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COMMISSIONER SOMMER DISCUSSES ROLES OF SEC AND FASB

"Certainly there is no more important accounting problem for the profession, for industry, and for the Commission than the establishment of accounting principles and the means by which they are established." Speaking at the University of Washington's Accounting Day, Commissioner A. A. Sommer, Jr. noted that this problem involves relating the work of the Commission to that of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and moving in ways that will maximize the likelihood of success in the Board's endeavors.

Commissioner Sommer, after reviewing the events leading to the creation of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, stated: "I am confident that out of the experiences of the past the private sector will be able to prove that it has found the means to develop a financial reporting system that reliably reflects economic activity without undue distortions and ambiguities. It seems likely that this tremendous effort we are all about is the last opportunity to keep this job out of the hands of government and, therefore, I think it is important that everyone involved do, in the vernacular, their damndest to make the effort work. This means industry, profession, Commission--for I repeat, another failure will produce irresistible insistences that the chore be removed to other hands."

Commissioner Sommer then outlined some of the measures and attitudes which might be adopted to maximize the effect of the FASB: "First, the FASB must adopt a policy of 'deliberate speed'. . . Second, it is imperative that everyone recognize the authority of the Board and accord its determinations preeminent status. . . Third, I would suggest that the Board and the financial community as a whole should understand that the Commission has an ongoing role in the financial reporting process that, regardless of the confidence it has in the Board, it cannot abdicate or surrender. . . ." Fourth, Commissioner Sommer urged that the FASB "give highest priority to consideration of the conclusions of the Study Group on the Objectives of Financial Reporting." Commissioner Sommer noted that he was "most pleased that the Board has appointed a task force to deal with the 'Conceptual Framework for Accounting and Reporting: Objectives, Qualitative Characteristics and Information'."

In conclusion, Commissioner Sommer stated: "I confidently predict that this new collaboration between the Commission and the Board will be fruitful and productive of immense benefits to the public. Already there is developing the easy, informal relationship that makes for happy collaboration. It is our purpose at the Commission to foster in every way possible this collaboration and we mean to keep the channels of communication not only open, but used with increasing frequency."

DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

WILLIAM C. REDFERN BARRED. An order has been issued barring William C. Redfern, of Washington, D.C., from association with any broker or dealer. The sanction was based on findings that from December 1970 to January 1972, Redfern, while an officer and director of a registered broker-dealer, participated in a scheme to create an apparent market in and artificially raise the price of the common stock of Blasius Industries, Inc. (BI), and aided and abetted violations of the Commission's net capital and recordkeeping rules. The scheme included inserting successively higher bid and asked prices for BI stock in the National Quotation Bureau "pink" sheets, purchasing and inducing purchases of BI stock at artificially raised prices, effecting transactions in BI stock through nominee accounts, and misrepresenting the value of BI stock and BI's financial condition.

The Commission's order was issued pursuant to a consent in which Redfern, without admitting or denying the charges against him, consented to the above findings and indicated sanction. (Rel. 34-10601)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

INDIANA & MICHIGAN ELECTRIC COMPANY. An order has been issued authorizing Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc., to sell to the B. F. Goodrich Company (Goodrich) a transformer installation in place which is located on the premises of Goodrich in Woodburn, Indiana. (Rel. 35-18260)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

INDUSTRIAL STOCK AVERAGE FUND. An order has been issued declaring that Industrial Stock Average Fund, Inc., of New York, has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-8191)

COUNSELORS CAPITAL FUND. An order has been issued declaring that Counselors Capital Fund, Inc., of Los Angeles, California, has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-8192)

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FUND. An order has been issued declaring that Portfolio Performance Fund, Inc., of New York, has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC- 8193)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS FILED

(S-1) BANKERS MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 905 Parkway Dr., St. Paul, Minn. 55106 - 254,237 shares of common stock (representing all Bankers' outstanding common stock), all owned by G L Enterprises, Inc. The shares of Bankers are to be issued in a spinoff by Enterprises to its shareholders, on the basis on one Bankers' share for each ten Enterprises' shares. Bankers primarily develops real estate and constructs residential and commercial properties. (File 2-49973 - Dec. 28)

(S-1) HILLIARD OIL & GAS, INC., 2200 Sand Hill Rd., Menlo Park, Cal. 94025 - 250,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for sale by underwriters to be named later. The company primarily explores for and produces oil and gas. (File 2-49982 - Dec. 27)

(S-7) NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION, 4500 Vestal Pky. East, Binghamton, N. Y. 13902 - \$60 million of first mortgage bonds and 1,000,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock (\$25 par), to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company is a public utility supplying electric and gas service in New York State. (File 2-50014 - Jan. 8)

(S-10) NRM PETROLEUM CORPORATION, 525 Kanawha Valley Bldg., Charleston, W. Va. 25301 - \$256,000 of oil and gas interests in the Permian Basin Project, to be offered for sale with a minimum purchase of \$10,240. NRM Petroleum Corporation is an oil and gas exploration company. (File 2-50030 - Jan. 11)

(S-10), In a separate statement the company seeks registration of \$125,000 of oil and gas interests to be offered for sale at \$5,000 per smallest interest in the Vealmoor Prospect. (File 2-50031 - Jan. 11)

(S-6) QUAKER STATE FUND, PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL TAX-EXEMPT TRUST, FIRST SERIES (the Trust), c/o Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Inc., 525 William Penn Pl., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219 - 5,000 units of beneficial interest, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by the Sponsors of the Trust - Moore, Leonard, & Lynch, Inc.; Arthurs, Lestrangle & Short; and Elkins, Morris Stroud & Co. The purpose of the Trust is to provide tax-free income through investment in a diversified portfolio of tax-exempt bonds issued by Pennsylvania municipalities, political subdivisions and public agencies. (File 2-50062 - Jan. 17)

(S-1) BELDEN & BLAKE AND COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. 58, (the Partnership), 702 Tuscarawas St., West, Canton, Ohio 44702 - \$600,000 of partnership units, to be offered for sale, without assistance of underwriter, at \$3,000 per unit and a minimum two units required. The Partnership is in the business of oil and gas well drilling and development. Henry S. Belden and Glenn A. Blake are the general partners. (File 2-50063 - Jan. 17)

(S-12) ADRs FOR THE RANK ORGANISATION FILED. First National City Bank, 111 Wall St., New York, N. Y. 10015, filed a registration statement seeking registration of 100,000 American Depository Receipts for "A" ordinary shares of The Rank Organisation Limited, an English corporation. (File 2-40064 - Jan. 18)

(S-1) GABBERTS INC., 6800 France Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55435 - \$4,500,000 of subordinated debentures, Series 1974A, 1974B, 1974C and 1974D, to be offered for sale in minimum units of \$2,000 at par. The company sells at retail home and office furnishings in Minneapolis and Dallas. (File 2-50065 - Jan. 18)

(S-7) SECURITY PACIFIC CORPORATION, 561 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90013 - \$100 million of notes due 1982 and \$50 million of debentures due 2004, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by The First Boston Corporation, 20 Exchange Pl., New York, N. Y. 10005. Security Pacific is a bank-holding company, the principal asset of which is the capital stock of Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles. (File 2-50066 - Jan. 18)

(S-1) FERGUSON OIL AND GAS COMPANY, INC., 2700 Liberty Tower, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102 - 500,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding common shares of Ferguson Oil Company, Inc. and the limited partnership interests acquired by participants in Ferguson Drilling Venture - 1969, Ferguson Drilling Venture - 1970 and Ferguson Drilling Program - 1971, at an exchange rate yet to be determined. The solicitation of exchanges will be conducted by selected NASD members. The company explores for and develops oil and gas for its own account and for others. (File 2-50068 - Jan. 18)

(S-14) GENERAL EXPLORATION COMPANY, 445 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90017 - 1,285,787 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer 1,085,787 shares immediately for the acquisition of Petro Grande, Incorporated by merger with a subsidiary of the company, on a share-for-share basis. The remaining 200,000 shares are to be placed in escrow as security for the representations and covenants of the company. The company is engaged in oil and gas exploration and oil, gas and coal production. Petro Grande is engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. (File 2-50070 - Jan. 18)

(S-1) FIRST NATIONAL BOSTON CORPORATION, 100 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02110 - \$100 million of notes due 1981, to be offered for sale by a syndicate managed by The First Boston Corporation, 20 Exchange Pl., New York, N. Y. 10005. The company is a bank-holding company, whose principal subsidiary is The First National Bank of Boston. (File 2-50072 - Jan. 18)

STOCK PLANS FILED. The following have filed Form S-8 registration statements with the SEC seeking registration of securities to be offered pursuant to employee stock and related plans:

Metpath Inc., Hackensack, N. J. (File 2-50055 - Jan. 16) - 200,000 shares
 Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, N. C. (File 2-50058 - Jan. 16) - 50,000 shares
 Varian Associates, Palo Alto, Cal. (File 2-50060 - Jan. 16) - 1,000,000 shares
 and (File 2-50061 - Jan. 16) - 750,000 shares
 Flow Laboratories, Inc., Rockville, Md. (File 2-50069 - Jan 18) - 72,000 shares
 Data Pathing Incorporated, Sunnyvale, Cal. (File 2-50071) - 292,668 shares

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective January 18: Commonwealth Edison Company, 2-50016;

Effective January 21: Abe Schrader Corporation, 2-49965; Calderone-Curran Ranches, Inc., 2-49031 (90 days); Champion International Corporation, 2-49872; Crown Zellerbach Corporation, 2-49817; First Alabama Bancshares, Inc., 2-49703, 2-49702 and 2-49701; Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation, 2-49998; Olga Company 2-49858; J. C. Penney Company, Inc., 2-50008; Pinto Inns International, Inc., 2-48185 (90 days); Tax-Exempt Bond Trusts Incorporated, 2-49543; Tenneco Inc., 2-49852.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

TRADING SUSPENSIONS. The SEC has announced the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corporation and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Industries International, Inc. for the further ten-day period January 22-31, inclusive.

RECENT FORM 8-K FILINGS

Form 8K is a report which must be filed with the SEC by the 10th of the month after any of the following important events or changes: changes in control of the registrant; acquisition or disposition of assets; legal proceedings; changes in securities (*i.e., collateral for registered securities*); defaults upon senior securities; increase or decrease in the amount of securities outstanding; options to purchase securities; revaluation of assets; submission of matters to a vote of security holders.

The companies listed below have filed Form 8-K reports for the month indicated, responding to the item of the form specified. Photocopies may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Section (*in ordering, please give month and year of report*). An index of the captions of the items of the form was included in Monday's News Digest.

COMPANY	ITEM NO.	MONTH
CENTURY TELEPHONE ENTERPRISES INC	13	12/73
CHESSCO INDUSTRIES INC	11	12/73
CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN TRANSPORTATION C	3,13	12/73
CITIZENS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST	3	12/73
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO	3	12/73
CLINTON OIL CO	3,13	12/73
CLUETT PEABODY & CO INC	6,14	12/73
COMPUTAX SERVICES INC	14	12/73
COUSINS PROPERTIES INC	7,14	12/73
CRESCENT GENERAL CORP	3,13,14	12/73
DALLAS POWER & LIGHT CO	7,14	12/73
DANA CORP	7,13,14	12/73
DANNEKS INC	13	12/73
DEER PARK BAKING CO	11	12/73
DIGIORGIO CORP	7,14	12/73
DREW NATIONAL CORP	7,14	12/73
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	7	12/73
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ENFLC CORP	13	12/73
ERB LUMBER CO	13	12/73
ESMARK INC	3	12/73
EXPEDITER SYSTEMS INC	1	12/73
FARAH MANUFACTURING CO INC	13	12/73
FEDERATED MEDIA INC	11	12/73
FEI CORP	9,14	12/73
FILMWAYS INC	3	12/73
FIRST CHARTER FINANCIAL CORP	7,10,14	12/73
FIRST WISCONSIN MORTGAGE TRUST	13	12/73
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO	3,13	12/73
FOSTER GRANT CO INC	7	12/73
FPA CORP	7,14	12/73
FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC	7	12/73
FUNK SEEDS INTERNATIONAL INC	3	12/73
GAP INSTRUMENT CORP	2,8,14	12/73
GOLDEN NUGGET INC	3,13	12/73
GULF & WESTERN INDUSTRIES INC	13,14	11/73
MERCELES INC	8	12/73
HOLIDAY INNS INC	13,14	12/73
HOVERMARINE CORP	7,13,14	12/73

Copies of registration statements may be ordered from the Commission's Public Reference Section. All other referenced material is available in the issue of the SEC Docket indicated in parentheses below the News Digest Issue No. Both the News Digest (\$35.45 a year, first class mail; \$8.90 additional for foreign mailing) and the SEC Docket (\$21.35 a year, first class mail; \$5.35 additional for foreign mailing) are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.