary enterprise or company in Canada.

## UNITED NATIONS

REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND  
INTERNATIONAL BANK OF RECONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. VICTOR QUELCH (Acadia): Mr. Speaker, can the Minister of Finance tell the house when he will be in a position to table the reports of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank of Reconstruction?

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Minister of Finance): I cannot say, but they will be tabled as soon as they are available.

(Translation):

## GALLERIES OF THE HOUSE

PRESENCE OF MEMBERS IN THE GALLERY  
RESERVED FOR SENATORS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. A. CRUICKSHANK (Fraser Valley): Mr. Speaker, like the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) I have