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#### DECISION IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

CHARISMA SECURITIES CORP. REVOKED, PRESIDENT BARRED. The SEC has revoked the broker-dealer registration of Charisma Securities Corp., New York City, and barred Stephen Lee Adlman, its president, from association with any broker, dealer, registered investment company or registered investment adviser.

According to the decision, the respondents violated anti-fraud and registration provisions of the securities acts in connection with the offer and sale of stock of Award Winners, Inc. Violations were also found, among other things, of the net capital requirements, and the provisions regarding customers' free credit balances. funds received as subscriptions in the underwriting of public distributions of securities, the furnishing of confirmations, and recordkeeping and reporting.

The action was taken pursuant to an offer of settlement, in which the respondents, without admitting or denying the allegations in the order for proceedings, consented to the indicated findings and sanctions. (Rel. 34-9593)

#### NEW RULES AND RULE PROPOSALS

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 15b1-2. The Commission today announced the amendment of Rule 15b1-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require additional disclosures from persons filing applications to become registered as broker-dealers. Prior to this amendment, Rule 15b1-2 merely required such persons to file, in addition to the application on Form BD, verified statements of their financial condition. As amended, the rule requires such persons to file, in addition to the statement of financial condition, (1) a computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital, which must be in compliance with the applicable requirements, (2) a statement describing the nature and source of capital and representing that such amount of capital has been contributed to and will continue to be devoted to the business, (3) a statement representing that adequate arrangements have been made for the establishment and maintenance of the facilities and financing required for the operation of the business, and which discusses the arrangements made respecting personnel, physical facilities, books and records, and supervision procedures, and (4) a statement for the first year of operations (a) describing the arrangements made for the obtaining of the funds necessary to operate the business, (b) setting forth the anticipated expenses for such first year of operations, and (c) providing information as to any arrangements made to obtain additional financing if it becomes necessary. The amendments to Rule 15bl-2 will become effective June 15, 1972. (Rel. 35-9594)

## CONTISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

SUSPEND TRADING IN FIRST WORLD CORPORATION. The Commission on Wednesday announced that it has ordered the temporary suspension of over-the-counter trading in the securities of First World Corporation of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, for a ten-day period commencing at 10:00 A.M. on May 10, 1972. The suspension will be effective through May 19, 1972. The suspension was ordered by the Commission because of the absence of correct and complete information concerning the company, its operations and financial condition, and because questions have arisen concerning the valuation of certain assets.

First World has three classes of stock outstanding, two of which are currently trading in the over-thecounter market. The most recent financial information available to the public on First World is an unaudited financial statement as of April 30, 1971. Serious questions have been raised as to the accuracy and adequacy of the information contained therein. Moreover, it has been brought to the attention of the Commission's staff that since April 30, 1971 significant changes have occurred in the management and affairs of First World, which changes have not been reflected in subsequent financial statements. (Rel. 34-9599)

## INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

AMERICAN EUROPEAN SECURITIES CO. The SEC has issued an order upon an application of American European Securities Company (American European), Southport, Conn. closed-end investment company, permitting the proposed public offering of stock of American European Securities, Inc. (Panama Company), a company to be organized under Panamanian law. It is proposed to transfer substantially all of the assets of American European to Panama Company, which will operate as a closed-end investment company, and to exchange each share of American European stock for one share of Panama Company stock. Any holder of American European stock may elect to receive the net asset value of his holdings in cash. The plan of reorganization was approved by American European's stockholders. Approximately 97% of the company's stock is owned beneficially by persons who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States. (Rel. IC-7172)

SMITH, BARNEY & CO. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until June 2 to request a hearing upon an application of Smith, Barney & Co., Inc., New York broker-dealer and, together with Dain, Kalman & Quail, Inc., prospective representative of a group of underwriters to be formed in connection with a proposed public offering of shares of common stock of St. Paul Securities, Inc., a closed-end diversified management investment company. Smith, Barney seeks an order exempting Smith, Barney, its co-representative and their co-underwriters from certain provisions of the Act in connection with their transactions incidental to the distribution of St. Paul's shares. (Rel. IC-7173)

DREYFUS FUND. The SEC has issued an order upon an application of The Dreyfus Third Century Fund, Inc., New York mutual fund, and Robert F. Goheen providing that Goheen shall not be deemed an "interested person" of the Fund or the Fund's principal underwriter, Dreyfus Sales Corp., within the meaning of the Act solely by reason of the fact that Goheen is a director of The Equitable Life Assurance Company of the United States. (Rel. IC-7171)

#### HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASE

COLUMBIA GAS. The SEC has issued a notice giving interested persons until May 26 to request a hearing upon an application of The Columbia Gas System, Inc., and two of its wholly-owned non-utility subsidiaries, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, which is engaged in the production and sale of natural gas in seven states, and Columbia Gas Development of Canada, Ltd., which is engaged in acquiring additional gas supplies and coordinating the development of gas sources in Canada for the Columbia system. Columbia, together with three non-affiliated American companies, entered into an agreement on May 1 with Panarctic Oils Ltd. of Calgary, with respect to a joint endeavor to discover and develop natural gas reserves on lands held by Panarctic in the Arctic Islands of Canada. Columbia's rights and obligations under the agreement, which is to be superseded by a partnership agreement, have been assigned by Columbia to Transmission; and Transmission, in turn, has assigned such rights and obligations to Development. To enable Development, as successor to Transmission, to perform its obligations under the agreement, Transmission proposes from time to time to make up to Can.\$12.5 million of Open-account advances to Development (or to Panarctic on behalf of Development). (Rel. 35-17571)

#### SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

REAL ESTATE PARTNERS OF AMERICA (the Partnership), 2 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, New York 10001, filed a registration statement on May 9 seeking registration of up to \$7,000,000 of partnership interests, to be offered for public sale at \$500 per unit. The offering is to be made by selected NASD members. The Partnership is to be formed to make equity investments in improved income-producing real estate and in unimproved real estate for the purpose of development. Seymour Breeman, Imperial Realty Corporation, Hampshire Syndicate, Ltd., Newbridge National Corp. and Kenmore Development Co., Inc. are the general partners. (File 2-44172)

WILSON CERTIFIED FOODS, INC., 4545 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105, filed a registration statement on May 9 seeking registration of \$25 million of sinking fund debentures, due 1997, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Lehman Brothers Inc., One William St., and Goldman, Sachs & Co., 55 Broad St., both of New York 10004. The company is engaged in buying and slaughtering livestock and processing and marketing food products. Net proceeds will be used to prepay \$23 million of 9-7/8% subordinated debentures, due 1977, held by Wilson & Co., Inc. (owner of 88.7% of the company's outstanding common stock and all its Series A preferred stock) and the balance will be used to reduce short-term indebtedness (aggregating \$13.7 million at May 1). (File 2-44173)

PUREPAC LABORATORIES CORPORATION, 200 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. 07207, filed a registration statement on May 9 seeking registration of 170,000 shares of common stock, of which 50,000 are to be offered for public sale by the company and 120,000 (being outstanding shares) by the holders thereof. The offering is to be made (\* at \$25 per share maximum) through underwriters headed by Allen & Co. Inc., 30 Broad St., New York 10004. The company is primarily engaged in the manufacture and sale of pharmaceutical products. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$500,000 will be used to replace and expand the company's generic prescription drug manufacturing operations and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-44174)

LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY, 250 Old Country Rd., Mineola, N. Y. 11501, filed a registration statement on May 9 seeking registration of 2,022,000 shares of common stock. It is proposed to offer these shares for subscription by common stockholders, at the rate of one share for each ten shares held (\* and at \$22 per share maximum). Unsubscribed shares will be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., 70 Pine St., and Lehman Brothers, One William St., both of New York. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$30 million will be used to repay all of the company's Series B 3½% first mortgage bonds, due 1972, and the balance will be applied to construction of utility plant or towards repayment of outstanding short-term indebtedness incurred to construct utility plant. Construction expenditures are estimated at \$269 million for the period from April 1, 1972 through December 31, 1973. (File 2-44175)

STEAK AND ALE RESTAURANTS OF AMERICA, INC., 3505 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, Tex. 75219, filed a registration statement on May 10 seeking registration of 400,000 shares of common stock, of which 170,000 are to be offered for public sale by the company and 230,000 (being outstanding shares) by the holders thereof. The offering is to be made (\* at \$34.69 per share maximum) through underwriters headed by Goldman, Sachs & Co., 3100 One Main Place, Dallas, Tex. 75250. The company is engaged in the development and operation of restaurants under the names "Steak and Ale" and "Jolly Ox." Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$500,000 will be used to prepay outstanding bank debt and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-44177)

PETRO-SEARCH, INC., 825 Petroleum Club Bldg., Denver, Colo. 80202, filed a registration statement on May 10 seeking registration of 220,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale (\* at \$10.375 per share maximum) through underwriters headed by Katz, Needelman & Co., Inc., 1776 K. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006. The company is primarily engaged in the management of oil and gas drilling and income programs for investors. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$900,000 will be used to repay short-term bank borrowings incurred to make interim production loans to drilling programs, and the balance for working capital and general corporate purposes. (File 2-44178)

MODULINE INTERNATIONAL, INC., P. O. Box 209, Chehalis, Wash. 98532, filed a registration statement on May 10 seeking registration of 310,000 shares of common stock, of which 185,000 are to be offered for public sale by the company and 125,000 (being outstanding shares) by the holders thereof. The offering is to be made (\*at \$14 per share maximum) through Dominick & Dominick, Inc., 14 Wall St., New York 10005. The company designs, manufactures and sells low-to-medium priced mobile homes intended as permanent or semi-permanent housing. Of the net proceeds of its stock sale, \$600,000 will be used in connection with plant construction and improvements, and the balance for working capital and other corporate purposes. (File 2-44180)

GENERAL AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Chicago, 111. 60606, filed a registration statement on May 10 seeking registration of 16,541 outstanding shares of common stock, which may be offered for sale from time to time by the holders thereof (\* at \$47 per share maximum). (File 2-44181)

FLORIDA STEEL CORPORATION, 1715 Cleveland St., Tampa, Fla. 33606, filed a registration statement on May 10 seeking registration of 120,000 outstanding shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale by the holders thereof. The offering is to be made (\* at \$44 per share maximum) through underwriters headed by Kidder, Peabody & Co. Inc., 20 Exchange Place, New York, N.Y. and McDonald & Co., 1250 Union Commerce Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio 44115. The company is primarily engaged in the manufacture and fabrication of steel reinforcing bars for use in all types of concrete construction and also produces other steel bar shapes. (File 2-44183)

 $\underline{STOCK\ PLANS\ FILED}$ . 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:

Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. (File 2-44162) - 322,500 shares Hon Industries, Inc., Muscatine, Iowa (File 2-44164) - 40,000 shares

Amerada Hess Corporation, New York, N.Y. (File 2-44179) - 314,924 common shares and 10,100 \$3.50 preferred shares

Olga Company, Van Nuys, Calif. (File 2-44176) - 160,000 shares The Wickes Corporation, Saginaw, Mich. (File 2-44182) - 400,000 shares Kane-Miller Corp., New York, N.Y. (File 2-44184) - 200,000 shares

## MISCELLANEOUS

TRADING SUSPENSIONS CONTINUED. The SEC has ordered the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Ecological Science Corporation and in the common stock of Applied Devices Corporation for the further ten-day period May 13-22, 1972, inclusive.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective May 10: Arco Nuclear Savings Plan & Atlantic Richfield Co., 2-44068; Armac Enterprises, Inc., 2-43562; BancOhio Corp., 2-43907; Betz Laboratories, Inc., 2-43904; Chris-Craft Industries, Inc., 2-42853; Durr-Fillaurer Medical, Inc., 2-43314 (Aug. 8); GAF Corp., 2-41036; Mercury General Corp., 2-43481; PRC 1972 Oil & Gas Program, Ltd., 2-41980 (90 days); Province of New Brunswick, 2-44054; R. B. Jones, Corp., 2-42879; Ryder System, Inc., 2-43913; Southeast Banking Corp., 2-43828; Westrans 1972 Program Corp., 2-42442 (Aug. 8).

NOTE TO DEALERS. The period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus in trading transactions is shown above in parentheses after the name of the issuer.

\*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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