PRODUCT: 484 bags, each containing 100 pounds, of shelled peanuts at Seattle, Wash, in possession of the Pacific Food Products Co.

The peanuts were stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. The bags were rodent-cut and contained rodent excreta and urine stains. Examination of samples showed that the product was contaminated with rodent hairs and rodent excreta.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: February 26, 1944. The Pacific Food Products Co., Seattle, Wash., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond to be brought into compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. The product was pressed into oil and the residue disposed of for poultry feed.

6548. Adulteration of shelled peanuts. U. S. v. 17 Bags and 37 Bags of Shelled Peanuts. Default decree of condemnation. Product ordered delivered to the National Zoological Park. (F. D. C. No. 11570. Sample Nos. 58710-F, 58721-F.)

LIBEL FILED: January 4, 1944, District of Columbia.

Product: 54 bags of shelled peanuts at Washington, D. C., in the possession of M. B. Frazier & Son.

The product was stored under insanitary conditions after shipment. A mouse nest containing dead mice was noted in one lot, and the bags were rodent-cut. Examination of samples showed rodent excreta, rodent hair fragments, insects, insect fragments, and insect excreta.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

Disposition: April 5, 1944. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered delivered to the National Zoological Park.

6549. Adulteration of shelled peanuts. U. S. v. 105 Bags of Shelled Peanuts. Consent decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 12014. Sample No. 63206–F.)

LIBEL FILED: March 14, 1944, Western District of North Carolina.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 11, 1944, by the South Quay Peanut Co., from Franklin, Va.

Product: 105 bags of shelled peanuts at Charlotte, N. C.

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed substance by reason of the presence of rancid, moldy, and dirty peanuts.

Disposition: April 10, 1944. Milford Pettus and Mary D. Pettus, trading as the J. & J. Candy Co., Charlotte, N. C., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for the segregation and destruction of the unfit portion, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. An amended decree was entered on May 18, 1944, ordering the crushing of the peanuts for the manufacture of oil and peanut cake for feed and fertilizer, under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.

6550. Adulteration of shelled peanuts. U. S. v. 465 Bags of Shelled Peanuts. Decree of condemnation. Product ordered released under bond. (F. D. C. No. 11991. Sample No. 53646-F.)

LIBEL FILED: March 10, 1944, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about May 28, 1943, by the Bain Peanut Co. of Texas, from San Antonio, Tex.

PRODUCT: 465 bags of shelled peanuts, each bag weighing approximately 105 pounds, at Los Angeles, Calif.

VIOLATION CHARGED: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of live and dead insects, webbing, frass, and insect excreta.