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TWO TRADING BANS CONTINUED. The SEC has issued orders under the Securities Exchange Act suspending over-the-counter trading in securities of S & P National Corp. and Steel Crest Homes, Inc., for the further ten-day period August 10-19, inclusive.

NORTHERN INSTRUMENT TRADING BAN TO BE LIFTED. The SEC today announced that it had ordered the suspension of over-the-counter trading in securities of Northern Instrument Corp., Long Island, N.Y., for an additional two days, August 10 and 11. Accordingly, trading therein may be resumed at the opening of business on Monday, August 14. In taking this action, the Commission directed the attention of broker-dealers and investors to a letter being mailed by Northern Instrument to its stockholders and the material disclosures concerning the company's affairs therein contained. Trading in Northern Instrument securities was initially suspended by the Commission on April 20 in view of information furnished by the company which indicated that there were substantial irregularities in financial statements which it had previously issued. The company's letter to stockholders discloses, among other things, that as of April 30, 1967, on an unaudited basis, Northern Instrument had total assets of \$304,410, that total liabilities exceeded assets by \$976,762, and that prior financial statements issued by the company substantially overstated its net worth and income. The letter indicates that agreements have been reached with creditors which are intended to permit the company to continue operations. Such agreements provide for the waiver of interest and deferral of principal on current claims aggregating \$1,017,100 for three years, conditioned upon application against such principal of 50% of the company's pre-tax profits. The letter further indicated that the company's former president had overstated the accounts receivable and inventory of the corporation and that financial statements of the corporation issued to both creditors and stockholders had included these overstatements.

The company's letter further indicates that the \$976,762 deficiency in assets represents a reduction in equity of \$1,227,481 as of April 30, 1967. This decrease in equity appears to have resulted from a \$200,000 overstatement of accounts receivable as of January 31, 1966, a \$122,527 write-off of research and development costs, and other write-offs aggregating some \$52,000; the remainder in the amount of \$852,866 of the reduction in equity represents a loss from operations for the fifteen months ended April 30, 1967, and possible overstatement of opening inventories at January 31, 1966. (For further details, see Release 34-8142.)

INVESTORS SECURITIES ASSOCIATES ENJOINED. The SEC Chicago Regional Office announced July 27 (LR-3784) the entry of a Federal court order (USDC E.D. Mo.) preliminarily enjoining violations of certain provisions of the Federal securities laws by Investors Securities Associates, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Mo., in connection with its conduct of a securities business, and enjoining Judson L. Stokely and Robert E. Singleton from aiding and abetting such violations. The three defendants as well as Growth of America Investment Company also were preliminarily enjoined from violating Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act in the sale of the said Investment Company shares. The defendants consented to entry of the court order.

NATIONAL AVIATION PURCHASE CLEARED. The SEC has issued an exemption order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-5052) authorizing National Aviation Corporation, New York investment company, to purchase up to \$2,000,000 of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1992, of The Cessna Aircraft Company in connection with Cessna's public offering of \$20,000,000 of such debentures.

STATE FARM GROWTH FUND FILES FOR OFFERING. State Farm Growth Fund, Inc., 112 East Washington St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701, filed a registration statement (File 2-27058) with the SEC on August 7 seeking registration of 1,000,000 shares of common stock. Organized under Maryland law in December, 1966, the Fund was created for the agents and employees of the State Farm Insurance Companies; it has outstanding 20,000 shares, purchased at their \$5 net asset value by State Farm Fire and Casualty Company. Shares of the Fund are to be offered at their net asset value to agents and employees of the State Farm Insurance Companies and their families. The Fund has entered into a management and distribution agreement with State Farm Investment Management Corp., which will act as its investment adviser. Edward B. Rust is president of the Fund and (among others) the State Farm Fire and Casualty Company.

SUPERSCOPE FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY. Superscope, Inc., 8150 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, Calif. 91353, filed a registration statement (File 2-27060) with the SEC on August 8 seeking registration of 400,000 shares of common stock. Of this stock, 200,000 shares are to be offered for public sale by the company and 200,000 (being outstanding shares) by the present holders thereof. Bache & Co., Inc., 36 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10006, is listed as the principal underwriter; the public offering price (\$27.125 per share maximum*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Since 1957 the company's principal business has been the wholesale distribution throughout the United States of consumer-type stereophonic and monaural audio tape recorders and related accessories manufactured in Japan by Sony Corporation; and since 1964 it has been the exclusive distributor in the United States for Sony magnetic audio tape. A subsidiary manufactures and sells high-quality hi-fi stereophonic audio components. Of the proceeds of the company's sale of additional stock, \$4,000,000 will be used to repay current bank indebtedness incurred to finance inventories and accounts receivable and the balance will be added to

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working capital for general corporate purposes (which include the partial financing of purchases from Sony). The company now has outstanding 1,200,000 common shares, of which Joseph S. Tushinsky (president), together with Irving P., Nathan and Fred C. Tushinsky (officers) hold 910,100 or 75.8%. They propose to sell 200,000 shares.

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 (please give News Digest's "Issue No." in ordering). 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 August 2 News Digest.

Amerada Petroleum Corp Jul 67 (13)	1-1204-2	Curtiss-Wright Corp Jul 67 (4,7,13)	1-134-2
Bulova Watch Co Inc Jul 67 (7)	1-457-2	Dennison Mfg Co Jul 67 (7,13)	1-4643-2
Datronic Rental Corp Jun 67 (4,7,13)	2-25104-2	Dunlap & Assoc Inc Jul 67 (11)	2-18440-2
Doeskin Prods Inc Jul 67 (7)	0-1494-2	Equitable Real Estate Inv Trust Jun 67 (3,13)	0-1605-2
Eastern Properties Improvement Corp Jul 67 (12)		Ethyl Corp Jul 67 (11,13)	1-5112-2
Flo-Tronics Inc Jul 67 (12)	0-1388-2	Fibreboard Corp Jul 67 (12,13)	1-271-2
The Franklin Life Insur Co Apr 67 (11,13)	2-21940-2	Fidelity Real Estate Invt Tr Jun 67 (3,13)	0-1929-2
Garland Corp Amd #1 to 8K for Feb 67(4,13)	1-4910-2	General Foods Corp Jul 67 (11,12,13)	1-1354-2
General Time Corp Jun 67 (2,7,13)	1-2591-2	Henredon Furniture Ind Inc Jul 67 (11)	0-2207-2
Ga Power Co Jul 67 (11,13)	0-392-2	Hershey Chocolate Corp Dec 66 (7)	1-183-2
Glasrock Prods Inc Jul 67 (7,11,12,13)	1-541-2	Interstate Engineering Corp Jul 67 (3)	0-1643-2
Gulf States Utilities Co Jul 67 (7,12,13)	1-2703-2	Lane Wood Inc Jul 67 (11,13)	0-2044-2
Helme Prods Inc Jun 67 (12,13)	1-5309-2	Lepco Inc Jun 67 (2,11)	0-867-2
IRC Inc Jul 67 (7)	1-3768-2	Lubrizol Corp Jul 67 (4,7,8,13)	1-5263-2
S S Kresge Co Jul 67 (7,13)	1-327-2	MPP Corp Jul 67 (1,2,7,8,13)	0-1544-2
Leasco Data Processing Equip Corp Jul 67 (7,13)	1-5288-2	MacAndrews & Forbes Co Jul 67 (1)	1-1222-2
Master Consol Inc Jun 67 (2,7)	2-22422-2	McCrorry Corp Jul 67 (4,13)	1-2759-2
Natl Equities Inc Jul 67 (11,13)	1-2140-2	Mohawk Data Sciences Corp May 67 (7)	0-2295-2
Natl Life Insur Co of Fla Jul 67 (2,7,11,13)	2-23196-2	Montgomery Ward & Co Inc Jul 67 (13)	1-864-2
Peterson Howell & Heather Inc Jun 67 (9,11,13)	0-1631-2	Montgomery Ward Credit Corp Jul 67 (13)	1-4326-2
Piper Aircraft Corp Jul 67 (7)		Natl Telefilm Assoc Inc Jul 67 (7,8)	0-57-2
William H Rorer Inc Jul 67 (3,13)	1-4791-2	Natl Video Corp-Rico Electronics Inc Jul 67 (13)	1-4280-2
Savoy Inds Inc Jun 67 (7,13)	1-3444-2	New York Central RR Co Jul 67 (13)	1-4480-2
Siboney Corp Jul 67 (3)	1-3952-2	Olson Bros Inc Jul 67 (3)	0-1042-2
A G Spalding & Bros Inc Jul 67 (7,13)	0-2034-2	Pacific Asbestos Corp Jul 67 (6)	0-1144-2
Struthers Wells Corp Jul 67 (12,13)	1-4454-2	Phoenix Steel Corp Jul 67 (1,12)	0-2908-2
Superior Oil Co Jul 67 (12)	1-4744-2	Pierce & Stevens Chemical Corp Jul 67 (12)	0-560-2
Talley Inds Inc Jul 67 (11,13)	1-4778-2	Ragen Precision Ind Inc Jul 67 (7,10,11,13)	2-18823-2
United Fruit Co Jul 67 (12)	1-1550-2	Rath Packing Co Jul 67 (12,13)	1-1285-2
Warner & Swasey Co Jul 67 (7)	1-4787-2	Thrift Plan of Reda Pump Co Jul 67 (7)	2-13744-2
Acme Precision Products Inc Jul 67 (7)	1-3327-2	Riegel Paper Corp Jul 67 (12,13)	1-3959-2
The Amer Welding & Mfg Co Jul 67 (12,13)	0-2668-2	Servo Corp of Amer Jun 67 (7,8,12)	1-3925-2
Argus Inc Jul 67 (11,12)	1-4544-2	Slater Electric Inc Mar 67 (11,13)	0-2444-2
Bankers Trust Jun 67 (3,13)	0-1610-2	Spartans Ind Inc Jul 67 (13)	1-4037-2
Burlington Ind Inc Jul 67 (13)	1-2932-2	The Stephan Co Jul 67 (11,13)	1-4436-2
Calumet & Hecla Inc Jul 67 (13)	1-1197-2	Summit Natl Holding Co Mar 66 (11)	0-582-2
Caterpillar Tractor Co Jul 67 (12)	1-768-2	Thermotech Ind Inc Jul 67 (12,13)	0-1309-2
Central Minn Tele Co Jul 67 (8,13)	0-2450-2	United Republic Life Inv Co Jul 67 (7)	2-23677-2
Civic Finance Corp Mar 67 (11,13)	0-1016-2	Whiting Corp Jul 67 (11)	1-5323-2
Clear Creek Corp Jul 67 (6)	0-1379-2	Xtra Inc Jun 67 (2,7,10,13)	1-4940-2
Coburn Corp of Amer Jul 67 (7,12,13)	1-4730-2	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co Jul 67 (4,13)	1-1315-2
Cohu Electronics Inc Jun 67 (2,13)	1-4298-2	De Bardeleben Marine Corp Amd #1 to 8K for May 67 (13)	0-1421-2
Combustion Engineering Inc Jul 67 (4,7,13)	1-117-2	Farrington Mfg Co Amd #1 to 8K for Jul 67 (4)	0-1530-2
		Isram Corp Amd #1 to 8K for Jan 67 (9,12)	1-3819-2

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective August 8: Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., 2-27005; Pioneer Texas Corporation, 2-26709; Poloron Products, Inc., 2-26872 (Sept. 18); Stop & Shop, Inc., 2-26889; Trans-Lux Corp., 2-26840 (40 days); Western Union International, Inc., 2-26923 (40 days).

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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