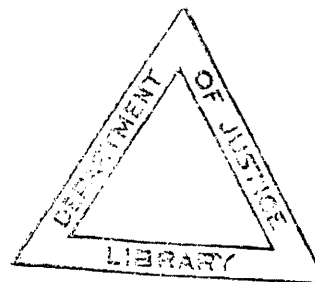


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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Attorney General J. Howard McGrath announced today that a Federal Grand Jury at Yakima, Washington, has returned an indictment charging that four corporations and six individuals violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by fixing the prices they would pay grape growers in the Yakima Valley for Concord grapes.

The corporate defendants are grape processors who bottle and sell grape juice. The individual defendants are officers of the defendant corporations. The names of the defendants are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Church Grape Juice Company	Kennewick, Washington
Donald C. Sherwood, Vice President	Walla Walla, Washington
F. M. Ludlow, Sec-Treas. & Gen. Mgr.	Kennewick, Washington
Tea Garden Products Company	San Francisco, California
H. F. Petersmeyer, Vice President	San Francisco, California
W. G. Ventsam, Manager, Grandview, Washington, Plant	Grandview, Washington
Tru-Ade, Inc.	Chicago, Illinois
Lee C. Ward, President (also Vice President of Hyland- Stanford Corp.)	Chicago, Illinois
W. S. McAdoo, Treasurer	Chicago, Illinois
Hyland-Stanford Corporation	Chicago, Illinois

The indictment charges that since 1946 the defendants fixed and maintained uniform, non-competitive prices to be paid by them to independent growers for Concord grapes produced in the Yakima Valley with the result that the individual grape growers in the Yakima Valley area were deprived of their right to sell in a free competitive market.

Commenting on the action taken by the Grand Jury, the Attorney General said, "This indictment should serve as a warning of our determination to see to it that producers of agricultural products are not denied the right and opportunity to sell in a free and open market."

Herbert A. Bergson, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, stated, "The antitrust laws are intended to assure to both consumers and producers the benefits of a competitive market. It is particularly important that the market for basic commodities such as food products be kept free of collusive restraints."

This matter was presented to the Grand Jury by Aute L. Carr, Robert H. Weinstein, and John J. Mulvey, attorneys in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, under the direction of Charles L. Whittinghill, Chief, Northwest Office, and under the general supervision of Marcus A. Hollabaugh, Chief, and Joseph E. McDowell, Assistant Chief of the Special Litigation Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.