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DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

WALTER TEPPER BARRED. An order has been issued barring Walter Tepper, of Matawan, New Jersey, from association with any broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment company.

The sanction was based upon findings that, about October 1, 1969 to May 14, 1970, Tepper participated in a manipulative scheme involving the common stock of Belmont Franchising Corp. pursuant to that scheme, a market for Belmont stock was initiated at an artificial level and controlled and manipulated thereafter; fictitious prices for the stock were quoted in the "pink sheets" published by the National Quotation Bureau, Inc. and otherwise; and secret arrangements were made to trade Belmont stock and quote it in the pink sheets in return for protection against loss, and to engage in transactions in the stock at the direction of others.

Without admitting or denying the charges against him, Tepper consented to the findings and the indicated sanction. (Rel. 34-10548)

DECISION PERMANENTLY SUSPENDING REGULATION A EXEMPTION OF COMTECH VENTURE FUND, INC. FINAL. The SEC has made final an administrative law judge's initial decision permanently suspending the Regulation A exemption from registration of a public offering of stock of Comtech Venture Fund, Inc.

According to the decision, Comtech's use of the Regulation A exemption was precluded because a Comtech officer and a company affiliated with Comtech had been enjoined from further violations of the Maryland Securities Act. The use of the Regulation A exemption was also precluded because Comtech's affiliated company had sold unregistered securities during the previous year which, together with Comtech's proposed offering, exceeded \$500,000. (Rel. 34-5446)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIX SUSPENSION TO TERMINATE. Over-the-counter trading in the common stock of Triex International Corporation, a Delaware corporation with offices located in Miami, Fla., will terminate at midnight (EST) on December 23, 1973.

The Commission initiated the trading suspension on December 15, 1972 because of the unavailability of current adequate and accurate information concerning the company, its operations and financial condition, and because of the unusual market activity in Triex's securities and the lack of information to account for this activity.

Triex has informed the Commission that it is without funds to retain professional accounting personnel to prepare financial statements and, therefore, there is still no current, adequate and accurate information available concerning Triex. Triex also has been unable to obtain the services of a stock transfer agent. In addition, the Triex's stock transfer records are inaccurate and out of date.

The Commission reminds broker-dealers of their responsibilities under the securities laws in view of the absence at the present time of any transfer agent for Triex securities. In this regard, the Commission stated in Release 33-8363, July 29, 1968, that "it would be inconsistent with applicable requirements for a broker-dealer to sell a security as principal for his own account or to purchase it as broker for any other person, if the broker-dealer knows, or has reason to believe that it is difficult to obtain delivery with respect to a particular security because of delays in transfer..." (Rel. 34-10571)

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

MIDLAND EQUITY CORPORATION ENJOINED. The SEC New York Regional Office announced that on December 4 the Federal court in New York issued a decision which held that Midland Equity Corporation, a New York broker-dealer, and James Joseph Hammarth, its president, were in violation of the Commission's visitation, inspection and preservation provisions. Further, the Court granted the Commission's motion for a preliminary injunction.

The complaint in this action was filed on June 12, 1973 and the hearing was held on June 21, 1973. (LR-6177)

*(The Docket reference cited on issues 73-243 and 73-244 should have been Vol. 3, No. 7 - Jan. 2, not Vol. 3, No. 6 - Dec. 26.)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

FUNDAMATIC INVESTORS. An order has been issued continuing until December 31, 1973 a prior order of the Commission permitting Fundamatic Investors, Inc., an open-end investment company which is presently being liquidated under court order, to suspend redemption of its outstanding redeemable securities and to postpone payment for shares submitted for redemption but for which payment has not been made. (Rel. IC-8143)

SOURCE CAPITAL. An order has been issued on an application of Source Capital, Inc. (SCI), a closed-end management company, and Wilfred O. Dunkel, an affiliated person of an affiliated person of SCI, permitting the sale by SCI to Dunkel of shares of common stock of Henry Engineering Company (Henry) and the sale of Henry common stock to Dunkel by certain other Henry shareholders. (Rel. IC-8144)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

EASTERN UTILITIES ASSOCIATES. A supplemental order has been issued authorizing Eastern Utilities Associates (EUA), a registered holding company, to increase the amount of open account advances from EUA to Blackstone Valley Electric Company, a subsidiary. (Rel. 35-18224)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS FILED

(S-6) AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF DELAWARE, 2727 Allen Parkway, Houston, Tex. 77019, as depositor, has filed a registration statement for American General Life Insurance Company of Delaware Separate Account D, a unit investment trust, for \$2,500,000 of deferred and immediate individual variable annuity contracts. (File 2-49805 - Dec. 6)

(S-7) PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, 920 S. W. 6th Ave., Portland, Or. 97204 - \$60 million of first mortgage bonds, due 2004 to be offered at competitive bidding. The Company is engaged primarily in generating, purchasing, transmitting and distributing electricity. (File 2-49808 - Dec. 6)

(S-1) PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA, 600 South Main St., Tulsa, Okla. 74119 - \$35 million first mortgage bonds due January 1, 2004, and 250,000 shares of preferred stock (\$100 par), to be offered through underwriters at competitive bidding. The company is an electric utility serving portions of eastern and southwestern Oklahoma. (File 2-49809 - Dec. 7)

(S-7) SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, 101 Ash St., San Diego, Cal. 92101 - \$75 million first mortgage bonds, Series M due 2004, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is an operating public utility company. (File 2-49810 - Dec. 7)

(S-16) READING & BATES OFFSHORE DRILLING COMPANY, 3800 First Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74103 - 104,102 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of a warrant, to be offered for sale by a selling securityholder through underwriters headed by Shields Securities Corporation, 44 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10005 and Hulme, Applegate & Humphrey, Inc., 586 Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219. The Company is engaged primarily in contract drilling of oil and gas wells, in the construction of oil and gas pipelines and in exploration for and production of oil and gas. (File 2-49813 - Dec. 7)

(S-1) CORDIS CORPORATION, 125 N. E. 40th St., Miami, Fla. 33137 - warrants to purchase common stock and 42,950 shares of common stock, of which 24,000 shares are issuable upon exercise of the warrants, which may be offered for sale from time to time by certain security holders. The Company designs, manufactures and sells cardiac pacers, angiocardigraphic equipment used for the diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases, and other specialized medical products. (File 2-49816 - Dec. 7)

(S-16) CROWN ZELLERBACH CORPORATION, One Bush St., San Francisco, Cal. 94119 - 288,333 shares of common stock, which may be offered from time to time by certain shareholders at prices prevailing at the time of sale. These shares were issued by Crown Zellerbach in the acquisition of the business and assets of Rainier Manufacturing Co. Crown Zellerbach primarily manufactures and distributes a broad range of paper products. (File 2-49817 - Dec. 10)

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:

Gould Inc., Chicago, Ill. (File 2-49799) - \$3 million of participations
 Earth Resources Company, Dallas, Tex. (File 2-49800) - 85,000 shares
 United Data Centers, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. (File 2-49806) - 50,000 shares
 Benham-Blair & Affiliates, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla. (File 2-49807) - 100,000 shares
 Unionamerica, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal. (File 2-49811) - 375,000 shares
 Union Bancorp, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal. (File 2-49812) - 550,000 shares
 Reinell Industries, Inc., Marysville, Wash. (File 2-49814) - 50,000 shares
 Union Pacific Corporation, New York, N. Y. (File 2-49819) - 195,440 shares
 Union Bancorp, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal. (File 2-49820) - 470,000 shares
 Fotomat Corporation, La Jolla, Cal. (File 2-49824) - 460,000 shares
 G. D. Searle & Co., Chicago, Ill. (File 2-49825) - 219,112 shares
 Wang Laboratories, Inc., Tewksbury, Mass. (File 2-49826) - 200,000 shares
 Deseret Pharmaceutical Company, Inc., Sandy, Utah (File 2-49827) - 200,000 shares
 Eckerd Drugs, Inc., Charlotte, N. C. (File 2-49830) - 300,000 shares

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective December 19: Southland Paper Mills, Inc., 2-49068.

Effective December 20: Consolidated Capital Realty Investors, 2-48641 (90 days); ADRs for Potgietersrust Platinums Limited, 2-49601; The Rucker Co., 2-49373; Tektronix, Inc., 2-49577; Treasure Mountain Corp., 2-48346 (Mar 22); ADRs for Western Holdings Limited, 2-49630.

Effective December 21: Consolidated Foods Corp., 2-49762 and 2-49761; Fairfield-Noble Corp., 2-49666.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

TRADING SUSPENSIONS. The SEC has announced the suspension of (a) over-the-counter trading in the securities of Patterson Corp. and Westgate California Corp. for the further ten-day period December 21-30, inclusive; (b) exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corp. and Giant Stores Corp., and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Industries International for the further ten-day period December 23-January 1, inclusive; and (c) exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Stratton Group Ltd. and Koracorp Industries, and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Home-Stake Production Co. and Continental Vending Machines Inc. for the further ten-day period December 26-January 4, inclusive.

RECENT FORM 8-K FILINGS

Form 8K is a report which must be filed with the SEC by the 10th of the month after any of the following important events or changes: changes in control of the registrant; acquisition or disposition of assets; legal proceedings; changes in securities (*i.e., collateral for registered securities*); defaults upon senior securities; increase or decrease in the amount of securities outstanding; options to purchase securities; revaluation of assets; submission of matters to a vote of security holders; and any newly enacted requirements effecting registrant's business.

The companies listed below have filed Form 8-K reports for the month indicated, responding to the item of the form specified. Photocopies may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Section (*in ordering, please give month and year of report*). An index of the captions of the items of the form was included in Monday's News Digest.

COMPANY	ITEM NO.	MONTH
SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE CO	13,14	11/73
SERNCO INC	11	11/73
SERVICE CORP INTERNATIONAL	7	11/73
SERVOMATIC CORP	11,14	11/73
SGL INDUSTRIES INC	7	11/73
SIGNODE CORP	13	11/73
SIMON MORTON INC	11	11/73
SITKIN SMELTING & REFINING INC	11	11/73
SN PARTNERS LTD	2,7,14	10/73

8K REPORTS CONT.

SOUTHEAST BANKING CORP	7,8	11/73
SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO	3,14	11/73
SOUTHERN SECURITIES CORP	1,2,13	11/73
SOUTHLAND LOYALTY CO	13	11/73
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO	11,14	11/73
SPACE & LEISURE TIME LTD	8,13,14	11/73
SPARTAN FOOD SYSTEMS INC	11,14	11/73
SPOTTS FLOKAFAX CORP	3	10/73
STA RITE INDUSTRIES INC	13	11/73
STEEL VALLEY INC	1	05/73
STORAGE TECHNOLOGY CORP	7,14	10/73
STURY CHEMICAL CORP	4,6,14	11/73
SUBURBAN BANKCORPORATION	3	11/73
SUPERIOR ELECTRIC CO	4,7,8,14	11/73
SYCOR INC	13	11/73
TANDY CORP	11	11/73
TANNETICS INC	3,9	11/73
TAYLOR RENTAL CORP	7,14	11/73
TECHNOLOGY INC	11,14	11/73
TELEPRO INDUSTRIES INC	7	11/73
TERRAMAR CORP	7,8,11	11/73
TEXAS FIRST MORTGAGE REIT	13	11/73
TEXAS OIL & GAS CORP	7,8,14	11/73
THEFCORP CORP	2,3,14	11/73
TIBURON VINTNERS INC	13,14	12/73
TIME HOLDINGS INC	7	11/73
TRANS WORLD AIRLINES INC	7,13	11/73
TRANSCON BUILDERS INC	3,13	11/73
TUCKER LAND CO	14	11/73
TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORP	10,14	10/73
ULTRA DYNAMICS CORP	11	11/73
UNI SHIELD INTERNATIONAL CORP	2,12,14	10/73
UNION CORP	11,14	11/73
UNITED JERSEY BANKS	13	11/73
UNITED MERCHANTS & MANUFACTURERS INC	7,14	11/73
UNITED STATES ENERGY CORP	1	11/73
UNITED STATES ENVELOPE CO	10	11/73
UNITED STATES REDUCTION CO	3	09/73
UNIVERSAL CONTAINER CORP	4,7,13,14	10/73
VALMAC INDUSTRIES INC	3,14	10/73
VANCE SANDERS & CO INC	9,11,14	11/73
VERIT INDUSTRIES	3,8	11/73
VETCO OFFSHORE INDUSTRIES INC	7	11/73
VICTORIA STATION INC	7	11/73
VIRGINIA SAVSHARES INC	13,14	11/73
VOLUNTEER NATURAL GAS CO	11	11/73
WALTER JIM CORP	3	11/73
WARWACO INC	7,8,13,14	11/73
WATERS ASSOCIATES INC	9	11/73
WAYNES PHOTO FINISHING INC	2	10/73
WEINGARTEN MARKETS REALTY CO	7,14	11/73
WELLCO ENTERPRISES INC	11,13	11/73
WEST CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INC	13,14	11/73
WESTERN CRBIS CO	11	11/73
WESTERN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INC	13	09/73
WESTINGHOUSE CREDIT CORP	11	04/73
WHITE SHIELD CORP	2,14	11/73

Copies of registration statements may be ordered from the Commission's Public Reference Section. All other referenced material is available in the issue of the SEC Docket indicated in parentheses below the News Digest Issue No. Both the News Digest (\$33.00 a year, first class mail, \$8.25 additional for foreign mailing, \$25.00 additional for air mail) and the SEC Docket (\$17.00 a year, first class mail, \$4.25 additional for foreign mailing) are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.