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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEC RELEASES POLICY STATEMENT ON FUTURE MARKET STRUCTURE. The Commission has released its Statement on the Future Structure of the Securities Markets. The report is based on a series of hearings and special studies extending over a period of three and a half years. The latest set of hearings, which began on October 12, 1971 dealt primarily with questions related to the structure, organization and regulation of the securities markets. Essentially the report mandates the formation of a central market system for trading in listed securities. This would assist each buyer or seller of securities in obtaining the best price available, and would be accomplished through a comprehensive market information disclosure system. Artificial impediments to dealing in the best market would be removed and all qualified broker-dealers would have access to all exchanges.

The Commission announced it would move shortly to lower the breakpoint for competitively determined commissions to \$300,000 and noted that broker-dealers would not be discharged of their obligations as to the "suitability" of a securities transaction. It also said it would promptly request the NASD to require its members to cease practices whereby sellers of investment company shares are rewarded with commission business by the funds whose shares they sell.

In the controversial area of institutional membership the Commission said that institutionally-affiliated broker-dealers should be permitted to join exchanges if significantly more than half of their commission business was done for non-affiliated customers. Commissioner Owens dissented on this issue, stating his belief that no transactions should be done for affiliated customers.

Many of the proposals would be implemented by working committees of knowledgeable industry representatives and Commission personnel.

In a statement accompanying publication of the report Chairman Casey said that "The Commission is today issuing a policy statement which undertakes to speak not only to the subjects specified in the hearings held at the end of last year, but also to other still unresolved questions thrashed out in the Commission's hearings going back to 1968. Indeed, our statement on the future structure of the securities markets is the culmination of hearings and studies extending over the last decade. Yet, it is a beginning, for it points the way for the future, a future in which the securities industry and markets will perform an even more vital function in the economy of our country. Beyond that, we visualize the role that this industry has performed in our economy broadening to all the free economies of the world. In reaching our conclusions we tried to preserve that which is good to provide a foundation for improvement in the future.

The members of the Commission have a remarkable degree of unanimity in our view of what the securities markets should look like in the future and on what the Commission should do to guide and assist in evolving in this direction. This statement expresses the unanimous view of all the members of the Commission except that Commissioner Owens takes a different view at one point on the best method of achieving the goals which we all share. All of us fully agree on all the objectives and almost all the means of working toward markets which are public markets, staffed by professionals, retaining the confidence of individual investors that their interests are not neglected, and providing necessary depth and liquidity, by unification and by reliance on competition within the market structure, not outside it."

The Statement of Policy may be secured by writing to the Publications Unit, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D. C. 20549.

UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE CORP., ET AL TRADING SUSPENDED. The SEC announced on February 2 the suspension under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of trading in the over-the-counter market in the securities of Universal Acceptance Corporation, Universal Acceptance Corporation International Ltd., and Pacific American Oil Corporation all located in Dallas, Tex. At a shareholder meeting on November 18, 1971, Universal Acceptance Corporation and Pacific American Oil Corporation apparently merged into a new corporation called Universal Acceptance Corporation International Ltd. However, there is apparently some doubt as to whether or not this merger has become effective. This suspension will last for one ten-day calendar period only and will terminate on February 11, 1972.

The Commission announced that it took this action because of difficulty with purchasers and sellers of the stock of these companies have had in obtaining transfer of their stock certificates in Universal Acceptance Corporation and Universal Acceptance Corporation International Ltd. Apparently, the transfer agent for these companies has resigned and broker-dealers have been reporting an inordinate number of failures to deliver certificates of these stocks. Also, the Commission has been informed by the Secretary of State for Colorado that Universal Acceptance Corporation is no longer a company in good standing in that state, because it has not filed its annual report for 1971. None of these companies, apparently, have assets of any ascertainable value, nor do they have any verifiable business operations. (Rel. 34-9479)

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON RULES 15c3-3 ET AL. The SEC today announced that it has extended the deadline from February 1 to February 15, 1972 for the submission by all interested persons of views and comments on the proposal to adopt Rules 15c3-3 and 15c3-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and to amend Rules 8c-1 and 15c2-1 under that Act, as proposed in Rel. 34-9388.

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COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

CHANGE OF VENUE DENIED AND SUMMARY JUDGMENT GRANTED AGAINST COMPUTER STATISTICS. The SEC announced today that the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia on January 10 denied the Computer Statistics, Inc. of Ft. Worth, Tex. motion for change of venue and granted the Commission's Motion for Summary Judgment against Computer Statistics, Inc. ordering Computer Statistics to be permanently enjoined from failing to file periodic reports in contravention of Section 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. (LR-5306)

TRUSTEE APPOINTED FOR A. H. SIMON SECURITIES. The SEC New York Regional Office announced on January 17 that the Federal court in New York had appointed Winthrop J. Allegaert as trustee for the liquidation of the business of A. H. Simon Securities and had permanently enjoined the Simon firm and Alan H. Simon, its sole proprietor, from violations of the net capital, record keeping and antifraud provisions of the Federal securities law. Alan Simon consented to the court orders on behalf of both defendants. (LR-5308)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

CONSULTANT'S MUTUAL INVESTMENTS. The SEC has issued an order temporarily exempting from January 1, 1972 to the date of the next annual or special meeting of Consultant's Mutual Investments, Inc., Philadelphia mutual fund, from certain provisions of the Act to the extent that those provisions may, because of a proposed change in the form of organization of Burnham & Co., the investment adviser to Consultant's, from a partnership to a corporation, operate to cause the advisory contract between Consultant's and Burnham to terminate. (Rel. IC-6975)

FUND B 701 PARTNERSHIP. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 22 to request a hearing upon an application of Fund B 701 Partnership, Chicago, Ill., for an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. The Partnership has determined that a public offering of its partnership interests is not feasible at this time and has requested withdrawal of its registration under the Securities Act of 1933. The Partnership has issued no securities and has no assets. (Rel. IC-6976)

SYNERCON CORPORATION. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 25 to request a hearing upon an application of Synercon Corporation, Nashville, Tenn., for an order declaring that it is primarily engaged in a business other than that of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. Synercon was organized in September 1969 for the purpose of succeeding to the business of Forrest Life Insurance Company, a general life insurance company. In 1970, Synercon acquired all the outstanding shares of three other operating companies: a general insurance agency, a general insurance agency and brokerage firm, and a data processing service company. In August 1971, Forrest was merged into Republic National Life Insurance Company, a general life insurance company, and Synercon owns 8-1/2% of Republic's outstanding capital stock. While the value of Synercon's investment securities exceeds 40% of its total assets, Synercon states that it is entitled to the requested order because it is primarily engaged directly and through wholly-owned subsidiaries in the insurance marketing, insurance service and data processing businesses. (Rel. IC-6977)

GM SHARES. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 21 to request a hearing upon an application of GM Shares, Inc., Detroit mutual fund, for an order declaring that the Fund has ceased to be an investment company as defined in the Act. According to the application, the Fund was merged into General Motors Corporation on December 31, 1971. (Rel. IC-6978)

STRATFORD FUND. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 21 to request a hearing upon an application of Stratford Fund, Inc., New York mutual fund, for an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. According to the application, the Fund at December 29, 1971, had an aggregate net asset value of \$472,452, and all its outstanding securities were beneficially owned by 95 persons. Since that date the Fund has received 24 additional requests for redemption. The Fund states that it is not now making and does not propose to make any public offering of its securities. The Fund's board of directors plans to call a meeting of its shareholders, after this application may have been granted, to determine whether or not the Fund should be liquidated and dissolved. (Rel. IC-6979)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

MIDDLE SOUTH UTILITIES. The SEC has issued an order authorizing Middle South Utilities, Inc., to increase from \$40 million to \$60 million the amount of unsecured short-term promissory notes it proposes to issue and sell to banks. Net proceeds of its financing will be used to purchase common stock of its subsidiaries, Arkansas Power & Light Company and Louisiana Power & Light Company. The additional \$20 million will be used to purchase an additional 1,600,000 of common stock (\$12.50 par) of Arkansas Power. (Rel. 35-17441)

COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM. The SEC has issued an order upon an application of The Columbia Gas System, Inc. (Columbia), Wilmington, Del., authorizing Columbia Gas Development of Canada, Ltd. (Development), to issue from time to time up to 600,000 shares of common stock (\$25 par) to Columbia for an aggregate initial capitalization of up to \$15 million. Development is being formed under Canadian law to acquire additional gas supply for and to coordinate the program of development for the Columbia system in Canada. (Rel. 35-17442)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 23 to request a hearing upon an application of Northeast Utilities, West Springfield, Mass. holding company, to issue and sell up to \$125 million of short-term notes (including commercial paper). Net proceeds will be used to make capital contributions to The Hartford Electric Light Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company and The Connecticut Light & Power Company, all electric utility subsidiaries of Northeast, and to supply funds as needed to other subsidiaries, if and when authorized by the Commission. (Rel. 35-17447)

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until February 29 to request a hearing upon an application of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Morristown, N. J. subsidiary of General Public Utilities Corporation, to issue and sell 250,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock, Series E (\$100 par), at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of its stock sale will be used to pay short-term bank borrowings, incurred or to be incurred for construction purposes and expected to aggregate \$25 million at the time of the proposed sale, and the balance will be applied to the company's 1972 construction program estimated at \$132 million. (Rel. 35-17448)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

CAR/PUTER INTERNATIONAL CORP., 1603 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11207, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at \$5.50 per share through underwriters headed by A. J. Carno Co. Inc., 42 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10004. The company through subsidiaries is engaged in a number of inter-related activities, based on computerized consumer information services. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$100,000 will be used for advertising and promotion and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42975)

MOLYBDENUM CORPORATION OF AMERICA, 280 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 728,082 shares of common stock and 728,082 warrants to purchase common stock. It is proposed to offer these securities for subscription by common stockholders in units, each consisting of one share and one warrant at the rate of one unit for each three shares held (*and at \$18 per unit maximum). The company is engaged in mining and processing operations. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$3 million will be used in connection with a sinking payment on debentures due in July and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42976)

CONTINENTAL PLASTICS & CHEMICALS, INC., 10 Production Way, Avenel, N. J., filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 120,000 shares of Series A cumulative preferred stock (\$5 par - 8% dividend) and 120,000 common stock purchase warrants, to be offered for public sale in units, each consisting of one share and one warrant. The offering is to be made at \$5 per unit by Michael Investment Co., Inc., Suite 211 Smith Building, 57 Eddy St., Providence, R.I. 02903. The company is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of vinyl sheeting. Net proceeds will be used for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42980)

SENSORMATIC ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, 2040 Sherman St., Hollywood, Fla. 33020, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 70,000 shares of common stock, 17,195 outstanding shares of common stock, and 34,314 outstanding common stock purchase warrants. The 70,000 shares may be issued in connection with the reacquisitions of the company's franchises and dealerships, and the outstanding securities may be offered for sale by the holders thereof from time to time at prices current at the time of sale (\$20 per share maximum). The company is primarily engaged in producing and marketing an electric article surveillance system designed for use primarily by retail stores. (File 42981)

GENERAL RESTAURANTS, INC., 1730 M St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale (*at \$7.50 per share maximum) by Aarsand & Co., 923 15th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. The company owns seven restaurants in the Washington, metropolitan area operated under the name "Emersons Ltd." Net proceeds of its stock sale will be used to reduce outstanding bank loans, for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 3-24982)

INDECON, INC., 300 South Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale (*at \$5 per share maximum) by P & H Associates, Five Hanover Sq., New York, N. Y. 10004. The company was organized in 1968 to develop and market computer programs and furnish related services. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$150,000 will be used to expand the market for its Patient Billing System and to finance the development of additional computer programs in the health care fields and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42983)

JIM WALTER CORPORATION, 1500 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, Fla. 33607, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of \$50 million of sinking fund debentures, due 1997, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Loeb, Rhoades & Co., 42 Wall St., New York, N. Y. 10005. The company is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of building material products and the sale, construction and financing of partially-finished homes. Net proceeds of its debenture sale will be used to repay a portion of outstanding short-term notes. (File 2-42984)

EMPRESS INTERNATIONAL, LTD., 3000 Marcus Ave., Lake Success, N. Y. 11040, filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of 320,000 shares of common stock, of which 160,000 are to be offered for public sale by the company and 160,000 (being outstanding shares) by the holders thereof. The offering is to be made (* at \$15 per share maximum) through underwriters headed by Halle & Stieglitz, Inc., 52 Wall St., New York, N. Y. 10005. The company is engaged in the sale and distribution of imported frozen lobster tails, frozen shrimp and other frozen seafood products. Net proceeds of its stock sale will be used to reduce outstanding short-term indebtedness to banks and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42985)

MICONICS INDUSTRIES, INC., 43-22 36th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11101 filed a registration statement on January 31 seeking registration of \$600,000 of 9% convertible subordinated debentures, due 1982, to be offered for public sale by Chartered New England Corp., 90 Broad St., New York. The company is engaged primarily in the distribution and sale of capacitors and, through a subsidiary, in the manufacture of illuminated panels for aircraft cockpits. Of the net proceeds of the debenture sale, \$200,000 will be used for the carrying of additional inventory and accounts receivable, and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-42979)

MISCELLANEOUS

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 (in ordering, please give month and year of report). 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 February 3 News Digest.

8K Reports for Dec 71

Kinney Services Inc (12)	1-4671-2	See's Candy Shops Inc (1)	0-60-2
Lee Myles Corp Jan 72	2-28567-2	Telepro Inds Inc	
Metro Goldwyn Mayer Inc		Oct 71 (11)	0-2460-2
(2,11,13)	1-2500-2	Texas Inds Inc (13)	1-4887-2
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp			
(13)	1-3660-2	Ashland Oil Canada Ltd	
Packaging Products & Design Corp		(7,13)	1-6489-2
(11,14)	0-5890-2	Chattanooga Gas Co	
Public Service Elec & Gas Co		Oct 71 (11,13)	1-5565-2
(3)	1-973-2	REM Inc (2,14)	0-5132-2
Sperry Rand Corp (12,13)	1-3908-2	Reynolds Securities Inc	
U S Reduction Co Nov 71 (3)	1-5328-2	Nov 71 (7,8,9,13)	1-6800-2
		Scan-Optics Inc	
The Polly Bergen Co		Oct 71 (4,7,13)	0-5265-2
Oct 71 (7)	0-4061-2	Starrett Housing Corp	
Britco Inc (11,13)	2-33412-2	Oct 71 (7)	1-6736-2
Natl Gypsum Co (3)	1-2489-2	American Zinc Co (3,8)	0-5826-2
Penn Central Co Oct 71 (3)	1-6134-2	Carolina Power & Light Co	
RCA Corp (13,14)	1-978-2	Oct 71 (7)	1-3382-2
Wisconsin Natural Gas Co (7)	2-2066-2	Metro Meat Packing Inc (11)	0-4440-2
		Site-Pak Inds Corp	
American Airlines Inc		Oct 71 (3)	1-6156-2
Jan 72 (12,13)	1-2691-2		
Armstrong Cork Co (13)	1-2116-2	Americana Invst Co	
Chromalloy American Corp		Nov 71 (7)	2-38145-2
(4,7,14)	1-5792-2	Belding Hemingway Co Inc	
Noel Inds Inc (7,13)	1-6822-2	(7,8)	1-3462-2
Rusco Inds Inc (13)	1-5087-2		

TRADING SUSPENSIONS CONTINUED. The SEC has ordered the suspension of over-the-counter trading in the common stock of Coatings Unlimited, Inc. and the securities of Continental Vending Machine Corporation for the further ten-day period February 5-14, inclusive.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective February 2: Associates of North America, 2-42334; Cincinnati Financial Corp., 2-42861; Commonwealth Edison Co., 2-42846; Florida Power & Light Co., 2-42820; The Girard Co., 2-42644; B. F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust, 2-42340; Southeastern Telephone Co., 2-42461; Sun City Industries, Inc., 2-42253; UA Cablevision, Inc., 2-42465 (90 days); Tishman Realty & Construction Co., Inc., 2-42838.

NOTE TO DEALERS. The period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus in trading transactions is shown above in parentheses after the name of the issuer.

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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