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Statistical Release No. 1691. The SEC Index of Stock Prices, based on the closing price of 265 common stocks for the week ended July 8, 1960, for the composite and by major industry groups compared with the preceding week and with the high and lows for 1960, is as follows:

	1939 - 100		Percent Change	1960	
	7/8/60	7/1/60		High	Low
Composite	407.7	404.2	+0.9	432.5	388.8
Manufacturing	485.2	480.9	+0.9	538.9	464.5
Durable Goods	467.4	463.4	+0.9	521.6	446.5
Non-Durable Goods	492.2	487.6	+0.9	544.4	472.1
Transportation	293.8	293.0	+0.3	329.3	284.0
Utility	242.3	240.1	+0.9	240.8	216.1
Trade, Finance & Service	467.3	463.2	+0.9	471.8	414.7
Mining	249.4	249.4	+0.0	299.7	243.5

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATION STATEMENTS. During the week ended July 7, 1960, 16 registration statements were filed, 19 became effective, 1 was withdrawn, and 331 were pending at the week end.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CREDIT FILES DEBENTURE OFFERING. International Harvester Credit Corporation, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, filed a registration statement (File 2-16795) with the SEC on July 8, 1960, seeking registration of \$50,000,000 of debentures due 1981, to be offered for public sale through Morgan Stanley & Co., Glore, Forgan & Co. and William Blair & Company. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the financing of wholesale and retail time sales in the U.S. of new products manufactured or sold by International Harvester Company, owner of its outstanding stock. Products manufactured and sold by Harvester are motor trucks and farm and construction equipment. The net proceeds from the debenture sale will be added to the general funds of the company and will be available for the purchase of receivables. Such proceeds may be applied initially to the reduction of short term borrowings.

UNION TEXAS NATURAL GAS FILES FOR SECONDARY. Union Texas Natural Gas Corporation, 811 Rusk Ave., Houston, filed a registration statement (File 2-16796) with the SEC on July 8, 1960, seeking registration of 150,248 shares of Class A and 75,124 shares of Class B stock. These shares are now outstanding and are to be offered for public sale by the present holders thereof through an underwriting group headed by Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., and Smith, Barney & Co., Inc. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company is engaged in the exploration for and development and production of natural gas, condensate and crude oil, in the construction, ownership and operation of gas processing plants for the extraction from casinghead gas and natural gas of natural gas liquids, consisting of natural gasoline and liquefied petroleum gases, and in the transportation and marketing of the liquid products. In addition to various indebtedness, it has outstanding 4,696,428 shares of Class A and 2,347,182 shares of Class B stock. Management officials own 7.55% of the Class A and 22.07% of the Class B stock. Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Co., Inc., is the record owner of 7.45% of the Class A and 16.18% of the Class B stock; and the firm, its partners and members of their immediate families own 6.67% of the Class A and 16.83% of the Class B stock.

The prospectus lists William A. M. Burden as board chairman. He and Florence V. Burden, together with William A. M. Burden & Co., and two family trusts, own 620,506 shares of Class A and 396,868 shares of Class B stock; and they propose to sell the 150,248 Class A and 75,124 Class B shares. R. McLean Stewart, a director of the company, is a general partner of William A. M. Burden & Co. Upon completion of this offering, the said partnership, its partners and members of their immediate families (including the other selling stockholders), will own 566,345 shares of Class A (12.06%) and 460,268 shares of Class B (19.61%).

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INSURANCE SECURITIES FUND SALE EXEMPTED. The SEC has issued an exemption order under the Investment Company Act (Release 40-3068) permitting Insurance Securities Trust Fund, sponsored by Insurance Securities Incorporated, to sell to Continental Casualty Insurance Company 50,000 shares of National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford stock at \$141 per share, or \$7,050,000, and the purchase by the Fund from Continental Casualty of 20,000 shares of Continental Assurance Company stock at \$144 per share, or \$2,880,000.

F.F.I. INC. REGISTRATION WITHDRAWN. The SEC has granted a request of F. F. I. Incorporated, 630 Third Avenue, New York City, for withdrawal of its broker-dealer registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and it also has dismissed private proceedings to determine whether to revoke said registration and to suspend or expel the company from membership in the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

The proceedings were based upon the company's failure to file a report of its financial condition for the year 1957. Withdrawal of its registration and dismissal of the proceedings was deemed by the Commission to be appropriate in the public interest.

ADDITIONAL VIOLATION CHARGED TO MAKRIS INVESTMENT. The SEC has issued an amended order for proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether the Federal securities laws have been violated by Makris Investment Brokers and its partners, Michael Angel Socrates Makris and Clyde Livingston, of 1061 Dade Blvd., Miami Beach, Fla., and, if so, whether its broker-dealer registration should be revoked and whether it should be suspended or expelled from membership in the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

The Commission's initial order of March 15, 1960, charged that, in the offer and sale of common stock of Real Estate Discount Corporation and Class A common stock of Inter-City Finance Corporation in mid-1959, respondents engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which would and did operate as a fraud and deceit upon its customers. The amended order charges that in November 1959 the firm and Makris induced a customer to deliver share of Real Estate Discount stock to them upon the representation that the customer would receive an equal number of shares of stock of another corporation when, in fact, the firm and Makris intended not to effect such exchange and not to deliver such other securities but on the contrary intended to and did convert and appropriate said Real Estate Discount stock to their own use and benefit.

ALAN ASSOCIATES SECURITIES HEARING POSTPONED. The Commission also has authorized an indefinite postponement of the hearing in proceedings to determine whether to revoke the broker-dealer registration of Alan Associates Securities Corporation, 99 Wall Street, New York City. The initial order charged that respondent made fraudulent representations in the offer and sale of North American Petroleum Corporation stock. It is anticipated that the pertinent facts will be stipulated by the parties, thus avoiding the necessity of an evidentiary hearing, previously scheduled for July 12.

ROCK CREEK FOREST APARTMENTS PROPOSES OFFERING. Rock Creek Forest Apartment Associates, Eig Building, Silver Spring, Md., today filed a registration statement (File 2-16797) with the SEC seeking registration of \$900,000 of limited partnership interests, to be offered for public sale in \$2,500 units through Hodgdon & Co., Inc., which will receive a 10% commission.

Associates is a limited partnership organized in June 1960 for the purpose of acquiring title to and operating Rock Creek Forest Apartments, Sections 1 and 2, located in Silver Spring. Lawrence S. Eig, Blaine H. Eig and John E. McKeever are its general partners. Under a contract between them and Silver Spring Shopping Center, Inc., the latter has agreed to sell to the general partners the real property known as Rock Creek Forest Apartments, Sections 1 and 2, consisting of certain land and improvements of 9 buildings containing 281 rental apartments, together with related equipment and other assets. Section 1, consisting of 141 rental apartments, was completed in May 1960 and Section 2, consisting of 140 rental apartments, is expected to be completed by March 1961 (the Shopping Center being obligated to complete the construction and supply the necessary equipment, etc.) The total purchase price is \$2,915,000 of which \$765,000 is payable in cash as the time of closing; and the buyers are to take title subject to existing first deeds of trust in the amount of \$2,150,000.

Under the purchase agreement, the buyers have deposited \$5,000 with the Shopping Center to be applied against the purchase price. The three named promoters have or will receive an interest approximating 13% in the partnership in exchange for contributing to the partnership all their right, title and interest in and to the purchase agreement. Total partnership capital will be \$1,037,500 of which \$135,000 (or 13.01%) is represented by the non-cash contribution of the purchase agreement by the promoters. McKeever has contributed \$2,500 in cash.

The net proceeds of the sale of the limited partnership interests, plus the \$2,500 cash contribution by McKeever, will total \$812,500, of which \$765,000 will be paid to the Shopping Center. Closing costs are estimated at \$15,000. The partnership agreement provides that the partnership will reimburse the three promoters for their \$5,000 deposit and pay other costs and expenditures incurred, including legal and other fees.

ACME STEEL FILES STOCK PLAN. Acme Steel Company, Riverdale, Ill., today filed a registration statement (File 2-16798) with the SEC seeking registration of 250,000 shares of common stock, to be offered pursuant to the company's 1960 Employees' Stock Option Plan.

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