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Statistical Release No. 1859. The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing price of 300 common stocks for the week ended October 12, 1962, for the composite and by major industry groups compared with the preceding week and with the highs and lows for 1962 is as follows:

	1957-59 = 100		Percent Change	1962	
	10/19/62	10/12/62		High	Low
Composite	113.2	116.2	-2.6	144.3	107.0
Manufacturing	104.3	107.3	-2.8	135.0	98.6
Durable Goods	100.7	104.3	-3.5	135.6	95.2
Non-Durable Goods	107.8	110.1	-2.1	134.4	101.8
Transportation	85.5	87.8	-2.6	111.0	85.5
Utility	153.6	156.9	-2.1	185.5	143.0
Trade, Finance & Service	135.6	138.6	-2.2	178.2	131.4
Mining	90.1	93.3	-3.4	113.3	83.8

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATION STATEMENTS. During the week ended October 18, 1962, 6 registration statements were filed, 27 became effective, 6 were withdrawn, and 506 were pending at the week-end.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL FUND SEEKS ORDER. American Financial Fund, Inc., Washington, D. C., has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-3563) giving interested persons until November 7, 1962 to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, the Fund has not sold any securities and no funds were ever paid into the corporation; its charter has been forfeited; and it is not engaged and does not propose to engage in any business activity as an investment company or otherwise.

COASTAL STATES GAS FILES STOCK PLAN. Coastal States Gas Producing Company, 200 Petroleum Tower, Corpus Christi, Texas, filed a registration statement (File 2-20829) with the SEC on October 19th seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered pursuant to its 1961 Employees' Stock Option Plan.

S.F. MINING EXCHANGE HEARING SCHEDULED. The SEC has scheduled a hearing for December 12, 1962, in its San Francisco Regional Office in the proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether the registration of the San Francisco Mining Exchange should be withdrawn. The July 30, 1962 order authorizing these proceedings recites charges of the Commission's staff that the Exchange has violated the Act and has failed to enforce compliance therewith by its members and companies whose securities are listed thereon.

CORPORATE SECURITIES OFFERINGS. The SEC reports (For A.M. Papers October 23d) that new corporate securities offered for cash sale during the third quarter of 1962 totalled \$2.1 billion, one-third less than in the second quarter. The total is exclusive of mutual fund sales and secondary distributions of stock issues which also fell sharply after the market decline in May.

VIOLATIONS CHARGED TO AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES. The SEC has ordered proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether American-International Securities, Inc., 7755 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, violated certain provisions of that Act and, if so, whether its broker-dealer registration should be revoked.

The said company has been registered with the Commission as a broker-dealer since February 16, 1961. James L. Fallon is president and sole stockholder, and Herbert H. Meyer was secretary-treasurer until about June 21, 1962. In its order, the Commission recites charges of its staff that information developed in an investigation tends to show that the company, aided and abetted by Fallon and Meyer, violated the Commission's net capital rule. Moreover, the company and said persons are permanently enjoined by Federal court order from further violations of the net capital rule. A hearing will be held, at a time and place to be announced, for the purpose of taking evidence to determine whether the staff charges are true and, if so, whether the firm's broker-dealer registration should be revoked. The company is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; and one of the issues in these proceedings is whether it also should be suspended or expelled from NASD membership.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective October 22: Keystone Discount Stores, Inc. (File 2-20404); Worth Financial Corp. (File 2-19998). Withdrawn October 19: The Commercial Trust Co. (File 2-20375); Levine's, Inc. (File 2-19971); Orion Electronic Corp. (File 2-18784).