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**FIRST SPRINGFIELD CORP. REVOKED.** In a decision announced today under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8017), the Commission revoked the broker-dealer registration of First Springfield Corporation, Springfield, Ill., and found John G. Beechler, president and principal stockholder, a cause of such revocation. The respondents submitted an offer of settlement consenting to the order provided that such findings would not constitute a bar to the employment of Beechler in the securities business in a non-supervisory capacity upon a showing of appropriate supervision.

Based on the allegations in the order for proceedings and the stipulations in the offer of settlement, the Commission found that in 1965 and 1966 the firm, together with or aided and abetted by Beechler, sold and purchased securities at prices which were unreasonable, engaged in business while it was insolvent in that it was unable to pay its debts as they became due, effected transactions in securities without giving or sending a written notification of confirmation before the completion of a transaction, and made use of funds arising out of free credit balances carried for the accounts of customers without establishing adequate procedures for giving such customers the required written notice. The firm aided or abetted by Beechler, also violated Regulation T of the Federal Reserve System, and the Commission's net capital and record-keeping requirements. In view of certain extenuating circumstances, including that the violations involved herein appear to stem basically from Beechler's inexperience in conducting a securities business, the Commission accepted the settlement offer.

**SOUTHERN CO. SEEKS ORDER.** The Southern Company, Atlanta holding company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act authorizing it to sell approximately \$50,000,000 of common stock at competitive bidding and to purchase additional shares of common stock from three of its electric-utility subsidiaries during 1967. The Commission has issued an order (Release 35-15638) giving interested persons until January 30 to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, Southern will use the net proceeds of its stock sale (together with treasury funds) to pay approximately \$36,000,000 of outstanding short-term bank notes and to purchase the following additional common shares of three subsidiaries: 40,000 shares of Alabama Power Co. for \$4,000,000; 140,000 shares of Georgia Power Co. for \$14,000,000; and 30,000 shares of Mississippi Power Co. for \$3,000,000.

**PENELEC RECEIVES ORDER.** The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-15639) authorizing certain proposed transactions by Pennsylvania Electric Company, Johnstown, Pa., to assist two nonaffiliated coal companies (Helvetia Coal Co. and Helen Mining Co.) to develop mines to supply the coal requirements of a generating station owned in part by Penelec. The generating station, known as the Homer City station, is under construction near Johnstown, Pa.

**THREE STOCK PLANS FILED.** Form S-8 registration statements have been filed with the SEC by the following companies, seeking registration of securities for offering under employee and/or officer stock plans:

Electronic Specialty Co., 4561 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90039 (File 2-25877) (common stock)  
First Investors Corporation and First Investors Life Insurance Company, 120 Wall St., New York 10005  
(File 2-25881) (100,000 shares)

An additional stock plan was filed on Form S-1, as follows:

Laymen Life Insurance Company, 1100 Broadway, Anderson, Ind. (File 2-25882) (37,175 shares)

**WHITWORTH, OTHERS ENTER "NOLO" PLEAS.** The SEC Seattle Regional Office announced December 22 (LR-3630) that Lorraine M. Buhler entered a plea of nolo contendere (USDC, Idaho) to an indictment charging violations of and conspiracy to violate the anti-fraud provisions of the Federal securities laws in the sale of common stock of Rocky Mountain Chemical Corp., and that Robert V. Hansen also entered a nolo contendere plea to a securities fraud count. Edward Eugene Whitworth, Lynn Cary, Fletcher E. Heillesen, Stratford L. Wendelboe, and Irving E. Andersen entered pleas of nolo contendere to an information charging violations of the Commission's Rule 10b-5 in the sale of the Rocky Mountain Chemical stock. Whitworth was fined \$2,500 with all but \$1,000 suspended, payment to commence six months after release from present custody where he is serving a two-year sentence for a securities fraud and conspiracy indictment. Whitworth was placed on probation for two years to commence at the end of his present custody. The cases against Wendelboe, Cary, Andersen and Heillesen were continued pending the furnishing to the court of the defendants' financial statements. Presentence investigation of Buhler and Hansen were ordered.

**WALTER ALAN TSCHIRGI ENTERS NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA.** The SEC Seattle Regional Office announced January 3 (LR-3631) that Walter Alan Tschirgi entered a plea of nolo contendere (USDC, Mont.) to an indictment charging him with violations of the Securities Act anti-fraud provisions in the sale of securities of H. P. Corporation.

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**UNLISTED TRADING SOUGHT.** The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8020) giving interested persons until January 24 to request a hearing on an application of the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stocks of American Optical Company, Braniff Airways Inc. (Nevada), United Utilities, Inc., and Sprague Electric Co.

**DELISTING GRANTED.** The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act (Release 34-8020) granting an application of the San Francisco Mining Exchange to strike from listing and registration the common stock of Apex Minerals Corporation, effective at the opening of business on January 13. The application states that the delisting is based on the company's failure to file a Form 10-K report for 1965 and other required documents with the SEC and the Exchange.

**TEXAS P&L PROPOSES OFFERING.** Texas Power & Light Company, Fidelity Union Life Bldg., Dallas, Tex. 75201 today filed a registration statement (File 2-25885) with the SEC seeking registration of \$30,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, due 1997, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. A subsidiary of Texas Utilities Company, the company will use the net proceeds of its bond sale to repay \$1,200,000 of loans from the parent company, for construction of new facilities (estimated to cost \$50,400,000 in 1967), and for other corporate purposes.

**O/C REGISTRATIONS REPORTED.** The following issuers of securities traded over-the-counter have filed registration statements with the Commission pursuant to requirements of Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act (companies which currently file annual and other periodic reports with the SEC are identified by "\*\*")

<u>File No.</u>	<u>O-</u>	<u>Registrant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>O-</u>	<u>Registrant</u>	<u>Location</u>
2313		Sperti Drug Corp**	S. Fort Mitchell, Ky.	2325		Pioneer Rubber Co	Willard, Ohio
2314		Harris Teeter Super Markets, Inc	Charlotte, N.C.	2326		Nissen Corp**	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2315		Jamaica Water & Utilities Inc.	Jamaica, N.Y.	2327		American Medical Enterprises, Inc	Los Angeles, Calif.
2316		Fashion Tress, Inc**	Miami Beach, Fla.	2328		Consolidated Bowling Corp**	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
2317		Enflo Corp	Naple Shade, N.J.	2329		Shinn Ind., Inc**	Santa Ana, Calif.
2318		Steel Crest Homes, Inc**	King of Prussia, Pa.	2330		Cory Corp**	Chicago, Illinois
2319		General Electrodynamics Corp**	Garland, Texas	2331		Glassmaster Plastics Company	Lexington, S.C.
2320		Thrift, Inc	Denver, Colorado	2332		Chevway Corp**	Chicago, Ill.
2321		Kentucky Barkley Lakes Area Devel. Co	Gilbertsville, Ky.	2333		Electronic Control Systems, Inc	Fairmont, W. Va.
2322		Quality Courts Motels, Inc**	Ormond Beach, Fla.	2334		Matthiessen & Hegeler Zinc Co	Lasalle, Illinois
2323		Paul Revere Corp	Worcester, Mass	2335		Educators Invst. Corp	Columbia, S.C.
2324		Aeroflex Laboratories, Inc	South Service Road, Plainview, L.I.				

**SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS.** Effective January 10: Loral Corporation, 2-25819; Ralston Purina Co., 2-25874. Effective January 11: Bethlehem Steel Corp., 2-25798.