

20 Container Manufacturers Given Fines

TORONTO (CP) — Twenty Canadian container manufacturers have been fined a total of \$391,500 for conspiring to prevent or lessen competition in manufacturing and sale of paper and corrugated boxes from 1947 to 1954. Largest fines, \$75,000 each,

were levied against Bathurst Power and Paper Co. Ltd. of Bathurst, N.B.; St. Lawrence Corp. Ltd. of Montreal; and Hinde and Dauch Ltd. of Toronto. Other companies and their penalties were: Gair Co. Canada Ltd. of Toronto, \$45,000; Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. of Vancouver, \$35,000; Corrugated Paper Box Ltd., Toronto, Bathurst Containers Ltd., Toronto, Canadian Wirebound Boxes and Shipping Containers Ltd., St. Laurent,

Que., Kraft Containers Ltd., Hamilton, and Canadian Boxes Ltd. of British Columbia, \$10,000 each; Acme Paper Products Co. Ltd., Toronto, \$7,000; Hygrade Containers Ltd., London, Ont., and Martin Paper Products Holdings Ltd., Winnipeg, \$5,000 each; Maritime Paper Products Ltd., Halifax, and Bathurst Containers (Maritimes) Ltd., Lancaster, N.B., \$4,000 each; Hinde and Dauch Boxes Ltd., Toronto, Hender-shot Paper Products Ltd., Hamilton, and Superior Box Co. Ltd.,

Kitchener, Ont., \$3,000 each; Standard Paper Box Mfg. Ltd., Montreal, \$1,500; Sherbrook Paper Products Ltd., Sherbrooke, Que., \$1,000. Chief Justice G. A. Gale of the Ontario Supreme Court read the judgment in the absence of Mr. Justice Norman Schatz, who found the firms guilty. The judgement said the size of the fines needed to be "a real deterrent" to such practices. It noted that several of the companies had previous

convictions under the Combines Investigation Act. Factors considered in arriving at the size of fines included the size of the firms, their share of the market, their position or influence in the conspiracy, the length of time they participated in the conspiracy and previous convictions. **LIVE BY TRADE** Thirty per cent of Britain's £2,763,000,000 imports in 1965 was food, drink and tobacco.

RICHMOND

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CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE!



GOVERNMENT HOUSE GOODIES

Mme. Georges Vanier, wife of the Governor-General, manned the Christmas supply line Saturday as hostess at the 15th annual party for the capital's less-privileged children. Some 250 boys and girls enjoyed the food, entertainment and gifts.

The usually-staid Government House atmosphere gave way to the sounds of tin whistles, Christmas crackers and general merriment. Governor-General Vanier, who is recovering from an illness, could not attend. (CP Wirephoto)

American Motors Protesting U.S. Safety Standards Plan

DETROIT (AP) — American Motors have lodged a vigorous protest over proposed federal safety standards for automobile producers and said the procedure for determining the standards discriminates against the company.

The firm was the third manufacturer to object to the new standards. Earlier, Ford and Chrysler also denounced them. If the procedure tentatively specified for determining safety standards is adopted, it would be a crippling blow to the company, said American Motors President Roy Abernethy.

In an open letter to Alan Boys, undersecretary of commerce for transportation, Abernethy said the standards would preclude a unique new car the company plans to build. This would deny the consumer's right to freedom of choice, Abernethy said, adding: "There are many buyers of automobiles to whom high fashion is of no value—buyers who need reliable low-cost vehicles that maintain their worth over a long period.

"We have filed this need in the past and have real plans to go even further—to offer a unique full-size American car at a price that could compete effectively with sub-compact imports.

"To force us into the upheaval of annual model changes and forced obsolescence will preclude such a car and in fact will deny the consumer's right to freedom of choice."

SAYS INTENT MISSED

Abernethy said that the proposed federal safety standards, the pressures of time and the procedure prescribed for comments and final issue of the automotive safety standards "do not seem to us to be compatible with the meaning or intent of the federal Traffic Safety Act of 1966."

He said the company had sound reasons to question the specific provisions of several proposed regulations because they either are not practicable or are not appropriate for the class of vehicle or because they do not contribute to carrying out the purposes of the law. "I want to emphasize that there is not one case in our history where we failed to incorporate a safety feature that was proven useful."

Abernethy said the procedure tentatively proposed would be a crippling blow to the economic workability of American Motors and would result in de facto discrimination "in favor of the economic giants of the industry."

Author William Manchester Unlikely Controversy Figure

By HENRIETTA LEITH NEW YORK (AP)—Tall, slim and scholarly-looking, William Manchester, the protégé of Mencken, the favorite biographer of a president, has spent most of his 44 years with his nose buried in a book or writing one.

Known to acquaintances as "very intense," almost a recluse, he's a most unlikely figure to be the centre of a swirling controversy that has aroused the deep personal feelings of a former president's family and become a cause celebre in the publishing world. But Manchester, whom Mrs. John F. Kennedy once trusted enough to tell him her innermost thoughts and feelings and let him put them on tape, now faces Mrs. Kennedy and behind her the family of the late president—across a chasm filled with lawyers, court papers and angry statements.

Caught between the writer and the angry widow, and more immediately involved in the legal dispute, are a major publishing house and a national magazine.

Both Harper and Row, who plan to publish the book, The Death of A President, and Look magazine, which plans to serialize excerpts from it, are standing by their publishing schedules despite a planned lawsuit filed by the former first lady. But while Mrs. Kennedy publicly questions Manchester's good faith and accuses him of exploiting the emotional state in which she bared her feelings, Manchester remains almost incommunicado in his 150-year-old grey clapboard house in Middletown, Conn.

AUTHOR SILENT He's saying almost nothing, and if those who know Manchester are guessing right, he's busy writing another book. Manchester was born April 1, 1922, in Atholboro, Mass., of

parents who came east from Oklahoma City, Okla. Manchester was seven when the family moved to Springfield, Mass., where he attended classical high school. He had put in three years at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst when he joined the U.S. marines.

He became a sergeant and was wounded at Okinawa, for which he got the Purple Heart and spent a long period in hospital. Returning to Massachusetts, he was graduated from university in 1946 and was the senior class orator.

Manchester was a graduate student in journalism at the University of Missouri when an earlier-developed interest in the irascible Henry L. Mencken, the sage of Baltimore, led him to do his master's degree dissertation on Mencken.

WORKED FOR MENCKEN In the fall of 1947, he was summoned to Baltimore by Mencken, given a job as a reporter on the Baltimore Sun—as a foreign correspondent he spent some time in New Delhi. But he fell victim to a fever and had to come home.

He also turned out a series of novels—City of Anger, about an honest-city commissioner surrounded by corruption and Shadows of The Monsoon and Beard The Lion, inspired by his experiences as a foreign correspondent.

In 1948 Manchester married Julia Marshall of Baltimore. They now have three children. In 1955 he moved to Connecticut, where for 10 years he was an editor for Wesleyan University's American education publications. Since 1959 he has been a fellow of the Wesleyan Centre for Advanced Studies.

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