

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## Statistical Release No. 1453

The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended May 10, 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>		<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>1957</u>	
	<u>5/10/57</u>	<u>5/3/57</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Composite	349.7*	348.5	+ 0.3	349.7	322.5
Manufacturing	446.6*	445.1	+ 0.3	446.6	405.7
Durable Goods	417.7	415.9	+ 0.4	419.3	382.7
Non-Durable Goods	473.3*	472.1	+ 0.3	473.3	427.1
Transportation	298.6	297.7	+ 0.3	317.5	286.1
Utility	162.2*	162.1	+ 0.1	162.2	156.2
Trade, Finance & Service	287.0	282.0	+ 1.8	290.1	274.8
Mining	368.8	369.2	- 0.1	382.0	340.5

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The Baltimore Transit Company, Baltimore, filed an application (File 22-2113) with the SEC on May 10, 1957, for qualification of a trust indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 pursuant to which \$3,345,200 of 6-2/3% Cumulative Income Subordinated Debentures, due January 1, 1977, are to be issued. According to the application, the debentures will be issued in payment of the redemption price of a new class of 6-2/3% Preferred Stock, \$30 par. At a meeting of stockholders scheduled for May 9, 1957, stockholders were to vote upon a proposed amendment of the company's charter under which the company's outstanding preferred stock will be reclassified so that, as a result, each holder of one share of outstanding preferred will receive (i) \$30 principal amount of the new debentures and (ii) one share of common stock. The new preferred will be redeemable at the price of \$30 per share, payable in equivalent amount of new debentures. Upon approval of the charter amendment, and after approval by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, the company will redeem the new preferred and deliver the new debentures and additional shares of common stock to holders of the existing preferred stock, upon surrender of their shares for cancellation.

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Steadman Investment Fund, Inc., East Orange, N. J., newly-formed investment company, filed a registration statement (File 2-13335) with the SEC on May 10, 1957, seeking registration of 100,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1 par value. The securities are being registered in connection with a proposed merger into the Fund of Fortunes, Inc., Fortune II, Inc., Fortune III, Inc. and Fortune IV, Inc. The four Fortune companies have issued and sold \$246,068 of stock to approximately 135 professional persons and their families. Holders of such stock will receive new shares of the Fund in exchange therefor. Upon consummation of the merger, the Fund will operate as a management investment company. The investment adviser of and underwriter for the Fund will be William Allen Steadman & Company. William Allen Steadman is Board Chairman and President of the Fund.

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Vanadium-Alloys Steel Company, Latrobe, Pa., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13336) with the SEC seeking registration of 51,000 shares of its \$5 par Capital Stock. The company proposes to offer this stock for subscription by holders of its outstanding stock, at the rate of one new share for each ten shares held. The record date, subscription price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Goldman, Sachs & Co. is named as the principal underwriter. Net proceeds of the financing will be added to the general funds of the company and used to finance, in part, an expansion of its production facilities. Present plans call for additional rolling mill capacity, installation of a 2,000-ton press and the addition of a vacuum-melting department. It is estimated that these facilities, including necessary supplemental equipment and housing, will cost about \$3,000,000 and be finished by the spring of 1958.

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Southern California Edison Company, Los Angeles, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13337) with the SEC seeking registration of 1,200,000 shares of its \$25 par Cumulative Preferred Stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by The First Boston Corporation and Dean Witter & Co. The dividend rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Net proceeds of the financing will be used by the company in part to retire short-term bank loans (incurred since March 31, 1957, in connection with the acquisition of funds for the company's continuing construction program) which it is estimated will not exceed \$4,500,000 at the time such proceeds are received; the balance of such proceeds will become treasury funds, and the company proposes to use an amount at least equal to such balance in its continuing construction program. Property additions for the years 1957-58 are estimated at \$306,811,000.

Investment Company Act Release No. 2525

Pine Street Fund, Inc., New York investment company, has applied to the SEC for an exemption order permitting its acquisition of not to exceed 1,500 shares of the capital stock (without par value) of International Business Machines Corporation; and the Commission has issued an order giving interested persons until May 24, 1957, to request a hearing thereon. IBM has filed with the SEC a registration statement covering 1,050,223 shares of its capital stock which it proposes to offer for subscription to its stockholders at the rate of one share for each ten shares held. The offering is to be underwritten by a group of underwriters which is expected to include Wood, Struthers & Co., which also serves as investment adviser for the Fund.

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Two directors and a vice-president of the Fund are partners in Wood, Struthers & Co. and four officers of the Fund are also employees of Wood, Struthers. Accordingly, the Fund's purchase of the IBM debentures is prohibited unless an exemption order is issued by the Commission.

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W. R. Ames Company, San Francisco, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13338) with the SEC seeking registration of 50,000 shares of its \$2 par Capital Stock, to be offered for public sale through Dean Witter & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company is engaged principally in the design, manufacture and sale of portable irrigation equipment. It proposes to use part of the net cash proceeds of this stock sale to retire the balance of the term loan owed to the Crocker-Anglo National Bank in the amount of \$201,563. The balance thereof together with a long-term loan of \$500,000 being negotiated with an insurance company will be used to finance the balance of the construction of the company's new plant at Milpitas, California, and to provide additional working capital.

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