#### In Equity No. 46422.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PETITIONER,

# vs.

AMERICAN AMUSEMENT TICKET MANUFACTURERS AS-SOCIATION, ET AL, DEFENDANTS.

## FINAL DECREE.

The United States of America having filed its petition in the above-entitled cause on the 30th day of December, 1926, against the following defendants:

- 1. American Amusement Ticket Manufacturers Association.
- 2. Globe Ticket Company.
- 3. The Ansell Ticket Company.
- 4. The Arcus Ticket Company.
- 5. Automatic Ticket Register Corporation of New York.
- 6. Columbia Printing Company.
- 7. Elliott Ticket Company, Inc.
- 8. Hancock Bros., Inc.
- 9. International Ticket Company.
- 10. Rees Ticket Company.
- 11. The Simplex Ticket Company, Inc.
- 12. Trimount Press.
- 13. Weldon, Williams & Lick.
- 14. World Ticket & Supply Company, Inc.
- 15. P. C. Snow.
- 16. George Clendenning.
- 17. James S. Arcus.
- 18. Edgar S. Bowman.
- 19. John W. Bornhoeft.
- 20. Clifford Elliott.
- 21. J. F. Hancock.
- 22. Charles Manshel.
- 23. Samuel Rees.
- 24. E. L. Gosnell.
- 25. W. L. Peabody.
- 26. John M. Cummings.
- 27. C. A. Lick, Senior.

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# 28. J. C. Enslen.

All of said defendants named herein appeared by counsel, namely, Charles Conradis.

Comes now the United States of America, by Peyton Gordon, its attorney for the District of Columbia, William J. Donovan, Assistant to the Attorney General, and Russell Hardy, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and come also the defendants by counsel as aforesaid, and the petitioner moved the court for an injunction against the defendants as prayed. Thereupon all of the defendants herein, through counsel, consented to the following decree:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That the court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of the petition, and that the petition states facts constituting a cause of action.

That the combination and conspiracy in restraint of interstate trade and commerce, and the acts and agreements amongst the defendants in restraint of interstate trade and commerce in amusement tickets as described in the petition herein, are violative of the Act of Congress of July 2, 1890, entitled "An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

That the defendants, their officers, agents or employees, are perpetually enjoined and prohibited—

1. From assigning or allotting any buyer of amusement tickets as the exclusive customer of any of the defendants, whether by agreement or understanding amongst the defendants, or by regarding or designating any buyer who has been or is trading with any of the defendants as the exclusive customer of that defendant, or otherwise.

2. From agreeing that no defendant shall sell amusement tickets to any buyer at prices less than those at which such buyer shall have purchased amusement tickets from any defendant.

3. From exchanging, directly or indirectly, or through the instrumentality of a trade association or other common agent,— (a) information as to prices and terms and conditions for the sale of amusement tickets, for the purpose of effectuating or enabling the defendants to observe agreements upon prices or assignments and allotments of customers, or for the purpose of restraining the independence or freedom of any defendant with regard to prices, terms and conditions of sale to be quoted for amusement tickets.

(b) information as to discounts, deviations or enhancements from and upon prices theretofore quoted or published by any of the defendants, which discounts, deviations or enhancements shall have been quoted or charged to particular buyers, for the purpose of effectuating or enabling the defendants to observe agreements upon prices or assignments and allotments of customers, or for the purpose of restraining the independence or freedom of any defendant with regard to prices, terms, and conditions of sale to be quoted for amusement tickets.

(c) information relative to the reasons for such discounts, deviations or enhancements, or relative to the reasons for the failure to make sales to persons to whom prices, terms and conditions of sale shall have been quoted; Provided that nothing contained in this decree shall be construed to prohibit an exchange of information regarding facts of past transactions.

4. From arbitrating or composing disputes or controversies amongst any of the defendants relative to prices, terms and conditions of sale for amusement tickets quoted or charged by any defendant.

5. That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained for the following purposes: (a) Enforcing this decree. (b) Enabling any of the parties to apply to the court for a modification or enlargement of its provisions on the ground that they have become inadequate, inappropriate or unnecessary.

> By the court: A. A. HOEHLING (signed) Justice.

December 30, 1926.

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### ORDER FOR MODIFICATION OF FINAL DECREE.

Upon consideration of the petition filed in this cause on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1935 by the defendants herein, for modification of the Final Decree made and entered herein on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1926, and the said defendants appearing by Charles Conradis and Albert E. Conradis, and consenting to the entry of this order; and the United States appearing by Leslie C. Garnett, United States Attorney, and consenting to the entry of this order; it is by the Court this 10th day of May, A. D. 1935.

ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED, that the Final Decree made and entered herein on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1926, be and it is hereby modified so as to incorporate therein the following additional provisions:

"Nothing in this decree shall be deemed or construed to prevent any defendant, or the officers, agents, servants, employees or persons acting under, through, by or in behalf of any defendant, or claiming so to act, from doing any of the acts authorized, permitted or required by the Code of Fair Competition for the Graphic Arts Industries, approved by the President of the United States on February 17, 1934, pursuant to the Act of Congress of June 16, 1933, known as the National Industrial Recovery Act, and by any modifications, amendments or supplements of said Code, which have been or may be duly approved, or by any other Code or agreement, or any amendments, modifications, or supplements thereof, applicable to the defendants or any of them, which have been or may

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be duly approved, under said National Industrial Recovery Act, during such time as and to the extent to which the same shall remain in effect.

"The United States may at any time apply to the Court for further relief herein, on the ground that operations under, or purporting to be under, said Code of Fair Competition for the Graphic Arts Industries or modifications, amendments, or supplements thereof, or such other code or agreement, or amendments, or supplements thereof, applicable to the defendants, or any of them, which have been or may be approved and applicable to the defendants, are promoting monopolies, or are eliminating, oppressing or discriminating against small enterprises, or are promoting monopolistic practices, or are not in accordance with the National Industrial Recovery Act.

"The right of the defendants or any of them is hereby reserved to make such motions herein for modification of this decree or otherwise as they may be advised."

By the Court:

(s) F. DICKINSON LETTS, Justice.

May 10, 1935.