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A brief summary of financial proposals filed with and actions by the S.E.C.

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## Statistical Release No. 1430

The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing prices of 265 common stocks for the week ended January 11, 1957, for the composite and by major industry groups, compared with the preceding week and with the highs and lows for 1956 and 1957, is as follows:

	<u>(1939 = 100)</u>		<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>1956 - 1957</u>	
	<u>1/11/57</u>	<u>1/4/57</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Composite	343.4	346.0	- 0.8	366.2	319.0
Manufacturing	436.7	441.7	- 1.1	468.6	398.6
Durable Goods	413.7	419.3	- 1.3	437.6	369.4
Non-Durable Goods	458.2	462.5	- 0.9	500.8	425.2
Transportation	317.0	317.5	- 0.2	353.0	303.2
Utility	157.7	156.2	+ 1.0	161.5	151.6
Trade, Finance & Service	290.1	289.8	+ 0.1	325.5	283.8
Mining	370.8	382.0	- 2.9	383.2	326.8

## Securities Exchange Act Release No. 5439

The SEC today announced the issuance of a decision denying an application for broker-dealer registration filed by Leonard Robert Mallen, doing business as L. R. Mallen Investments, Washington, D. C.

According to the decision, Mallen falsified his application. "The record shows," the Commission stated, "that applicant is not known at the business address recited in his application and has never rented space at that address, and that the address given as his residence was a rooming house at which he had rented a room for a period of only two weeks and from which he moved a few days after filing his application for registration without leaving a forwarding address." Accordingly, the Commission concluded that "it is in the public interest that applicant's application for registration as a broker and dealer be denied."

(Note: Mallen's application was filed November 28, 1956. It listed his business address as 729 -- 15th St., N. W., and his home address as 1729 Q St., N. W.)

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Securities Act Release No. 3740

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued an order temporarily suspending a Regulation A exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to a public offering of securities by Howard Hoyt, as "The Ankles Aweigh Company," a company formed to produce a theatrical venture, of New York City. The order provides an opportunity for hearing, upon request, on the question whether the suspension order should be vacated or made permanent.

Regulation A provides a conditional exemption from registration with respect to public offerings of securities not exceeding \$300,000 in amount. One of the conditions of such exemption is a requirement for the filing of semi-annual reports reflecting the amount of securities sold pursuant to the exemption and the use of the proceeds thereof. In its suspension order, the Commission asserts that no such reports have been filed and that requests of its Staff for the filing of the reports have been ignored.

Hoyt's Regulation A notification, filed January 11, 1955, proposed the public offering of pre-formation limited partnership interests not to exceed \$240,000.

Holding Company Act Release No. 13361

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (Tulsa) has applied to the SEC for authorization to issue and sell \$12,000,000 of bonds at competitive bidding; and the Commission has issued an order giving interested persons until January 28, 1957, to request a hearing thereon. Proceeds of the First Mortgage Bonds, Series F, due February 1, 1987, will be used by the company to pay for a part of its construction program and for the payment or prepayment of short-term bank debt incurred and to be incurred for that purpose. Such bank debt aggregated \$6,000,000 at December 10, 1956, and may be increased by about \$6,000,000 prior to receipt of the proceeds of the bonds. The company's construction expenditures for 1957 and 1958 are estimated at about \$26,200,000 and \$24,800,000, respectively.

Holding Company Act Release No. 13362

New England Electric System and its subsidiary, New England Power Company (Boston) have joined in the filing of a bond and common stock financing proposal of the latter; and the Commission has issued an order giving interested persons until January 28, 1957, to request a hearing. Specifically, New England Power proposes to issue and sell, at competitive bidding, \$10,000,000 of Series G Bonds, together with an additional \$4,999,995 of its common stock (142,857 shares) to be purchased by NEES. Proceeds of the financing are to be applied to the payment of short-term note indebtedness incurred in connection with the company's construction program, and the balance, if any, will be used for further construction expenditures or to reimburse the company's treasury therefor.

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Marathon Corporation, Menasha, Wis., filed a registration statement (File 2-13008) with the SEC on January 11, 1957, seeking registration of 150,000 shares of its Common Stock (\$6.25 par), to be offered for sale under the company's Restricted Stock Option Plan for Employees.

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Turf Paradise, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz., filed a registration statement (File 2-13009) with the SEC on January 11, 1957, seeking registration of 50,000 shares of its \$10 par Common Stock. The shares are to be offered for public sale, without underwriting, at \$15 per share. Holders of outstanding common stock are to be given the right to subscribe for the new common stock at \$15 per share cash, or in exchange for preferred stock at its par value without premium (dividends accrued to the date of exchange to be paid in cash). Any stock not subscribed for by the common stockholders will be offered to the preferred stockholders. Any stock not subscribed or paid for in accordance with such offers will be disposed of as the directors may determine.

Turf Paradise was organized under Arizona law in February, 1954, to carry on the business of a racecourse and to engage in the real estate business. It formerly owned, through a subsidiary, the Sportsman's Park horse racing plant, which was sold in 1955. Horse racing meets are now held at its new track location, "Turf Paradise."

Net proceeds of the sale of the new stock, estimated at \$740,000, "will be used solely for the purpose of retiring issued and outstanding preferred stock."

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Insurance Investors Fund, Incorporated, San Francisco investment company, filed a registration statement (File 2-13010) with the SEC on January 11, 1957, seeking registration of 50,000 shares of its \$1 par Common capital stock. The company was organized under Delaware law on August 6, 1956. The investment adviser and principal underwriter of the Fund is The First Sierra Corporation, a California corporation. Theodore C. Hossfeld, of San Francisco, is president.

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American Natural Gas Company, New York, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13011) with the SEC seeking registration of 442,114 shares of its \$25 par Common Stock. The company proposes to offer the 442,114 shares for subscription by holders of its outstanding common stock, on the basis of 1 share of additional stock for each 10 shares held. The record date and subscription price are to be supplied by amendment. No underwriting is involved. The registration statement also covers an additional 44,211 shares, representing shares which may be purchased in stabilization operations. Net proceeds of the sale of the 442,114 shares are to be used to purchase common stock of American's subsidiary, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, providing the latter with funds to repay or reduce \$25,000,000 of bank loans recently incurred as temporary financing for construction costs or to meet additional construction expenditures.

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United Funds, Inc., New York investment company, filed an amendment on January 11, 1957 to its registration statement (File 2-11527) seeking registration of an additional 1,500,000 United Accumulative Fund Shares, \$1 par value.

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