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WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES REGISTRATION REVOKED. In a decision announced today (Release 34-6270), the SEC revoked the broker-dealer registration of Williams & Associates, 24-30 Commerce St., Newark, N. J., for securities violations.

Associates and its sole general partner and controlling person, William Angelo, Jr., waived a hearing and consented to the revocation order. Angelo was found by the Commission to be a cause of said revocation. The firm became registered in March 1959.

According to the Commission's decision, Associates engaged in the conduct of a securities business between July 31 and October 20, 1959, in violation of the Commission's net capital rule, which is designed to safeguard customers of broker-dealer firms against possible losses due to the financial instability of such firms.

The Commission's decision also was based upon a Federal court order on October 30, 1959, enjoining Associates and Angelo, with their consent, from further conduct of a securities business in violation of the rule. The Commission's complaint in that action alleged violations of the rule during the period October 14-20, 1959.

CULLEN-STANFORD HEARING POSTPONED. The SEC has postponed from May 25 to June 3, 1960, the hearing scheduled for its New York Regional Office in the proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether the broker-dealer registration of Cullen-Stanford Corp., 99 Wall St., New York, should be revoked.

BALTIMORE GAS PROPOSES BOND OFFERING. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Lexington and Liberty Sts., Baltimore, Md., filed a registration statement (File 2-16618) with the SEC on May 23, 1960, seeking registration of \$25,000,000 of First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Bonds, Series due 1980, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the bond sale will be used for general corporate purposes, including proposed construction expenditures. Construction expenditures during 1960 are estimated at \$50,000,000 and for the five-year period 1960-64 at in excess of \$250,000,000.

APOLLO INDUSTRIES FILES FOR SECONDARY. Apollo Industries, Inc., 14 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., filed a registration statement (File 2-16619) with the SEC on May 23, 1960, seeking registration of 78,300 outstanding shares of its common stock, to be offered for sale by the present holders thereof over the American or Pittsburgh Stock Exchanges at current market prices prevailing at the time of sale.

The company is the surviving corporation in a May 1958 merger pursuant to which Apollo Steel Company and American Nut and Bolt Fastener Company were merged into San Toy Mining Company, which changed its name to Apollo Industries, Inc. It now operates the businesses of the three merging companies as three separate divisions bearing the names of the respective companies. In addition to certain indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 491,442 common shares, of which management officials own 24.13%. The selling shareholders number eighteen, and they propose to sell all of the holdings aggregating 78,300 shares. The largest blocks are held by Irving J. Levitt (13,500 shares) and Troster, Singer Corp. and Morris Cohon & Co. (10,000). None of the management officials is included in the list of selling shareholders.

LINK-BELT CO. FILES STOCK PLAN. Link-Belt Company, Prudential Plaza, Chicago, filed a registration statement (File 2-16620) with the SEC on May 23, 1960, seeking registration of 25,528 common shares, to be offered for sale (at an initial price of \$48 per share) only to a selected group of officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES FILES STOCK PLAN. Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill., filed a registration statement (File 2-16621) with the SEC on May 23, 1960, seeking registration of 600 participations in its Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Plan, together with 28,000 common shares which may be acquired pursuant thereto.

OSLO FILES FOR BOND OFFERING. The City of Oslo, Kingdom of Norway, today filed a registration statement (File 2-16622) with the SEC seeking registration of \$10,000,000 of Sinking Fund External Loan Bonds due June 1975, to be offered for public sale through a group of underwriters headed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Harriman Ripley

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& Co., Inc., Lazard Freres & Co., and Smith, Barney & Co. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds to be received by the City from the sale of the bonds will, in the first instance, be added to the foreign exchange reserves of the Kingdom of Norway; and the Norwegian kroner equivalent will be transferred to the City's Loan Fund. A corresponding amount will be advanced by the Loan Fund to certain revenue-producing Municipal Enterprises for purposes of continuing capital expenditures in the estimated amount of 15,000,000 kroner in the last six months of 1960 and the remaining amount in 1961. The enterprises in question are the Oslo Electricity Works, the Oslo Harbor Authority, and the municipal tramway companies.

SOUTHERN UNION GAS PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING. Southern Union Gas Company, Fidelity Union Tower, Dallas, today filed a registration statement (File 2-16623) with the SEC seeking registration of \$12,000,000 of Sinking Fund Debentures due 1985, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by A.C. Allyn and Company, Inc., and Snow, Sweeney & Co., Inc. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of the sale of the debentures will be applied in part to the repayment of \$4,000,000 of bank borrowings for construction purposes, and the balance will be used for further construction expenditures in 1960. The prospectus states that the original budget for 1960 contemplated gross construction expenditures of \$14,008,107, but that the company has since determined to defer a number of projects so that the aggregate expenditures may be reduced on the order of one-fourth.

WRISLEY COMPANY EXEMPTED. The SEC has granted an application of Allen B. Wisley Company, Chicago, for an exemption from the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

According to the company's application, over 99% of its outstanding stock is owned by Purex Corporation, Ltd. The latter files periodic reports with the Commission; and financial statements of Wisley Company are consolidated with those of Purex.

SENTENCES IMPOSED IN GENERAL ASSOCIATES STOCK FRAUD CASE. The SEC Seattle Regional Office announced May 12th (Lit. Release 1685) the imposition of sentences by the U. S. District Court in Seattle ranging up to four years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fines against J. Alvin Hibbard, Ralph L. Stachon, and other individuals following their conviction for fraud in the sale of General Associates, Inc. stock.

COURT ORDER ENJOINS LOS ANGELES TRUST DEED EXCHANGE. The SEC San Francisco Regional Office announced May 20th (Lit. Release 1686) entry of a Federal court order (USDC, Los Angeles) permanently enjoining Los Angeles Trust Deed & Mortgage Exchange, Trust Deed & Mortgage Markets, and certain managing officers, from further violations of the Securities Act registration and anti-fraud provisions in the sale of securities issued in connection with an investment plan based upon the sale of discounted real estate trust deeds and mortgages, designated as the Secured 10% Earnings Program. Court also appointed receiver for the said Mortgage Exchange and its subsidiary, Trust Deed & Mortgage Markets.

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