

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NEWS DIGEST



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The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended December 13, 1957, for the composite and by major industry groups compared with the preceding week and with the highs and lows for 1957, is as follows:

|                          | <u>(1939 = 100)</u> |                | Percent<br><u>Change</u> | <u>1957</u> |            |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
|                          | <u>12/13/57</u>     | <u>12/6/57</u> |                          | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> |
| Composite                | 301.8               | 305.3          | - 1.1                    | 365.0       | 297.9      |
| Manufacturing            | 381.0               | 386.5          | - 1.4                    | 472.5       | 376.7      |
| Durable Goods            | 340.2*              | 347.4          | - 2.1                    | 438.7       | 340.2      |
| Non-Durable Goods        | 418.3               | 422.4          | - 1.0                    | 503.5       | 404.1      |
| Transportation           | 219.8               | 216.9          | + 1.3                    | 317.5       | 216.9      |
| Utility                  | 152.6               | 152.5          | + 0.1                    | 163.5       | 146.1      |
| Trade, Finance & Service | 259.1*              | 262.7          | - 1.4                    | 292.1       | 259.1      |
| Mining                   | 279.1               | 288.6          | - 3.3                    | 402.3       | 276.6      |

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### CENTRAL PUBLIC UTILITY PROPOSES TRANSFER OF MANILA GAS STOCK

Central Public Utility Corporation, New York, N. Y., has applied to the SEC for an order permitting its subsidiary, The Islands Gas and Electric Company, to transfer its stock interest in Manila Gas Company to a newly organized Canadian corporation, Ilanco Ltd.; and the Commission has issued an order (Holding Company Act Release No. 13630) scheduling the application for hearing on December 26, 1957.

According to the application, Islands owns 9,995 shares (approximately 40%) of the outstanding 25,000 shares of Manila Gas stock, par value 100 Philippine pesos per share. The other shares are held in the amount of 15,000 by an Agency of the Philippine Government and 5 by the public. It is proposed by Islands to transfer the 9,995 shares to Ilanco for a cash consideration of \$155.50 (U.S.) per share. Prior thereto, Islands would purchase, at the U. S. dollar equivalent of \$1,550,000 (Canadian), 15,550 shares of \$100 (Canadian) par value capital stock of Ilanco. The transactions are proposed to enable Islands to realize a capital gain of \$1,460,841 which can be offset, not later than December 31, 1957, against an available capital loss carry-forward resulting from the sale of another of its subsidiaries in 1952.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE OF OKLAHOMA STOCK SALE CLEARED

The SEC has issued an order (Holding Company Act Release No. 13631) authorizing Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Tulsa, to issue and sell an additional 350,000 shares of its \$10 par common stock to its parent, Central and South West Corporation, for a cash consideration of \$10 per share. Proceeds are to be used by Public Service for the purpose of financing its business.

## PURCHASES BY GAS INDUSTRIES FUND AND COLONIAL FUND CLEARED

The SEC has issued an order (Investment Company Act Release No. 2643) granting exemption applications filed by Gas Industries Fund, Inc., Boston, and The Colonial Fund, Inc., Boston, with respect to the purchase by the companies of \$300,000 and \$100,000, respectively, of the \$20,000,000 of debentures being offered for public sale by Commonwealth Oil Refining Company, Inc., a Puerto Rican oil refinery.

## COLOMBIA NOTES IN REGISTRATION

Republic of Colombia and Banco de la Republica (Colombia) filed a registration statement (File 2-13794) with the SEC on December 13, 1957, seeking registration of \$15,000,000 of 4% Notes, dated March 1, 1957. The notes, which are the joint and several obligations of the Republic of Colombia and Banco de la Republica, are to be issued Colombian Government decrees providing for the liquidation of claims owing to United States banks and exporters as of December 31, 1956 (initially in the amount of \$172,000,000 but later increased to an estimated \$212,500,000), by payment in respect of such claims of 60% in cash and 40% in notes. The offer of cash and notes is made only to banks and exporters in the United States having claims against banks or importers in Colombia arising out of commercial transactions in cases where such claims had become due and payable as of December 31, 1956. The offer will remain open for acceptance until March 31, 1958, or such longer period as Banco de la Republica may determine.

An earlier registration statement with regard to \$70,000,000 in notes became effective April 16, 1956. As of December 11, 1957, claims in the total aggregate amount of \$185,358,000 had been approved by Banco de la Republica and notes in the approximate amount of \$69,483,000 had been issued. Notes in the amount of approximately \$19,474,000 had matured and been paid, leaving an outstanding balance of approximately \$50,000,000. The notes mature in 30 monthly series.

## PENINSULAR METAL PRODUCTS PROPOSES PREFERRED STOCK OFFERING

Peninsular Metal Products Corporation, Ferndale, Mich., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13795) with the SEC seeking registration of 65,000 shares of 6% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Wm. C. Roney & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

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Net proceeds of the sale of the preferred, together with cash from general corporate funds and \$318,000 of Peninsular's 5% Subordinated Debentures, will be used to purchase 104,500 shares of the capital stock of George L. Nankervis Company, of Detroit, Mich., being all of the outstanding capital shares of Nankervis. Upon such acquisition, Nankervis will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peninsular. The price to be paid for the Nankervis stock is \$15.75 per share, or an aggregate of \$1,645,875. Holders and sellers of the Nankervis stock are Helen M. Nankervis, John Clippert, Mary Sue Clippert, Harold M. Cherry, Ethel Fuller Cherry, Henry W. Grikscheit, Frank E. Kenney, W. E. Stadel, Myrtle (Nankervis) Camp and the Estate of George L. Nankervis, deceased.

Nankervis is engaged in engineering, design and manufacture of dynamic testing equipment and precision liquid flow measuring instruments.

#### COMMERCE OIL REFINING FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL

Commerce Oil Refining Corporation, New York, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13796) with the SEC seeking registration of the following: \$25,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, due September 1, 1968, and 1,200,000 shares of Common Stock, to be offered in units each consisting of a \$1,000 bond and 48 common shares; and \$20,000,000 of Subordinated Debentures, due October 1, 1968, and 1,800,000 shares of Common Stock, to be offered in units each consisting of a \$100 debenture and 9 common shares. The registration statement also includes \$6,000,000 additional amount of First Mortgage Bonds to be pledged as collateral security for an equal amount of Collateral Notes, representing loans agreed to be made by certain banks. The interest rates on the bonds and debentures, together with the public offering prices of the respective units and the underwriting terms of the public offering thereof, are to be supplied by amendment. Lehman Brothers is listed as the principal underwriter.

The company was organized in 1955 for the purpose of constructing and operating a crude oil refinery in the Narragansett Bay area of Rhode Island to supply a part of the demands of the New England marketing area for refined oil products. Funds provided by earlier sales of notes and common shares have been used to pay the expenses of negotiating for and the cost of purchasing substantially all of the site for the refinery and related facilities and to pay salaries and other general expenses. The refinery is to be built at Jamestown, R. I. The maximum total cost of the refinery and related facilities, interest and general expenses during construction and initial training and start-up costs are estimated at \$64,000,000, including \$54,300,000 for plant construction. Of the proceeds of this and the related financing contemplated by the company, it intends to use approximately \$63,400,000 for the construction of the refinery and related facilities, interest and general expenses during construction and initial training and start-up costs, and to add the balance to its general funds for working capital.

#### CADOR PRODUCTION PROPOSES EXCHANGE OF STOCK FOR PROPERTIES

Cador Production Corporation, Far Hills, N. J., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13797) with the SEC seeking registration of 1,680,000 share of 5¢ par common stock. The company proposes to offer 1,600,000 of these shares in exchange for oil properties located in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Kansas and elsewhere, each subscription thereof representing a firm commitment on the part of the subscriber

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to deliver to Cador title to a working interest in an oil property and to accept in payment for same shares of Cador stock, the number of shares to be determined by negotiation as to the fair market value of the oil property with Cador stock being taken at 10¢ per share. Cador Incorporated is listed as the underwriter; and, providing that at least 400,000 shares are issued for property, then the underwriter will be paid as an underwriting commission 5 common shares for each 100 shares issued in exchange for oil properties. If 1,600,000 shares are so issued for oil properties, the underwriter will receive 80,000 shares as its commission. Expenses and costs of the underwriter, including preparing valuations on properties considered for acquisition, expected not to exceed \$30,000, will be borne by the issuing company.

Promoters of the company include the underwriter and James B. Crawley, vice president of the issuer. Assuming issuance of all the 1,680,000 shares, the public will have contributed property equivalent in value to approximately 87% of the tangible assets (cash and property) theretofore paid into the corporation and receive 76.2% of the then outstanding stock, whereas the promoters will have contributed in cash approximately 13% of the tangible assets and receive some 23.8% of the stock.

Addendum to SEC News Digest of Friday, December 13, 1957.

The SEC has temporarily suspended a Regulation A exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to an offering of 200,000 common shares by American Development Corporation, Dover, Delaware, at \$1.50 per share. The Commission's order asserts that the company's offering circular contained false and misleading statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts required to be stated therein and that the offering "would and did operate as a fraud and deceit upon purchasers." For details, see Securities Act Release No. 3876. (Note: This announcement was released through the SEC New York Regional Office on December 13th.)