

## CHICAGO'S GLAZERS ACCUSED ON PRICES

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Federal Indictments Charge Industry Joined in Fixing a Common Schedule

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Fifth Action in Investigation of Building Trades Cites Seven Corporations

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CHICAGO, May 14-Indictments charging the glazing industry in Chicago with violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Laws were returned today in Federal court. It was the fifth action of the sort in the government's inquiry into alleged trade restraints in the building industry.

Named as defendants were six persons, seven corporations, a glass trade association, and the Glazers Union, Local 27, of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America. The business agents named among the individual defendants are George Meyers and his two assistants, Max Glass and Charles Pfeiffer.

Contracting concerns made defendants are Hooker Glass and Paint Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and Tyler & Hippach, Inc., known as the "big three" manufacturers in Chicago, and the Hamilton Glass Company, the Industrial Glass and Paint Company, Torstenson Glass Company and the National Glass Corporation.

The other individual defendants are Michael Shapiro, president of Hamilton; Elmer L. Torstenson, president of Torstenson, and Elmer H. Puls, an independent glass contractor.

The indictment asserts that the concerns named in the indictment, together with other concerns which are members of the Glass Contractors Association, also named as a defendant, agreed to use a common price schedule. The union agreed to police the agreement, according to the charges by refusing to supply union workmen to any contractor violating the price agreement.

The indictment itemized, month by month, some \$86,167 which the three union agents are said to have collected and also lists twenty-six of the twenty-eight glass contracting concerns in the city which made the payments. Federal investigators said the tabulation not complete. They got most of the figures only two days ago from bank records, it was said.

The tribute paid to Meyers and his assistants was passed on to consumers in the form of increased prices, the indictment stated.

The indictment brings to ninety-eight the number of persons, corporations and labor groups name in the building inquiry. Other indictments were returned in the tile, stone, plywood and electrical sections of the industry.

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