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The Department of Justice today filed a proposed consent judgment forbidding the Anthracite Export Association, six of its member producers of anthracite coal, and two affiliated wholesalers of anthracite from fixing prices and allocating the supply of anthracite sold to the United States Army for use at its European bases.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said the decree was filed in the United States District Court in Scranton, Pennsylvania. It will terminate an antitrust suit filed on November 10, 1965.

The six member producers are Glen Alden Corporation, New York City; Reading Anthracite Company, Pottsville, Pa.; Lehigh Valley Anthracite, Inc. and Jeddo-Highland Coal Company, West Pittston, Pa.; Susquehanna Coal Company, Nanticoke, Pa.; and Lehigh Navigation-Dodson Company, Bethlehem, Pa.

The complaint charged that the Association and the six producers had engaged in a combination and conspiracy with Foreston Coal Company and Foreston Coal Export Corporation, New York City, two domestic and export wholesalers and sales agents, to fix prices, allocate markets and bid jointly for the

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United States Army's requirements of anthracite coal for military installations in Europe in violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act.

Assistant Attorney General Richard W. McLaren, in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the proposed judgment, which may become final in 30 days, enjoins the defendants from jointly controlling or fixing the prices and from allocating the portions of anthracite to be offered or supplied under the Army program.

In addition, the judgment forbids the defendants from entering into agreements to refrain from competing in the production, bidding, sale or distribution of anthracite under the Army program, or to sell anthracite through any common selling agent or to any common purchaser for resale under that program.

The judgment also enjoins each defendant and each Association member from agreeing with an exporter or importer to quote or sell anthracite to or through such exporter or importer exclusively under the Army program unless such member enters into such an exclusive agreement with a single exporter or importer which in turn is not a party to such an agreement with any other member.

The judgment further prohibits Foreston Coal Company and Foreston Coal Export Corporation from entering into various types of sales agreements with other defendants or Association members and prohibits Lehigh Valley Anthracite, Inc. and Glen Alden Corporation from selling anthracite to or through a common agency for resale under the Army program for a period of three years.