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J. P. HOWELL & CO. REVOKED. In a decision announced today under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8067), the SEC revoked the broker-dealer registration of J. P. Howell & Co., Inc., New York, and barred Michael LaMarca, president and a principal stockholder, and Stephen Negri and Edward Vanasco, salesmen, from further association with any securities firm.

The Commission's action sustained the initial decision of the hearing examiner from which the respondents had appealed. The Commission found, as had the examiner, that respondents violated the antifraud provisions of the Securities Acts in the offer and sale of stock of Puritan Chemical Corp. from June 1961 to July 1962 by participating in a concerted high pressure sales campaign which included the making of misleading representations and predictions concerning, among other things, the future market price of Puritan stock and Puritan's financial condition and prospects.

Two Howell's salesmen who did not seek review of the hearing examiner's initial decison have previously been barred.

SOUTH FLORIDA CITRUS PROPOSES OFFERING. South Florida Citrus Industries, Inc., 135 Madeira Ave., Coral Gables, Florida, filed a registration statement (File 2-26656) with the SEC on May 29 seeking registration of 260 5-acre units of orange groves. The units are to be offered for public sale at \$8,900 per unit on a best efforts basis through company employees who will receive a maximum selling commission of 10%.

A production participation agreement provides that Food Corporation of America may serve as marketing agent. The agreement obligates the grower to sell all of his fruit to the marketing agent and requires the marketing agent to pick, process and/or sell the produce of the land for a period of fifteen years. The purchaser will select a grove caretaker of his choice. Jack A. Freeman is president of both South Florida Citrus and Food Corporation of America. The Freeman family owns all of the outstanding stock of South Florida Citrus; and the Jack A. Freeman Trust and the Jules Freeman Trust each owns 50% of the common shares of Food Corporation of America.

BELDEN & BLAKE FILES FOR OFFERING. Belden & Blake and Company Limited Partnership No. 20, 702

Tuscarawas St., West, Canton, Ohio 44702, filed a registration statement (File 2-26664) with the SEC on May 31 seeking registration of 100 units of participation in the partnership, to be offered for public sale at \$2,700 per unit. The partnership was organized under Ohio law for the purpose of drilling oil and gaswell locations in Ohio, where certain acreage can be acquired from Belden & Blake Oil Production, a general partnership. The latter is 75%-owned by Henry S. Belden, III, and Glenn A. Blake, general partners in the limited partnership. Belden and Blake will operate the business of the limited partnership.

ILLINOIS BELL FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL. Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 225 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois 60606, filed a registration statement (File 2-26666) with the SEC on June 2 seeking registration of \$125,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, due 1998, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding.

A telephone utility, the company will apply the net proceeds of its bond sale toward the repayment of some \$175,000,000 of advances from its parent, American Telephone and Telegraph Company. James W. Cook is president.

BORDEN COMPANY FILES FOR DEBENTURE OFFERING. The Borden Company, 350 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017, filed a registration statement (File 2-26668) with the SEC on June 2 seeking registration of \$75,000,000 of sinking fund debentures, due 1997. The debentures are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Morgan Stanley & Co., Two Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10005. The interest rate, offering price, and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the purchase, manufacture, processing and distribution of dairy, food, chemical and other products. Net proceeds from the debenture sale will be used to reduce bank borrowings (estimated at \$41,000,000) and the balance used for general corporate purposes. The company's 1966 capital expenditures for plant and equipment were approximately \$48,400,000. It is expected that capital expenditures will continue at similar or at higher levels for the next several years. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 27,435,459 capital shares. Francis R. Elliott is board chairman and Augustine R. Marusi is president.

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED FILES EXCHANGE PROPOSAL. Lincoln Consolidated, Inc., 711 Polk Ave., Houston, Texas 77002, filed a registration statement (File 2-26669) with the SEC on June 1 seeking registration of 1,825,861 shares of common stock. Of this stock, 1,765,609 shares are to be offered in exchange for all of the outstanding stock of Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company, on a share-for-share basis. The company is registering the remaining 60,252 shares to cover any outstanding options of Lincoln Liberty. The exchange offer is conditioned upon the acceptance thereof by the holders of at least 80% of the common stock of Lincoln Liberty.

Organized under Nevada law in May 1967, the company proposes to engage in the life insurance business through its acquisition of Lincoln Liberty. The prospectus states that the company may also acquire Funds Consolidated, Inc., which owns the outstanding stock of Funds, Inc., a mutual fund management company. In

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addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 100 common shares. Lloyd M. Bentsen and Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., are board chairman and president, respectively, of the company and Lincoln Liberty.

GEARHART-OWEN PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING. Gearhart-Owen Industries, Inc., South Expressway and Everman Road, P. O. Box 1936, Fort Worth, Texas 76101, filed a registration statement (File 2-26670) with the SEC on June 1 seeking registration of \$3,000,000 of 6% convertible subordinated debentures, due 1982. The debentures are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Van Alstyne, Noel & Co., Four Albany Street, New York, N.Y., which will receive a 6% selling commission.

The company is primarily a producer of various products sold mainly to independent wireline companies which service the petroleum industry. In April 1967 it acquired an option to purchase all of the outstanding capital stock of Pengo Manufacturing Co., Inc., and Petersen Engineering Co., Inc. (two related California corporations collectively referred to as "Pengo"). Pengo Manufacturing designs, assembles and sells earth-boring augers, replaceable teeth for augers and earth-moving equipment, and tension stringing equipment and accessories. Petersen is a sales corporation. Of the net proceeds from the debenture sale, \$700,000 will be used for the purchase of the stock of Pengo, \$450,000 for the prepayment of five years' royalties and short-term debt of Pengo, and \$1,000,000 for the repayment of Gearhart-Owen's short-term notes; \$100,000 will be added to the capitalization of Hydra-Pull Corporation, a 66%-owned subsidiary; and the balance will be added to working capital. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 739,037 common shares, of which management officials own 25%. Harrold D. Owen is president.

PURITAN FASHIONS FILES FOR SECONDARY. Puritan Fashions Corporation, 1400 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
10018, filed a registration statement (File 2-26672) with the SEC on June 1 seeking registration of 40,800 outstanding shares of common stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale from time to time by the present holders thereof, on the American Stock Exchange or otherwise, at prices current at the time of sale (\$9.75 per share maximum\*).

The company manufactures wearing apparel. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 1,398,138 common shares, of which management officials own about 31%. Carl Rosen is president and Miles Rubin is board chairman. The selling stockholders are Allen & Company Inc. and Donald H. Newman, who propose to sell all of their holdings of 36,720 and 4,080 shares, respectively.

IOWA-ILLINOIS GAS PROPOSES OFFERING. Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, 206 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, filed a registration statement (File 2-26675) with the SEC on June 2 seeking registration of \$22,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, due 1997, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding.

A gas and electric utility, the company will use the net proceeds in connection with its construction program, which is estimated at \$32,000,000 for 1967 and at \$94,000,000 for 1968-70.

GROLIER FILES FOR DEBENTURE OFFERING. Grolier Incorporated, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022, filed a registration statement (File 2-26677) with the SEC on June 2 seeking registration of \$30,000,000 of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1987, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Dominick & Dominick, Inc., 14 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10005. The interest rate, public offering price, and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged primarily in the writing, publication and sale of encyclopedias and reference books. Net proceeds of this financing will be used to retire short-term bank loans and commercial paper and for general corporate purposes, including increased working capital requirements. In addition to indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 1,860,937 common and 458,922 Class B common shares, of which Fred P. Murphy, director, owns .7% and 66.9%, respectively. Edward J. McCabe, Jr., is board chairman, and William J. Murphy is president.

CITY OF MONTREAL FILES FOR OFFERING. The City of Montreal, Canada, filed a registration statement (2-26678) with the SEC on June 2 seeking registration of \$40,000,000 of sinking fund debentures, due 1992, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by White, Weld & Co., 20 Broad St., New York 10005, and Lehman Brothers, One William St., New York 10004. The interest rate, public offering price, and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Proceeds of the offering will be applied toward the cost of public works or the repayment of interim borrowings incurred in connection with such public works.

SEC ENTERS RIKER DELAWARE PROCEEDING. The SEC has filed notice of appearance in Chapter X proceedings for the reorganization of Riker Delaware Corporation, and its twenty subsidiaries, pending in the United States District Court in Camden, N.J. The Debtor's voluntary petition for reorganization was filed on April 21, 1967. Judge Thomas M. Madden approved the petition and appointed Charles G. Palumbo and Grover C. Richman, Jr., as Trustees.

The company, incorporated in Delaware in 1962, is a holding company operating subsidiaries engaged in real estate development and rentals, retail sales financing, and insurance sales. As at January 31, 1967, the company listed total consolidated assets of \$25,575,000 including net receivables on land contracts of \$4,868,000, net receivables due wholly-owned finance companies of \$3,304,000, and investments in real estate carried at \$7,665,000. Its consolidated liabilities were \$25,775,000. According to the petition the company has outstanding 20,000 shares of Series A and 9,000 shares of Series B preferred stock as well as 276,109 shares of Class A and 243,921 shares of Class B common stocks outstanding. Over 90% of the Class A common is publicly-held.

AMERICAN EQUITIES FUND DEREGISTERED. The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-4975) declaring that American Equities Fund, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis., has ceased to be an investment company and that its registration as such is no longer in effect.

FRED M. FRAZIER SEEKS ORDER. Fred M. Frzier, Twin Falls, Idaho, president and director of National Western Fund, Inc., has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act exempting from the provisions of Section 17(a) of the Act his purchase from the Fund of 3,500 shares of stock of Circle Corporation at a price of \$11,453.75; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-4976) giving interested persons until June 19 to request a hearing thereon.

The Fund purchased the 3,500 shares of Circle stock on July 6, 1966, for \$12,153.75, including brokerage commissions. The application states that this investment was improper for the Fund in that the purchase was not authorized and that Circle was not the type of company in which the Fund should have invested. On February 21, 1967, pursuant to a resolution of the Fund's board of directors, Frazier paid \$11,453.75 to the Fund for the 3,500 shares of Circle stock. The sale price constituted the purchase price of \$12,153.75 less a \$700 return of capital paid to the Fund on September 20, 1966. The application states that there is no market for the Circle stock and that financial or other information has not been obtainable concerning Circle. Since January 7, 1967, the Fund's board of directors has assigned no value to the stock for the purpose of computing the Fund's net asset value. The February 21 transaction between Frazier and the Fund was conditioned upon the issuance of an order by the Commission exempting the transaction from the provisions of Section 17(a) of the Act which prohibit an affiliated person of a registered investment company from purchasing any security from such company in the absence of an order of exemption.

MICHIGAN WISCONSIN PIPE LINE SEEKS ORDER. Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, Detroit, Mich., has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act authorizing it to sell \$72,000,000 of notes to banks; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-15759) giving interested persons until July 3 to request a hearing thereon. Proceeds of the notes will be used to prepay presently outstanding \$15,000,000 of notes payable to banks due September 30, 1967, and to partially finance the company's 1967 construction program, estimated at \$65,000,000. The application states that Michigan Wisconsin will apply the net proceeds from any permanent debt financing effected prior to the maturity of the notes in reduction of, or in total payment of, the notes, and that the aggregate principal amount of the notes authorized under this filing will be reduced by the amount of the net proceeds of the permanent debt financing.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC RECEIVES ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-15760) authorizing Blackstone Valley Electric Company, Pawtucket, R.I., a public-utility subsidiary company of Eastern Utilities Associates, to sell at competitive bidding \$7,000,000 of first mort-gage and collateral trust bonds (due 1997). Blackstone will use the net proceeds from the sale of the bonds to prepay, in part or in whole without premium, its short-term notes to banks and/or to EUA, which were issued to provide funds for the purchase of securities of Montaup Electric Company and for construction.

FIRMER R. WALKLEY ENJOINED. The SEC Seattle Regional Office announced May 26 (LR-3732) the filing of a complaint (USDC, Spokane) seeking to enjoin Firmer R. Walkley of Spokane, Washington, from violations of the registration provisions of the Securities Act in the sale of stock of Silver Mountain Exploration Company. On May 25 the court entered a decree of permanent injunction enjoining Walkley from violations of the registration provisions of the Act. The injunction was entered pursuant to a stipulation.

UNLISTED TRADING APPROVED. The SEC has issued orders under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8093) granting the following applications: (1) applications of the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stocks of Braniff Airways, Incorporated (Warrants for \$1.25 par common stock), Burndy Corporation, Cenco Instruments Corporation, Corning Glass Works, Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation, and World Airways, Inc.; (2) application of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange for such privileges in the common stock of Emery Industries, Inc.; and (3) applications of the Boston Stock Exchange for such privileges in the common stocks of Link-Belt Company, Scientific Data Systems, Inc., Solitron Devices, Inc., Swank, Inc., TRW Incorporated, Anchor Hocking Glass Corporation, Bucyrus-Erie Company, The Flying Tiger Line, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, Ingersoll-Rand Company, and Walter Kidd & Company, Inc.

FILING RULE AMENDED. The SEC today announced an amendment of Rule 15Ag-1(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Release 34-8096) to increase from three to seven the required number of copies to be filed of applications for review of disciplinary action by a registered securities association. This increase in the number of copies to be filed will permit necessary distribution without additional copies being made.

AXE COMPANIES SEEK TEMPORARY EXEMPTION. The SEC has issued an order (Release IC-4980) under the Investment Company Act giving interested persons until June 16 to request a hearing on an application filed by the following companies for temporary exemption from certain provisions of the Act: Axe Houghton Fund A, Inc., Axe-Houghton Fund B, Inc., Axe-Houghton Stock Fund, Inc., Axe Science Corporation, and Foursquare Fund, Inc.; E. W. Axe & Co., Inc., which is the investment adviser to Fund A, Fund B, and Stock Fund and may be deemed to be a sub-adviser to Science Fund, for which it acts as research agent; Axe-Science Management Company, Inc., the investment adviser to Science Fund; and Axe Securities Corporation, the principal underwriter for each of the five funds. The application requests an exemption with respect to services provided to the Funds by Axe & Co., Axe Science Management, and Axe Securities during a period following the death of Ruth H. Axe, a controlling person of such companies, without approval by a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Funds of new underwriting and investment-advisory contracts or approval of such services by a majority of the unaffiliated directors of the Funds.

RECENT FORM 8-K FILINGS. The companies listed below have filed Form 8-K reports for the month indicated and responding to the item of the Form specified in parentheses. Photocopies thereof may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Section (please give News Digest's "Issue No." in ordering). Invoice will be included with the requested material when mailed. An index of the captions of the several items of the form was included in the June 1 News Digest.

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