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CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

IS THE SEC A BARRIER TO NEW YORK'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE?

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"Investor confidence is the key to strong capital markets", said Chairman Ray Garrett, Jr., "and full and fair disclosure is the principal avenue to such confidence." Speaking in New York before The Financial Times on the role the SEC plays in international finance, he discussed the effect of federal laws and policies on certain major aspects of international financing transactions.

Mr. Garrett said that the Commission's primary mandate was investor protection and that a primary policy consideration was to provide United States citizens when engaged in international transactions with protection equal to that afforded them when engaged in domestic transactions. He cited the differences in laws, business and accounting customs, and respect for national sovereignties as well as the lack of clear guidance in our own laws as examples of the complexities the SEC has when dealing with certain foreign security matters.

The Chairman indicated that there were some particular areas that concerned the Commission which might be regarded as imposing a barrier to the development of international financing transactions: the raising of capital in the United States by foreign companies; the acquisition of U.S. companies by foreign companies; establishing a public market in the United States for the securities of foreign companies; and access to United States securities markets by foreign brokers and dealers or banks directly or through domestic subsidiaries.

In closing, he pointed out that the challenges and opportunities for truly international markets are now before us and that our failure to meet and take advantage of them could be a free world disaster.

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

PATRICK R. REYNAUD SENTENCED

The Boston Regional Office announced that Patrick R. Reynaud was sentenced to a term of eighteen months, sentence suspended, and placed on probation for eighteen months by the Federal District Court in Providence, Rhode Island, on June 6, 1974. The court also imposed a \$7,500 fine on Reynaud. Reynaud had on April 12, 1974 pleaded guilty to one count of a five-count indictment charging him with engaging in the securities business while subject to a bar order imposed by the SEC. (LR-6390)

COMPLAINT NAMES E.T. & T. LEASING, INC., OTHERS

The Washington Regional Office announced the filing of a complaint on June 4 in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking to enjoin E.T. & T. Leasing, Inc. and its president and controlling shareholder, Reuben Hurwitz, from violations of the financial reporting provisions of the securities laws. The complaint also seeks an order compelling the defendants to file with the Commission the annual report of E.T. & T. Leasing, Inc. on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1973 and two recent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended November 30, 1973 and February 28, 1974.

On April 30, 1974, the Commission suspended over-the-counter trading in the securities of E.T. & T. Leasing, Inc. for one ten-day period because of the unavailability of adequate and accurate information about the financial and operating conditions of the company. (LR-6391)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

FIRST INSURED MUNICIPAL TRUST FUND

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until July 5 to request a hearing on an application of First Insured Municipal Trust Fund, Chicago, Illinois, a unit investment trust registered under the Act, for an order (a) exempting the Fund from minimum initial net capital requirements; (b) permitting capital gains distributions more frequently than once per year; and (c) exempting the secondary market operations of the Fund's sponsor from daily pricing requirements. (ReI. IC-8382)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

NARRAGAMSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until July 10 to request a hearing on a proposal by Narragansett Electric Company, subsidiary of New England Electric System, that it sell \$25 million of first mortgage bonds at competitive bidding. (Rel. 35-18446)

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

An order has been issued releasing jurisdiction retained by the SEC in an order issued May 13, 1974 (see Rel. 35-18414) regarding the sale of pollution control revenue bonds by Harrison County, Mississippi, and the construction by the County of pollution control facilities for Mississippi. The SEC had retained jurisdiction over the interest rate to be borne by Mississippi's collateral trust bonds and over its semi-annual installment payment obligations to the County. (Rel. 35-18447)

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

A supplemental order has been issued authorizing Appalachian Power Company, subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc., to sell up to \$25 million of short-term notes to additional banks. (Rel. 35-18448)

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

A supplemental order has been issued authorizing American Electric Power Company, Inc., a registered holding company, to sell up to \$45 million of short-term notes to additional banks. (Rel. 35-18449)

MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

An order has been issued authorizing Mississippi Power & Light Company, subsidiary of Middle South Utilities, Inc., to enter into agreements with two Mississippi counties whereby the counties will construct for Mississippi pollution control facilities financed by the counties' issuance and sale of \$17,975,000 of pollution control revenue bonds. Mississippi will acquire the facilities upon completion thereof under installment sale agreements. (Rel. 35-18450)

ARKANSAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

An order has been issued authorizing Arkansas Power & Light Company, subsidiary of Middle South Utilities, Inc., to sell \$40 million of first mortgage bonds at competitive bidding. (Rel. 35-18451)

THE COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM

An order has been issued authorizing The Columbia Gas System, Inc., a registered holding company, to sell \$40 million of debentures at competitive bidding. (Rel. 35-18452)

INDIANA & MICHIGAN ELECTRIC COMPANY

A supplemental order has been issued authorizing Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc., to sell up to \$60,387,500 of short-term notes to 35 banks. (Rel. 35-18453)

TRADING SUSPENSIONS

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON THREE TRADING SUSPENSIONS

The SEC has announced the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corp., and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Zenith Development Corp. and Industries International for the further ten-day period June 11-20, inclusive.

DELISTING AND UNLISTED TRADING ACTIONS

UNLISTED TRADING GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the applications of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stocks of the following companies: American Natural Gas Company; American Smelting & Refining Co.; Burlington Northern, Inc.; Continental Corp.; Continental Illinois Corp.; Crocker National Corp.; Crown Zellerbach Corp.; First Charter Financial Corp.; First Chicago Corp.; First National Boston Corp.; First Pennsylvania Corp.; Great Western Financial Corp.; Gulf States Utilities Co.; I U International Corp.; Kansas City Power & Light Co.; Marine Midland Banks Inc.; National Detroit Corp.; Northern States Power Co.; Northwest Bancorporation; Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.; Pacific Lighting Corp.; Pacific Power & Light Co.; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co.; Portland General Electric Co.; Public Service Company of Colorado; San Diego Gas & Electric Co.; South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.; Tampa Electric Co.; Unionamerica, Inc.; Union Electric Co.; Union Pacific Corp.; U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.; Wells Fargo & Co.; Western Bancorporation; Wisconsin Electric Power Co. (Rel. 34-10849)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-5) SECURITY FIRST GROWTH FUND, INC.

1800 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, Cal. 90067 - 1,000,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for sale at net asset value plus sales charge with an initial value established at \$5 per share. The Fund is a newly registered open-end, diversified management investment company with a primary investment objective of long term capital appreciation. Security First Investment Management Corporation will serve as the Fund's investment adviser. (File 2-51174 - May 24)

(S-1) WARD FOODS, INC.

1000 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, Ill. 60091 - 1,729,569 shares of common stock. Of these shares, 158,272 are reserved for issuance upon the exercise of warrants expiring July 1, 1978 and January 21, 1979; 71,297 shares were issued in connection with acquisitions made by the company and 1,500,000 may be issued in connection with future acquisitions. The company produces and distributes bakery, candy, dessert, snack food, dairy, meat and seafood products. (File 2-51217 - May 31)

(S-16) FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES, INC.

First National Bank Bldg., 1401 Elm St., Dallas, Tex. 75283 - 200,000 shares of common stock, which may be offered for sale from time to time by Pierce National Life Insurance Company (selling stockholder) on terms and at prices then obtainable. Bancshares is a bank holding company, whose holdings include fifteen Texas banks, a merchant bank in London, England, and a number of banking-related subsidiaries. (File 2-51230 - June 4)

(S-7) THE ANSUL COMPANY

One Stanton St., Marinette, Wis. 54143 - 300,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Smith, Barney & Co., Inc., 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019. The Company manufactures and markets fire protection products and agricultural chemicals in various parts of the world. (File 2-51233 - June 4)

(S-12) FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

111 Wall St., New York, N. Y. 10015 - seeks registration of 100,000 American Depositary Receipts for shares of Witwatersrand Nigel Limited, a South African corporation. (File 2-51236 - June 3)

(S-14's) FIRST ALABAMA BANCSHARES, INC.

8 Commerce St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104 - 40,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding common stock of Farmers and Marine Bank, Bayou La Batre, Alabama, at the rate of .8 First Alabama share for each Bank share. (File 2-51256 - June 7)

In a separate statement First Alabama seeks registration of 68,150 shares of common stock. It is proposed to issue these shares in exchange for the outstanding common stock of Phenix National Bank, Phenix City, Alabama, at the rate of 2.35 First Alabama shares for each Bank share. (File 2-51257 - June 7)

First Alabama Bancshares is a bank holding company which controls 9 banks.

(S-1) STARR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

1000 Howard Ave., New Orleans, La. 70113 - \$750,000 of common stock, to be offered pursuant to an employee stock purchase plan. No underwriting is involved. The company's main operations are in broadcast, radio and television, and other broadcast oriented businesses. (File 2-51259 - June 6)

(S-1) COQUINA OIL CORPORATION (General Partner)

200 Building of the Southwest, Midland, Tex. 79701 - 120 preformation limited partner-ship interests in Coquina 74-B Exploration Program, to be offered for sale at a subscription price of \$25,000 per unit by selected NASD members. The partnership will engage in a program for the exploration and development of oil and gas properties. (File 2-51260 - June 7)

(S-14) COMPUTER IDENTICS CORPORATION

31 Dartmouth St., Westwood, Mass. 02090 - 642,019 shares of non-voting redeemable preferred stock (\$.20 par). It is proposed that these shares will be issued upon the consummation of a proposed plan being submitted to shareholders of Computer Identics, which provides for the change and reclassification of the 642,019 outstanding shares of common stock into preferred stock. Computer Identics designs, develops and sells transportation and industrial information and control systems. (File 2-51262 - June 7)

(S-16) XEROX CORPORATION

Stamford, Connecticut 06904 - 57,485 shares of common stock, which may be offered for sale from time to time by certain selling shareholders at prices current at the time of sale. Xerox develops, manufactures, and markets business products, principally xerographic copiers and duplicators, and related supplies and services. (File 2-51263 - June 7)

(S-7) DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

435 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. - 250,000 shares of cumulative preference stock (\$1 par), to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by The First Boston Corporation, 20 Exchange Place, New York, N. Y. 10005. The company is a Pennsylvania electric utility. (File 2-51264 - June 7)

(S-7) J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC.

1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N. Y. 10019 - \$150 million of sinking fund debentures, due 1999, to be offered for sale in fully registered form in denominations of \$1,000 and any multiple thereof through underwriters headed by The First Boston Corporation, 20 Exchange Place, New York, N. Y. 10005. The company is engaged in marketing consumer merchandise and services. (File 2-51265 - June 7)

(S-9) THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

140 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. 94105 - \$100 million of seven year notes, due 1981, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company furnishes communications services, mainly local and toll telephone service. (File 2-51266 - June 7)

(S-1) MODULAR COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

1650 West McNab Rd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33309 - \$10 million of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1994, to be offered for sale in the denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof by underwriters headed by C. E. Unterberg, Towbin Co., 61 Broadway, New York, N. Y. and Hambrecht & Quist, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. The company designs, manufactures, and sells real time digital computer systems used primarily in measurement and control and communications applications. (File 2-

(S-11) CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LTD - 74B

100 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02110 - \$30 million of partnership interests, to be offered for sale at \$500 per unit (minimum purchase is five units) through underwriters headed by ConVest Securities Distributors, Inc., an affiliate of Continental. Continental is a partnership engaged in purchasing real estate equities. (File 2-51253 - June 6)

(S-14) MERCK & CO., INC.

126 E. Lincoln Ave., Rahway, N. J. 07065 - 901,969 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding common shares of Hubbard Farms, Inc., Walpole, N. H., at the rate of 8.8743 Merck shares for each Hubbard share. Merck discovers, develops, produces and markets products and services for the maintenance and restoration of health. (File 2-51268 - June 7)

(S-6) CORPORATE INVESTMENT TRUST FUND, FOUTH MONTHLY PAYMENT SERIES

\$8.8 million of units. The Trust will be created under a trust agreement under which Bache & Co. Incorporated will act as Sponsor, United States Trust Company of New York as Trustee, New England Merchants National Bank as Co-Trustee and Interactive Data Service, Inc. as Evaluator. It will consist of a diversified portfolio of long-term corporate debt obligations rated "BBB" or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation or Fitch Investors Service, Inc. or "Baa" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (File 2-51269 - June 7)

(S-7) LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY

250 Old Country Rd., Mineola, N. Y. 11501 - 299,200 shares of common stock, to be offered for sale under the company's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The company supplies electric and gas service. (File 2-51270 - June 7)

(S-1) AMICOR INCORPORATED

20215 N.W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla. 33162 - 1,468,934 shares of common stock. Of these shares, 292,523 shares are held by certain selling shareholders; 604,221 are issuable upon conversion of preferred stock, Series B; 190,000 are issuable upon exercise of outstanding non-qualified stock options; 213,000 are reserved for issuance under the corporation's Qualified Stock Option Plan; 150,000 are reserved for issuance under the corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 6,690 are reserved for issuance under the corporation's Management Incentive Plan; and 12,500 are reserved for issuance pursuant to Directors' Warrants. AMICOR, formerly Ecological Science Corporation, manufactures and sells industrial equipment, including heat transfer and related equipment, valves and engine-driven electrical generators and related equipment. (File 2-51273 - June 7)

(S-1) AMF INCORPORATED

777 Westchester Ave., White Plains, N. Y. 10604 - 1,500,000 shares of common stock, to be issued from time to time in connection with the continuing acquisition program of AMF. The corporation and its subsidiaries are engaged in two general lines of business: leisure time products and industrial products. (File 2-51274 - June 7)

(S-14) COMTEN, INC.

1950 West County Rd. B-2, St. Paul, Minn. 55113 - 1,015,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for common stock of Comress, Inc. at the rate of 1 Comten shares for each 7.2 Comress shares. Comten develops and furnishes communications computers, software and related services. (File 2-51275 - June 7)

(S-14) HEINICKE INSTRUMENTS COMPANY

10855 S.W. Greenburg Rd., Portland, Ore. 97223 - 1,133,646 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares in exchange for the outstanding common stock of Jet Avion Corporation, Hollywood, Fla., at the rate of one-half Heinicke shares for each Jet Avion share. Heinicke manufactures laboratory apparatus. (File 2-51276 - June 7)

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: Memorex Corp., Santa Clara, Cal. (File 2-51242 - June 5) - 1,166,237 shares American Financial Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio (File 2-51243 - June 5) - 250,000 Monitor Labs, Inc., San Diego, Cal. (File 2-51245 - June 5) - 180,000 shares Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. (File 2-51246 - June 5) -100,000 shares Fidelcor, Inc., Rosemont, Pa. (File 2-51248 - June 5) - 250,000 common shares and \$1 million of interests Napco Industries, Inc., Hopkins, Minn. (File 2-51250 - June 6) - 107,684 shares Continental Investment Corp., Boston, Mass. (File 2-51252 - June 6) - 400,000 shares Ideal Toy Corp., Hollis, N. Y. (File 2-51267 - June 7) - 50,000 shares
Zayre Corp., Framingham, Mass. (File 2-51271 - June 7) - 100,000 shares
AVM Corp., Jamestown, N. Y. (File 2-51272 - June 7) - 413,793 shares Newport Laboratories, Inc., Santa Ana, Cal. (File 2-51277 - Apr 9) - 130,000 shares Texas Oil & Gas Corp., Dallas, Tex. (File 2-51279 - June 6) - 114,000 shares

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

June 10: Angelica Corp., 2-50924; Arkansas Power & Light Co., 2-51035; Baxter Laboratories, Inc., 2-51141; CFS Continental, Inc., 2-51114; The Columbia Gas System, Inc., 2-51716; Doctor Jazz Company, 2-50897 (90 days); E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., 2-51144; Marvin Josephson Associates, Inc., 2-50252; Petroleum, Inc., 2-50029; Witwatersrand Nigel Ltd., 2-51236.

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.

statisticalbulletin

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