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ASL INSTITUTES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST U.S.S.F.

CLEVELAND, OHIO--Commissioner Robert J. Cousy, of the American Soccer League, revealed over the weekend that his organization started a civil action against the United States Soccer Federation for violations under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The action was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District in Cleveland, Ohio by League Counsel Donald A. Insul.

Cousy, revealing the ASL's action, explained, "Our League, in late 1975 and early 1976, expanded its operation to the West Coast. This expansion is an outgrowth of the burgeoning interest in professional soccer. It was and is our intention to permit the presentation of ASL professional soccer to a broader spectrum of the American sports viewing public, and thereby enable the ASL to compete with the NASL in the national professional soccer market.

"Our expansion procedure conformed with U.S.S.F. rules which were applicable to the ASL. The U.S.S.F. has recently disavowed the applicability of the ASL expansion rules and has assessed the ASL an unreasonable amount and is insisting on payment in order to retain our standing in the U.S.S.F.", concluded Cousy.

A hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction on the part of the ASL will be heard in Cleveland, Ohio on the morning of April 2.

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