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"We are happy to have the public know that the unfair and unsubstantiated accusations made by the Truman Committee of the delivery by Carnegie-Illinois of defective plates have been completely refuted," J.L. Perry, President of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, said in commenting upon today's acquittal of Carnegie-Illinois in the criminal suit prosecuted by the Government against it in the Federal Court at Pittsburgh.

"No witness" Mr. Perry continued "testified either before the Truman Committee or before the Federal Court at Pittsburgh that any defective steel plates were ever supplied by Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation from Irvin Works or elsewhere."

Mr. Perry added:

"About a year ago, when indictments were found against Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, relative to alleged false reports of tests of steel plates at Irvin Works, I stated that Carnegie-Illinois was confident that when it was afforded the opportunity to present in court the full facts, the outcome would be complete exoneration. Such statement reflected my firm conviction that none of the plates supplied by Irvin Works were either defective or inferior, and that any irregularities in test reports which might have occurred concerned relatively unimportant variations from the specifications. My statement has since been proved to have been entirely accurate.

"After an exhaustive three week's trial, just concluded before Judge Robert M. Gibson in the United States District Court at Pittsburgh, such complete exoneration has been obtained. Today the jury in that case acquitted Carnegie-Illinois of the charges contained in 47 counts of an indictment, that it had falsely certified tests on certain plates furnished or for various government agencies. During the trial, Carnegie-Illinois introduced evidence to establish the actual heat numbers of the steel involved in each of these 47 counts, as well as evidence to prove that all of the steel in question had, in fact, been properly tested and had met the chemical and physical requirements of the contract specifications.

"Federal Judge Gibson directed a verdict of acquittal on another indictment, charging Carnegie-Illinois with the destruction of pertinent records. The Government was unable to present any evidence connecting Carnegie-Illinois with destruction of records.

"Carnegie-Illinois is justly proud of its outstanding productive record in support of our country's great war effort, including the delivery of more than 10 million tons of steel plates of all kinds since Pearl Harbor. About one-sixth of these very considerable plate deliveries came from Irvin Works."

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