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**REBA SECURITIES REVOKED.** The SEC today announced a decision under the Securities Exchange Act revoking the broker-dealer registration of Reba Securities, Inc., of New York, and expelling the firm from NASD membership. Morris J. Liss, president, was barred from further association with a broker-dealer firm. Both respondents consented to these sanctions, but without admitting or denying the alleged securities violations which gave rise to the action.

Upon the basis of a stipulated record, the Commission held that during the period April 1966 to January 3, 1967, Reba Securities offered and sold stock of Underwater Storage, Inc. ("USI"), in violation of the anti-fraud provisions of the Federal securities laws. More particularly, the Commission ruled that in the offer and sale of such stock, Reba Securities, together with others, manipulated the market price of the stock by effecting transactions which artificially influenced the market price and created the false appearance of an active market in the stock and by inserting and causing the insertion of fictitious quotations in an inter-dealer quotation system, for the purpose of inducing purchases and sales of such security; offered and sold to customers speculative USI stock without regard to or knowledge of such persons' financial circumstances or investment needs and without having made inquiry as to USI's financial condition and business operations; and made false and misleading representations with respect to such financial condition and business operations, the value of USI's patents, its role in efforts against water pollution, the contracts it would obtain, the safety of an investment in USI stock and the profits to be expected from a rise in the stock's price, and the prevailing market for the stock. The said firm also (1) effected transactions in USI stock at a time when the Commission had suspended trading therein; and (2) violated the Commission's net capital rule. (Release 34-8181)

**LOOMIS-SAYLES MUTUAL RECEIVES ORDER.** The SEC has issued an exemption order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-5140) authorizing Loomis-Sayles Mutual Fund, Incorporated, Boston, to sell its shares in Germany to investors who are not United States nationals at a public offering price which will include a sales charge ranging from 7-1/2 per cent to 3 per cent of such price, based on a volume purchase sale.

**TWO FUNDS DEREGISTERED.** The SEC has issued orders under the Investment Company Act declaring that the following have ceased to be investment companies and that their registrations as such are no longer in effect:

- (a) Mortgage Trust Corporation, Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Release IC-5141)
- (b) Mortgage Trust Systematic Investment Plan to Acquire Shares of Mortgage Trust Corporation, Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Release IC-5142)

**NUVEEN TAX-EXEMPT FUND SEEKS ORDER.** Nuveen Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Series 16, Chicago, Ill. unit investment trust, has applied to the SEC under the Investment Company Act for exemption from the \$100,000 minimum net capital provisions of the Act; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-5143) giving interested persons until November 14 to request a hearing thereon. Applicant is one of a series of similar funds organized pursuant to a Trust Indenture and Agreement between John Nuveen & Co. as Sponsor, and United States Trust Company of New York, as Trustee. Under the Trust Agreement the Sponsor will deposit with the Trustee a minimum of \$8,000,000 principal amount of municipal bonds and will receive in exchange therefor certificates of undivided interest in the trust. It is proposed to offer such certificates for sale to the public, and for this purpose a registration statement under the Securities Act has been filed (see SEC News Digest of October 10, 1967).

**STATISTICS FOR MANAGEMENT PROPOSES OFFERING.** Statistics for Management Data Processing Corp., 50 W. 44th St., New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-27528) with the SEC on October 23 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Herzfeld & Stern, 30 Broad St., New York 10004. The public offering price (\$5.50 per share maximum\*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company has agreed to sell to the underwriter, for \$2,500, 10,000 common stock purchase warrants, and to pay to the underwriter \$10,000 for expenses. The underwriter has agreed to sell to Burnham and Company, for \$500, 2,000 common stock purchase warrants as a finder's fee.

The company is principally engaged in providing a computerized accounts receivable service to businesses in the metropolitan New York and northern New Jersey areas, including the preparation of monthly statements, customer ledger cards and auxiliary sales records. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$50,000 will be applied to discharge present short-term bank indebtedness incurred for working capital purposes, \$168,000 toward the purchase of an IBM 360-40 computer presently leased by the company, \$50,000 to pay architect's fees in connection with the company's new building, and \$30,000 to open two new sales offices, one in Connecticut and one in Pennsylvania; the balance will be added to working capital. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 500,000 shares of common stock, of which management officials own 98% (including 61% owned by Leon Weisburgh, president and board chairman).

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**ESTERLINE CORP. PROPOSES OFFERING.** Esterline Corporation, 277 Park Ave., New York 10017, filed a registration statement (File 2-27529) with the SEC on October 23 seeking registration of 200,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc., 20 Exchange Pl., New York 10005. The public offering price (\$22.00 per share maximum\*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Organized under Delaware law on August 22, 1967, the company (formerly Boyar-Schultz, Inc.) manufactures and sells graphic recording instruments and high precision surface grinding machines and related products. On October 19, 1967 it acquired for \$6,000,000 in cash substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Boyar-Schultz Corporation, an Illinois corporation. On October 20, Esterline Angus Instrument Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation was merged into the company and the name of the company was changed to its present one. Net proceeds of its stock sale, together with the proceeds of the sale of notes and of a term bank loan, will be used to repay some \$7,900,000 of existing bank debt. In addition to indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 900,000 shares of common stock, of which management officials own 7.1%. Gerhard R. Andlinger is board chairman and Maurice Eastin is president.

**NATIONAL COMPUTER PROPOSES OFFERING.** National Computer Services Corp., 41 E. 42nd St., New York 10017, filed a registration statement (File 2-27530) with the SEC on October 23 seeking registration of 150,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at \$1.50 per share. The offering is to be made on a "best efforts" basis through underwriters headed by A. J. Carno Co., Inc., 42 Broadway, New York, which will receive a 15¢ per share selling commission. The company has agreed to pay to the underwriter \$6,000 for expenses. If all of the shares are sold, the underwriter has the option to purchase from the company 9,000 common shares at 10¢ per share.

The company operates a data processing service bureau which offers a variety of commercial data processing services to various business firms. It does not own or rent its own computer but purchases computer time from outside sources. Net proceeds of its stock sale will be used to repay indebtedness, for the purchase of equipment and payment of operating expenses, and for working capital. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 322,800 common shares, of which management officials own 94.32% (including 23% owned by Frederick Nerenberg, president). Upon completion of the offering, according to the prospectus, the purchasers thereof will own 31.7% of the outstanding shares for which they will have paid \$225,000; the present shareholders will own 68.3% of the outstanding shares for which they will have paid \$41,802.

**FUND FOR GROWTH PROPOSES OFFERING.** Fund for Growth, Inc., 120 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. 60603, filed a registration statement (File 2-27531) with the SEC on October 23 seeking registration of 1,000,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at \$10.00 per share. The offering is to be made through underwriters headed by Loeb, Somers & Co. Inc., which will receive an 85¢ per share commission.

The company was organized under Maryland law on August 16, 1967, as a closed-end diversified management investment company to seek long-term capital appreciation. It will become a diversified open-end investment company after purchase by and delivery to the underwriters of the shares offered by this prospectus. Progressive Financial Corporation is the investment adviser. Marvin P. Loeb is board chairman of the Fund, the investment adviser, and the underwriter; Richard H. Jenkins is president of the Fund and of the adviser.

**H & A SELMER PROPOSES OFFERING.** H. & A. Selmer, Inc., Selmer Bldg., 1119 N. Main St., Elkhart, Ind. 46514, filed a registration statement (File 2-27533) with the SEC on October 24 seeking registration of 150,000 shares of common stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Clark, Dodge & Co. Inc., 61 Wall St., New York 10005; the public offering price (\$30.00 per share maximum\*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company engages principally in the manufacture, distribution and sale of band instruments, musical supplies and accessories. Net proceeds of its stock sale will be used to replenish the company's working capital which has been reduced by recent acquisitions, and to provide additional working capital required by an increase in the volume of business. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 2,018,700 common shares, of which Clark, Dodge & Co. owns 19.73% and management officials own 35.30% (including 14.61% owned by Jack F. Feddersen, president). Joseph M. Grolimund is board chairman.

**ONTARIO PROPOSES OFFERING.** The Province of Ontario (Agent's address in the United States: Government of Ontario, Canada, 680 5th Ave., Suite 1302-3, New York 10019), filed a registration statement (File 2-27534) with the SEC on October 24 seeking registration of \$75,000,000 of thirty year debentures, due 1997. The debentures are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Drexel Harriman Ripley, Inc., 60 Broad St., New York 10004, and eight other firms. The interest rate, public offering price, and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of its debenture sale will be advanced by the Province of Ontario to The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario pursuant to a request from that Commission to the Province for an advance of money for the purposes of the Commission. The Commission is primarily concerned with providing electric power by generation or purchase and its delivery in bulk to municipalities for resale, or to certain industrial customers. The Commission's 1967 capital construction program is estimated at \$216,000,000.

**MEDIATRICS PROPOSES OFFERING.** Mediatrics, Inc., 2200 N.W. 26th St., Miami, Fla. 33142, filed a registration statement (File 2-27535) with the SEC on October 24 seeking registration of 250,000 shares of common stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by D. H. Blair & Company, 66 Beaver St., New York 10004. The public offering price (\$10.00 per share maximum\*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company has agreed to pay the underwriter \$20,000 for expenses. In addition, it has agreed to sell to (a) the underwriter, for \$1,250, 25,000 three-year Series A common stock purchase warrants, exercisable at \$10.00 per share, and (b) William N. Segal & Company, (a financial consultant to the company), for \$250, 5,000 four-year Series B common stock purchase warrants, exercisable at \$10.00 per share.

The company is in the business of owning, operating, developing, franchising and constructing nursing homes. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$900,000 will be used for the construction of additions to its Houston, Miami and Colchester homes and three contemplated new facilities, \$900,000 to purchase five parcels of real estate and the remaining 50% interest in the company's Houston home, and \$175,000 to repay an outstanding loan; the balance will be used for working capital purposes. In addition to indebtedness, the company has outstanding 300,000 common shares, of which management officials own 87.57% (including 67.75% owned by Phillip P. Zipes, board chairman, and 18.28% owned by Richard D. Zipes, president).

**R. H. MACY PROPOSES RIGHTS OFFERING.** R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., 151 W. 34th St., New York 10001, filed a registration statement (File 2-27536) with the SEC on October 24 seeking registration of \$23,000,000 of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1992. The debentures are to be offered for subscription by stockholders on the basis of \$100 of debentures for each 20 common shares held of record on November 9, 1967. The interest rate, subscription price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Lehman Brothers, 1 William St., and Goldman, Sachs & Co., 55 Broad St., both of New York 10004 are listed as the principal underwriters.

The company is engaged in the department store business and sells a wide assortment of merchandise. Net proceeds of its debenture sale will be added to general funds to be available for general corporate purposes. In addition to indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 4,474,864 common shares, of which management officials own 1.53%. Jack I. Straus is board chairman and Ernest L. Molloy is president.

**CORPORATE OFFERINGS REPORTED.** The SEC announces (for October 26 newspapers) that U. S. corporations offered a record \$7.1 billion of new securities for cash sale during the third quarter of 1967. Each succeeding quarterly period of 1967 has produced a new high volume of new security offerings, and the cumulative total for the first nine months came to \$18.8 billion, which exceeded by \$700 million, offerings for the full year, 1966. The increased volume of financing occurred entirely in publicly-offered securities, primarily in the form of debt issues. For details, see Stat. Release No. 2241.

**TWO TRADING BANS CONTINUED.** The SEC has issued orders under the Securities Exchange Act suspending exchange and/or over-the-counter trading in securities of Interamerican Industries, Ltd. and Penrose Industries Corp., for the further ten-day period October 26 through November 4, 1967, inclusive.

**PITTSBURGH COKE & CHEMICAL RECEIVES ORDER.** The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-5144) granting an exemption application of Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Co., Pittsburgh, with respect to the proposed purchase from The Neville Island Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of applicant, by Bayer Foreign Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farbenfabriken Bayer Aktiengesellschaft, of all of Neville's holdings of stock of Chemagro Corporation in exchange for shares of Farbenfabriken Bayer A.G.

**ARMSTRONG ASSOCIATES PROPOSES OFFERING.** Armstrong Associates, Inc., 3200 First National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Tex., filed a registration statement (File 2-27539) with the SEC on October 23 seeking registration of 50,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at net asset value.

The company was organized under Texas law on October 9, 1967, as an open-end diversified management investment company whose investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. Schneider, Bernet & Hickman Securities Corp. is the investment adviser and Schneider, Bernet & Hickman, Inc. is the principal underwriter. The stockholders of both the adviser and the underwriter are the same and each of said stockholders owns the same percentage interest in each company. Six of the stockholders of the company collectively own six-elevenths of the outstanding stock of the company and also collectively own 80.44% of the outstanding stock of the adviser and the underwriter. Edwin C. Reed is president of the fund and vice president of both the adviser and underwriter, J. Wesley Hickman, a director of the company, is president of the adviser and the underwriter.

**SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS.** Effective October 24: Ashland Oil & Refining Co., 2-27319 (40 days); "21" Brands, Inc., 2-27343; The Bunker-Ramo Corp., 2-27304 (Dec 2); Frier Industries, Inc., 2-27260 (Jan 23); G-L Industries, Inc., 2-27312 (40 days); Gannett Co., Inc., 2-27301 (90 days); Maremont Corp., 2-26477 (40 days).

Withdrawn October 20: Western Iowa Pork Co., 2-25324.

Withdrawn October 24: Gulf Resources & Chemical Corp., 2-27226.

**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.