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STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE ANNOUNCED. A new questionnaire (FR-1) to develop information as to practices relating to safeguards for customers' free credit balances and securities, and related matters, was announced today (FOR THURSDAY NEWSPAPERS) by Milton H. Cohen, SEC Director of Special Study of Securities Markets. The questionnaire, which is being mailed to about 250 registered broker-dealers comprising a representative cross-section of exchange member firms and other firms engaged in a general securities business, also seeks related information on hypothecation and lending of customers' securities, handling of margin accounts, non-regulated sources of credit and bonding of broker-dealers and their employees. The completed questionnaires are to be submitted by June 25, 1962.

SOLITRON DEVICES FILES FOR SECONDARY. Solitron Devices, Inc. 500 Livingston Street, Norwood, N. J., filed a registration statement (File 2-20389) with the SEC on May 22nd seeking registration of 98,250 outstanding shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale by the holders thereof in the over-the-counter market at the then prevailing market prices (maximum \$5.50 per share*). The offering will be made on an agency basis through M. L. Lee & Co., Inc., which will receive a selling commission of 5% of the gross selling price.

The company is engaged in the design, development, manufacture and sale of a diversified range of semi-conductors consisting of silicon rectifiers used as integral components of most electronic and/or electrical items. The company has outstanding 480,000 shares of common stock, of which Mrs. Benjamin Friedman (wife of the company's president) and Abraham I. Friedman, secretary-treasurer, own 23.1% and 22.9%, respectively, and management officials as a group 48.04%. The prospectus lists 34 selling stockholders including Abraham I. Friedman, Casper A. Rogers, Wilton L. Jaffee and S. Marcus Finkel, who propose to sell 5,000, 11,100, 27,500 and 17,100 shares, respectively. Others propose to sell amounts ranging from 200 to 6,200 shares.

RAMADA INNS FILES EXCHANGE PLAN. Ramada Inns, Inc., 3801 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Ariz., filed a registration statement (File 2-20390) with the SEC on May 22nd seeking registration of 1,250,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer such stock in exchange for (1) beneficial interests in certain general partnerships and limited partnerships, (2) stock of certain companies, (3) beneficial interests in a trust and (4) an obligation of one of such partnerships.

The company was organized in 1961 for the purpose of developing a national chain of roadside motor hotels. As a first step toward such objective, the company is making this exchange offer and, upon its completion, will own or operate 25 motor hotels in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, California, Louisiana and Oklahoma; 18 restaurants, 10 coffee shops, catering operations and 6 cocktail lounges located in some of the motor hotels, the tradename and trademark "Ramada Inn" and the business of licensing the use of this name and furnishing services to motor hotels operated by acquired companies and others; and an apartment hotel in Tucson, Ariz. The company intends to build, acquire, lease, operate and manage motor hotels in locations where there appears to be a need for such facilities. Management officials of the company, including its organizers, intend to accept the exchange offer with respect to all interests beneficially owned by them. The company now has outstanding 100,000 common shares, purchased for an aggregate of \$100,000, of which management officials as a group own about 80.9%. Assuming 100% acceptance of the exchange offer, Marion W. Isbell, president and board chairman, and Max Sherman and Ezra F. Ressman, vice presidents, will own 27.3%, 5.7% and 4.4%, respectively, of the outstanding stock of the company.

PRECISION MICROWAVE TRADING BAN CONTINUED. The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act suspending trading in the common stock of Precision Microwave Corp. on the American Stock Exchange and over-the-counter market for a further ten-day period May 24 to June 2, 1962, inclusive.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective May 23: Alabama Power Co. (File 2-20336); Hillside Metal Products, Inc. (File 2-19470); Prom Motor Hotel, Inc. (File 2-19802); Virginia Electric and Power Co. (File 2-20338).

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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