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**THE COPYRIGHT (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
ORDER 1946**

MICHAEL MYERS,
Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 5th day of June, 1946

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, by reason of conditions arising out of the present war, difficulties have been experienced by citizens of the United States of America in complying with the requirements of the Copyright Act, 1913, as to the first publication within New Zealand of their works first published in the United States of America during the present war : And whereas the Administrator of the Government is advised that the Government of the United States of America has undertaken to grant such extension of time as may be deemed appropriate for the fulfilment of the conditions and formalities prescribed by the laws of the United States with respect to the works of citizens of New Zealand first produced or published outside the United States and subject to copyright or to renewal of copyright under the laws of the United States, including works subject to *ad interim* copyright : And whereas by reason of the said undertaking of the Government of the United States of America the Administrator of the Government is satisfied that the said Government has made, or has undertaken to make, such provision as it is expedient to require for the protection of works first made or published in New Zealand during the period commencing on the 3rd day of September, 1939, and ending one year after the termination of the present war and entitled to copyright under Part I of the Copyright Act, 1913 : And whereas by the Copyright Act, 1913, authority is conferred to extend, by Order in Council, the protection of the said Act to certain classes of foreign works within New Zealand : And whereas by reason of these premises it is desirable to provide protection within New Zealand for literary or artistic works first published in the United States of America during the period commencing on the 3rd day of September, 1939, and ending one year after the termination of the present war which have failed to accomplish the formalities prescribed by the Copyright Act, 1913, by reason of conditions arising out of the war :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand, and in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by the Copyright Act, 1913, doth hereby direct as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Copyright (United States of America) Order 1946.

2. This Order shall come into force on the date of the notification in the *Gazette* of the making thereof.

3. The Copyright Act, 1913, shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act and of this Order, apply to works first published in the United States of America during the period commencing on the 3rd day of September, 1939, and ending one year after the termination of the present war, which have not been republished in New Zealand within fourteen days of the publication in the United States of America, in like manner as if they had been first published within New Zealand:

Provided that the enjoyment by any such work of the rights conferred by the Copyright Act, 1913, shall be conditional upon publication of the work within New Zealand not later than one year after the termination of the present war, and shall commence from and after such publication, which shall not be colourable only, but shall be intended to satisfy the reasonable requirements of the public.

4. The provisions of section 52 of the Copyright Act, 1913, as to the delivery of books to the General Assembly Library, shall apply to works to which this Order relates upon their publication in New Zealand.

5. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as depriving any work of any rights which have been lawfully acquired under the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1913, or any Order in Council thereunder.

6. Where any person has, before the commencement of this Order, taken any action whereby he has incurred any expenditure or liability in connection with the reproduction or performance of any work which at the time was lawful, or for the purpose of or with a view to the reproduction or performance of a work at a time when such reproduction or performance would, but for the making of this Order, have been lawful, nothing in this Order shall diminish or prejudice any rights or interest arising from or in connection with such action which were subsisting and valuable at the said date, unless the person who by virtue of this Order becomes entitled to restrain such reproduction or performance agrees to pay such compensation as, failing agreement, may be determined by arbitration.

W. O. HARVEY,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 24th day of April, 1947.

These regulations are administered in the Patent and Copyright Office.