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A brief summary of financial proposals filed with and actions by the S.E.C.

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## CANADIAN RESTRICTED LIST

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The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced the addition of the stock of the following Canadian company to its Canadian Restricted List:

Saskalon Uranium & Oils Limited

The Canadian Restricted List is composed of the stocks of Canadian companies which the Commission has reason to believe, based upon information obtained in its investigations and otherwise, recently have been or currently are being distributed in the United States in violation of the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. The list now comprises 167 of such securities.

The requirement for registration of securities offered for public sale applies to Canadian and other foreign companies as well as to domestic companies. Registration is designed to provide disclosure of financial and other information which will enable investors to make an informed and realistic evaluation of the worth of securities offered for public sale. Failure to comply with the registration requirements may deprive investors of much or all of this necessary information, and absence of such information facilitates false claims as to the worth of such securities. Thus, investors are denied the essential protections which the Securities Act sought to provide.

The Commission each year files numerous Federal Court actions to enjoin domestic companies or United States residents from the sale of securities in violation of the registration requirements. Canadian companies, however, are beyond reach of the process of Federal Courts, and the Canadian Restricted List is designed both to warn investors of the possible risks involved in their purchase of unregistered Canadian securities, and also to alert broker-dealer firms of possible illegal distributions of Canadian securities so they may avoid participation therein.

## JOHNS-MANVILLE FILES EMPLOYEE PLAN

Johns-Manville Corporation, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-14234) with the SEC on June 30, 1958, seeking registration of 300,000 shares of its \$5 par Common Stock, to be offered to certain officers and key employees of the company pursuant to its Employees' Stock Purchase Plan 1958.

## ASSOCIATED GROCERS FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL

Associated Grocers, Incorporated, Seattle, Wash., filed a registration statement (File 2-14235) with the SEC on June 30, 1958, seeking registration of 4,788 shares of its \$50 par Common Capital Stock, \$1,500,000 of 5% 25 Year Subordinated Registered Debenture Notes, Second Series, and \$606,000 of 5% Coupon Bearer Debentures.

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The common stock may be purchased only in accordance with the acquiring of membership in Associated Grocers. A \$25 initiation fee is required, which constitutes a contribution to capital and 20 shares must be acquired at par by a member engaged in the operation of a grocery store and 5 shares by a member engaged solely in the operation of a retail meat market. To qualify as a member the member must also hold Subordinated Debenture Notes in certain amounts. The issue of Bearer Debentures has been established primarily for the purpose of effecting the conversion of patronage refund notes and subordinated debenture notes.

The securities are not offered for the purpose of effecting the acquisition of any specific properties or the liquidation of any specific indebtedness of the Association. To the extent that additional cash is received by the Association by reason of the distribution of the securities it will become a part of the working capital and if determined to be in excess of normal requirements may be employed to reduce bank, mortgage loan, or other indebtedness.

#### ACME UNITED LIFE INS. CO. PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING

Acme United Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, Ga., filed a registration statement (File 2-14236) with the SEC seeking registration of 315,000 shares of its \$1 par Common Stock. The company proposes to offer this stock for subscription at \$6.25 per share by common stockholders at the rate of three new shares for each two shares held of record June 30, 1958. Unsubscribed shares will be offered for public sale at \$7.50 per share. No underwriting is involved.

Net proceeds of the stock sale will be used to increase the company's capital and surplus in order to expand its business, including an increase in the amount of its investment in the security of a single individual or corporation, and to enable the company to expand its operations in other states.

#### MONTANA POWER FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL

The Montana Power Company, Butte, Montana, today filed a registration statement (File 2-14237) with the SEC seeking registration of \$20,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, Series due 1988, and 100,000 shares of its no par Common Stock. The bonds are to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. The stock will be sold only to bona fide residents of Montana through dealers offering price to be based on the then current market for the stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Underwriting terms of the stock offering will be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of this financing, together with internally generated funds, will be used to repay \$15,500,000 in bank loans and to carry on the company's construction program through 1959. Construction expenditures are estimated at \$17,230,000 for the last eight months of 1958 and the year 1959.

#### CONSOLIDATED CUBAN PETROLEUM FILES FOR SECONDARY

Consolidated Cuban Petroleum Corporation, Havana, Cuba, today filed a registration statement (File 2-14238) with the SEC seeking registration of 419,000 outstanding shares of its 20¢ par Common Stock. Holders of this stock propose to offer same for sale at the current market price for Consolidated Cuban stock on the American Stock Exchange at the time of such offer (75¢ on June 23, 1958). No underwriting is involved.

The company has outstanding 2,997,318 common shares. The selling stockholders are Prestige Inc., Samuel I. Burd, Martin Burd and Frank Burd, all of 485 Fifth Ave., New York City. Under an agreement dated July 9, 1956, Peter H. Bergson, director, vice-president and treasurer of the company and owner of 419,000 shares (17.5%) of its stock, sold to Prestige 140,000 common shares for \$70,000 and granted options for additional stock as follows: 55,000 to Prestige for \$3,000; and 75,000 shares each to the three Burds for \$22,333.33 each. All such options were exercised and the selling stockholders acquired 420,000 shares at an aggregate price of \$140,000. Prestige has previously sold 1,000 shares.