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COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM PROPOSES FINANCING. The Columbia Gas System, Inc., has joined with fifteen of its subsidiaries in filing a system financing proposal with the SEC; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-15050) giving interested persons until May 12 to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, the new cash requirements for the system companies during 1964 are estimated at \$197,839,000 in the aggregate, including \$126,125,000 for construction expenditures and \$20,000,000 for anticipated rate refunds. It is proposed that the subsidiary companies issue an aggregate of \$98,725,000 of installment notes and \$4,850,500 of additional stock to the parent to meet these cash requirements, and that an additional \$80,000,000 be advanced by the parent on open account as needed for the purchase of inventory gas.

DELISTINGS APPROVED. The SEC has granted applications of the American Stock Exchange to delist the common stocks of Elco Investment Company, ERT Corporation and John Wood Company, all effective at the opening of business on April 27th. (Release 34-7292)

UNLISTED TRADING SOUGHT. The SEC has issued an order (Release 34-7292) giving interested persons until April 30th to request a hearing upon an application of the Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington Stock Exchange for unlisted trading privileges in the common stocks of Dymo Industries, Inc., William H. Rorer, Inc., and Anelex Corporation.

UNLISTED TRADING GRANTED. The SEC has granted an application of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange (Release 34-7292) for unlisted trading privileges in the common stock of Papercraft Corporation.

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS PROPOSES OFFERING. Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, One Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., filed a registration statement (File 2-22298) with the SEC on April 15 seeking registration of \$30,000,000 of first mortgage bonds due 1989, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company is a natural gas distributor, operating an integrated transmission and distribution business throughout major portions of the State of Michigan. Net proceeds from the sale of the bonds, together with \$7,000,000 from the sale of common stock to the company's parent, American Natural Gas Company, will be used to retire bank loans obtained as temporary financing for the company's construction program, and to pay construction costs (estimated at \$55,000,000 for 1964). Ralph T. McElvenny is president of the company.

CROWELL-COLLIER PUBLISHING FILES STOCK PLAN. The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, 640 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-22299) with the SEC on April 15 seeking registration of 351,685 shares of common stock, to be offered under its 1955 and 1961 Stock Option Plans.

HOME-STAKE OPERATING PROPOSES OFFERING. Home-Stake 1964 Program Operating Corporation, 2202 Philtower Bldg., Tulsa, Okla., filed a registration statement (File 2-22302) with the SEC on April 15 seeking registration of 400 units of participation (\$7,552,000) in the Home-Stake 1964 Waterflood Program, to be offered at \$18,880 per unit. No underwriting is involved. The units will represent direct ownership of the working interest in oil and gas leases on properties from which the recovery of oil by primary recovery methods has been economically exhausted or is approaching economic exhaustion. The funds will be used to pay the costs of finding and acquiring such properties and the costs of drilling and developing them for the possible recovery of additional oil by waterflooding the oil bearing strata. The 1964 program is presently comprised of seven specific waterflood projects, to which will be allocated 75% of the proceeds of this offering. The issuing company was organized and is owned by Home-Stake Production Company, whose directors and officers will be its directors and officers. R. S. Trippet serves as president of both companies.

KRAMER-AMERICAN ENJOINED. The SEC San Francisco Regional Office announced April 14 (LR-2897) the entry of a Federal court order (USDC, Los Angeles) permanently enjoining Kramer-American Corp., and Vern Coggle, its president, both of Los Angeles, from further violating the Securities Act registration requirement in the offer and sale of Kramer-American stock. The two defendants consented to the injunction.

BONANZA AIR LINES FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL. Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., P. O. Box 391, Las Vegas, Nev., filed a registration statement (File 2-22297) with the SEC on April 15 seeking registration of \$3,200,000 of debentures due 1979 (convertible to common stock) and 192,000 shares of common stock. These securities are to be offered for public sale in units consisting of \$100 in principal amount of debentures and 6 shares of common stock (and at \$190 per unit*). The offering will be made through an underwriting group headed by Goodbody & Co., 2 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and William R. Staats & Co., 640 S. Spring St., Los Angeles. The interest rate on the debentures, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail in Nevada, California, Arizona and Utah. Net proceeds of this financing will be used primarily to finance in part the acquisition of three DC-9 fan/jet aircraft and related spare engines and equipment, the total cost of which

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is estimated at \$10,837,000. Additional funds needed for such purchases will be provided by term loan borrowings aggregating approximately \$6,500,000. A portion of the proceeds of this offering may also be used to finance in whole or in part the acquisition of one or two additional F-27 aircraft, at a presently estimated aggregate purchase price of not to exceed \$2,000,000. The balance will be used to repay a portion of certain outstanding promissory notes and for working capital purposes. In addition to indebtedness, the company has 919,965 outstanding shares of common stock, of which management officials as a group own 28.1%. Edmund Converse (board chairman and president) owns 22.9% of the outstanding stock.

COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS FILES STOCK PLAN. Commercial Solvents Corporation, 260 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-22300) with the SEC on April 15 seeking registration of \$3,500,000 of interests in its Investment and Savings Plan.

CORRECTION. A registration statement filed by Sinclair Oil Corp. (File 2-22174) was declared effective by the Commission on April 7 not April 9 as reported in the News Digest of April 14, 1964.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective April 15: Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. (File 2-22187); American Seating Co. (File 2-22218). Effective April 16: Tevye Co. (File 2-22029); Vernitron Corp. (File 2-22156).

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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