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We have just learned indirectly through the medium of the press that the Securities and Exchange Commission, at a regular session held in Washington on January 19, 1939, issued an Order purporting to amend its original Order dated November 22, 1939, directed against Transamerica Corporation.

The amended Order contends that dividends paid to Mr. A. F. Giannini on stock personally owned by him and also dividends paid to a trust for others in which he has no beneficial interest whatsoever, by a Pacific Coast Mortgage Company, a corporation of which he has never been an officer or director, and none of the stock of which is owned directly or beneficially either by Transamerica Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, constitutes remuneration or compensation for services rendered by Mr. Giannini to Transamerica Corporation or its subsidiaries. This contention is so palpably absurd on its face that its utter baselessness and unsoundness should be immediately evident to everyone excepting only a few viciously prejudiced bureaucrats.

The amendment constitutes a scandalous and defamatory statement issued under color of public authority by the Securities and Exchange Commission in its attempted persecution of Mr. A. F. Giannini. The purported new issues raised in the amended Order are "false and misleading" in virtually every respect and in any event have no pertinency whatsoever to the present proceeding.

It is significant that this amendment shows on its face that it was passed at a regular session of the Commission on January 19, 1939, and was only authorized for release to the press two days later on the afternoon of Saturday, January 21st. No service has as yet been made either on Transamerica Corporation or any of its counsel. The obvious purpose of this procedure is to give to the slander the widest possible publicity. Needless to say that this arbitrary prostitution of governmental power will be resisted to the last ditch. Mr. Ciampini is not of the type that can be intimidated in this manner.