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In re STUART GIMBEL and GROW INVESTMENTS. CEA Docket No. 228. Decided January
8, 1975.

Floor broker -- excessive speculative trading in shell egg futures -- Reporting requirements -- failure to comply with -- Attempting to conceal certain trades -- Reports -- false and incorrect -- Sanctions

The stipulation of respondents has been accepted and the order herein is issued against them for wilful violations of the Act and regulations in exceeding the speculative daily trading limits, attempting to conceal certain trades, filing of false reports and failing to comply with the reporting requirements of the Act. Respondents are ordered to cease and desist from such violations, and the registration of respondent Stuart Gimbel as a floor broker under the Act is revoked. Said respondent is denied trading privileges on all contract markets for a period of one year as set forth in the order herein. And the registration of respondent Grow Investments as a commission merchant under the Act is suspended for a period of six (6) months. This respondent is denied trading privileges on all contract markets during the period of such suspension as set forth in the order herein.

Herbert R. Bader, for complainant.

Harry Fortes, Chicago, Ill., for respondents.

Decision by John A. Campbell, Administrative Law Judge.

DECISION AND ORDER

This is an administrative proceeding under the Commodity Exchange Act, "the Act" (7 U.S.C. \S 1 et seq.), instituted by a complaint and notice of hearing, alleging that the respondent Stuart Gimbel, a registered floor broker under the Act and a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, violated both the speculative daily trading limit in shell egg futures and the

reporting requirement under the Act. Such acts were alleged to have been wilful and in violation of sections 4a, 4g, 4i and 6(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 6a, 6g, 6i and 9) and sections 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 18.00, 18.01 and 18.03 of the regulations thereunder (17 CFR §§ 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 18.00, 18.01 and 18.03). Respondent Grow Investments was alleged to have aided and abetted respondent Gimbel in such violations by allowing him to attempt to conceal certain trades in question in the partnership house account and in the Jeffrey Greengoss account, which was carried by Grow Investments and under section 13 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 13c). Grow Investments is responsible for such violations as a principal.

Prior to hearing the respondents agreed to a stipulation under section 0.4(b) of the Rules of Practice (17 CFR 0.4(b)) in which they (1) admit the facts hereunder as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 of the findings of fact, (2)

waive oral hearing on the charges in the complaint issued herein and consent to the entry, without further proceedings, of a Decision and Order containing (1) the facts admitted in such stipulation as the findings of fact, (2) conclusions of law based on such findings, and (3) the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- (1) Respondent Stuart Gimbel, an individual whose business address is 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60606, is now and has been since December 29, 1969, a registered floor broker under the Commodity Exchange Act ("the Act"), and a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- (2) Respondent Grow Investments, a partnership whose address is the same as that of the individual respondent, is now and has been since July 29, 1970, a registered futures commission merchant under the Act and is now and has been since January 4, 1970, a clearing member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Respondent Gimbel is now and was at all times material herein a partner of respondent Grow Investments;
- (3) At all times material herein the Chicago Mercantile Exchange was a duly designated contract market for shell egg futures under the Act;
- (4) At all times material herein the speculative daily trading limit in shell ege futures as fixed by the Commodity Exchange Commission was one hundred and fifty (150) carlots in any one future or all futures combined;
- (5) On December 3, 1969 and December 5, 1969 respondent Gimbel, trading for his personal accounts at Woodstock, Inc., and Time Trading Company, made speculative purchases of 163 and 161 carlots and speculative sales of 141 and 144 carlots, respectively, in shell egg futures, in all futures combined, on or subject to the rules of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, as follows:

			Contracts		Contr	acts	Total	
			placed	into	placed	into	contracts	
			Stuart G	Stuart (Gimbel	placed into		
Date		account at		account at		the Gimbel		
		Woodstock Inc.		Time Trading		accounts		
					Compa	any		
			Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold
December	3,	1969	18		145	141	163	141
December	5,	1969	2	1	159	143	161	144

(6) During the periods January 13, 1970 through January 30, 1970 and March 17, 1970 through March 19, 1970, respondent Gimbel, placing his trades into his account (account number 00060) and into the account of Jeffrey Greengoss, then a partner of respondent Grow Investments, (account number 00080), at Grow Investments, exceeded the speculative daily trading limit in shell egg futures on or subject to the rules of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, as follows:

ALL FUTURES COMBINED

		Contra	acts	Contra	acts			
			into	placed	into			
		the St	uart	the Jef	ffrey	Total		
		Gimbel		Greengoss		contracts		
ate		(account No.		account				
		0060))	(accoun	t No.			
				0008	0)			
		Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	
13,	1970	151	113	93	92	244	205	
14,	1970	155	112	99	95	254	207	
15,	1970	137	140	158	158	295	298	
16,	1970	87	148	121	121	208	269	
19,	1970	164	139	93	93	257	232	
20,	1970	140	142	108	90	248	232	
21,	1970	127	125	77	72	204	197	
22,	1970	134	144	141	142	275	286	
23,	1970	162	140	23	34	185	174	
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Date	Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel (account No. 0060)	Contracts placed into the Jeffrey Greengoss account (account No. 00080)	Total contracts	
January 26, 1970 January 28, 1970 January 30, 1970 March 17, 1970 March 18, 1970 March 19, 1970	Bought Sold 51 140 138 134 142 130 141 165 112 130 72 94	Bought Sold 124 124 97 90 37 37 147 146 90 132	Bought Sold 175 264 235 224 179 167 288 311 202 262 147 169	
See original docu	ment-page 3 Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel (account No. 0060)	the Jeffrey Greengoss	Total contracts	
	Bought Sold FEBRUARY, 19	,	Bought Sold	
January 15, 1970 January 16, 1970 January 19, 1970 January 20, 1970 January 22, 1970	116 116 48 88 96 93 96 92 35 35 MARCH, 1970	86 86 111 111 73 73 64 64 125 113	202 202 159 199 169 166 160 156 160 148	
March 17, 1970 March 18, 1970	139 143 100 101		285 289 166 188	

(7) During the period June 6, 1972 through November 17, 1972, respondent Gimbel, exceeded the speculative daily trading limits in all futures combined, in shell egg futures, on or subject to the rules of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, as follows:

See original Date	Contra placed the St Gimb accou at Gr	Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account		Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account at King and		placed into the Grow Investments house account			
				(account		(account No. 100)			
	·		No. 40		110. 1	00,			
	Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	Bought	Sold	
June 6, 1972	152	141	_	_	_	_	152	141	
June 8, 1972	144	154	_	_	_	15	144	169	
June 22, 1972	154	140	_	_	_	_	154	140	
July 11, 1972	150	120	_	_	10	_	160	120	
July 14, 1972	150	146	_	_	5	2	155	148	
July 17, 1972	141	136	13	_	_	7	154	143	
July 20, 1972	142	145	13	_	_	_	155	145	
July 28, 1972		148	_	13	_		150	161	
July 31, 1972		144	13	-	_		166	144	
August 1, 197		147	_	-	10		151	147	
August 3, 197		150	_	_	_		148	160	
August 4, 197		153	_	_	_		150	153	
August 8, 197	2 154	143	_	_	10	10	164	153	

Date	Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account at Grow Investments (account No. 00060)		Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account at King and King (account No. 40010)		Contracts placed into the Grow Investments house account (account No. 100)		Total contracts	
August 17, 1972 August 24, 1972 August 28, 1972 August 31, 1972 Sept. 7, 1972 Sept. 8, 1972 Sept. 12, 1972 Sept. 15, 1972 Sept. 19, 1972 Sept. 20, 1972 Sept. 21, 1972 Sept. 21, 1972 Sept. 22, 1972 Oct. 19, 1972	Bought 141 150 145 149 136 148 146 166 152 127 151 153	,		,	Bought 15 - 12 10	20 10 17 10 - - -	Bought 141 150 160 149 136 160 156 166 152 127 151 153	Sold 159 151 177 153 166 157 152 162 137 156 152 144 153
See original doo	cument-page 5 Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account at Grow Investments (account No. 00060)		Contracts placed into the Stuart Gimbel account at King and King (account No. 40010)		Contracts placed into the Grow Investments house account (account No. 100)		Tota contra	acts
Oct. 23, 1972 Oct. 24, 1972 Oct. 25, 1972 Oct. 27, 1972 Nov. 17, 1972	Bought 139 146 132 139 151	Sold 149 139 138 142 147	Bought	Sold - - - - 10	Bought 11 10 15 15	10 11 15 15	Bought 150 156 147 154 151	Sold 159 150 153 157

(8) On the dates listed below respondent Gimbel owned or controlled 25 contracts in a single shell egg future and was thereby required to file series 503 report forms, albeit, during this period Mr. Gimbel failed to file such reports.

Dates That Respondent Gimbel Failed

To File a 503 Report

December 5, 1969

June 23, 1972

July 6, 1972

July 10, 1972

July 11, 1972

August 7, 1972

August 8, 1972

August 9, 1972

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August 14, 1972
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August 15, 1972

August 16, 1972

September 1, 1972

November 17, 1972

(9) On the dates listed below respondent Gimbel owned or controlled 25 contracts in a single shell egg future and was thereby required to file series 503 report forms. On these dates respondent Gimbel filed such reports but such reports were false and inaccurate.

Dates That Stuart Gimbel Filed A

False or Inaccurate 503 Report

January 14, 1970

January 15, 1970

January 16, 1970

January 23, 1970

January 26, 1970

January 28, 1970

January 29, 1970

March 17, 1970

March 18, 1970

March 19, 1970

June 9, 1972

June 14, 1972

June 15, 1972

June 16, 1972

July 18, 1972

August 10, 1972

August 11, 1972

(10) At all times material herein, respondent Grow Investments, aided and abetted respondent Gimbel in such violations, as alleged above, by allowing him to attempt to

conceal certain of the trades in question in the partnership house account and in the Jeffrey Greengoss account, which was carried by respondent Grow Investments.

CONCLUSIONS

By reason of the facts described above respondent Gimbel wilfully violated sections 4a, 4g, 4i and 6(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 6a, 6g, 6i and 9) and sections 15.01, 15.02, 15.08, 18.00, 18.01 and 18.03 of the regulations thereunder (17 CFR §§ 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 18.00, 18.01 and 18.03) and respondent Grow Investments by aiding and abetting respondent Gimbel in such violations is responsible for such violations as a principal under section 13 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 13c).

ORDER

- 1. Effective upon the date of service of this order the respondents, Stuart Gimbel and Grow Investments, shall cease and desist from (1) exceeding the speculative trading or position limits fixed by the Orders of the Commodity Exchange Commission, (2) wilfully making any false or misleading statements of a material fact in any report filed under the Commodity Exchange Act, and (3) failing to file any report which is due under the Commodity Exchange Act.
 - 2. Effective upon the twentieth day after the date of entry of this order:
- (a) The registration of respondent Stuart Gimbel as floor broker is hereby revoked, and
- (b) Respondent Stuart Gimbel is prohibited from trading on or subject to the rules of any contract market for a period of one year, and all contract markets shall refuse all trading privileges to respondent Gimbel during this period. Such prohibition and refusal shall apply to all such trading done and positions held directly by the respondent, Stuart Gimbel, either for his own account or as the agent or representative of any other person or firm, and also to all such trading done through, and to all positions held indirectly by persons or firms owned wholly or in substantial amount by said respondent, or in any way subject to his discretion or control, wholly or substantially.
 - 3. Effective upon the twentieth day after the date of entry of this order:
 - (a) The registration of respondent Grow Investments as

futures commission merchant is hereby suspended for a period of six (6) months, and

- (b) Respondent Grow Investments is prohibited from trading on or subject to the rules of any contract market for a period of six (6) months, and all contract markets shall refuse all trading privileges to respondent Grow Investments during this period. Such prohibition and refusal shall apply to all such trading done and positions held directly by the respondent Grow Investments, either for its account or as the agent or representative of any other person or firm, and also to all such trading done through, and to all positions held indirectly by persons or firms owned wholly or in substantial amount by said respondent, or in any way subject to its discretion or control, wholly or substantially.
- 4. The prohibition from trading and suspension of registration set forth in paragraph 3 above shall not become effective unless respondent Grow Investments shall have violated the Commodity Exchange Act or the regulations issued thereunder within one year from the date of issuance of this Order by reason of facts other than those constituting the basis for the charges brought in this proceeding. In the event such subsequent violation should be found to have occurred after complaint and notice of hearing in accordance with the Act and the regulations thereunder a supplemental Order may be issued in this proceeding, without further notice, making effective the prohibition and suspension set forth in paragraph 3 above. Such Order shall be in addition to any sanction which may be imposed as a result of such subsequent violation.

A copy of this Decision and Order shall be served on each of the respondents and on each contract market.

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