

WHEREAS by virtue of a proclamation by the President of the United States of America dated February 9, 1917 (39 Stat. 1915), the citizens of New Zealand are, and since December 1, 1916, have been, entitled to the benefits of section 1 (e) of the aforesaid act of March 4, 1909 :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the aforesaid act of September 25, 1941, do declare and proclaim :

That with respect to (1) works of citizens of New Zealand which were first produced or published outside the United States of America on or after September 3, 1939, and subject to copyright under the laws of the United States of America, including works subject to *ad interim* copyright and (2) works of citizens of New Zealand subject to renewal of copyright under the laws of the United States of America on or after September 3, 1939, there has existed during several years of the time since September 3, 1939, such disruption or suspension of facilities essential to compliance with the conditions and formalities prescribed with respect to such works by the copyright laws of the United States of America as to bring such works within the terms of the aforesaid act of September 25, 1941 ; and that accordingly the time within which compliance with such conditions and formalities may take place is hereby extended with respect to such works until the day on which the President of the United States of America shall, in accordance with that act, terminate or suspend the present declaration and proclamation.

It shall be understood that the term of copyright in any case is not and cannot be altered or affected by this proclamation, and that, as provided by the aforesaid act of September 25, 1941, no liability shall attach under the Copyright Act for lawful uses made or acts done prior to the effective date of this proclamation in connection with the above-described works, or in respect to the continuance for one year subsequent to such date of any business undertaking or enterprise lawfully undertaken prior to such date involving expenditure or contractual obligation in connection with the exploitation, production, reproduction, circulation or performance of any such work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America and one hundred and seventy-first.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(Seal)

By the President :

DEAN ACHESON
Acting Secretary of State.

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