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Named In Suit

8 Firms Cited In Antitrust Charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers today announced the return of three antitrust indictments charging leading manufacturers of metal office furniture with conspiracy to fix prices and eliminate competition.

The indictments were returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Buffalo, N.Y., which has been investigating the industry.

The principal indictment names eight manufacturers as defendants and charges they have used a uniform zone system and maintained agreements to fix consumer prices for metal tables, desk and filing cabinets.

The defendants in this case are the General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown, Ohio; Globe Wernicke Co., Norwood, Ohio, Shaw-Walker Co., Muskegon, Mich.; Yawman and Erbe Manufacturing Co., Inc., Rochester, N.Y.; Art Metal Inc., Jamestown, N.Y.; Steelcase Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sperry Rand Corp., New York City; and All Steel Equipment Inc., Aurora, Ill.

Another indictment charges Sperry Rand with maintaining restrictive sales agreement with a number of competitors. It named as co-conspirators but not as defendants General Fireproofing, Steelcase Fireproofing, Art Metal, Inc., and Diebold, Inc., of Canton, O.