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CAPITAL SHARES FILES FOR OFFERING

Capital Shares, Inc., 15 William St., New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-15424) with the SEC on August 3, 1959, seeking registration of 500,000 "Life Insurance Fund" shares. Capital Shares was organized under Maryland law in March 1959. Robert A. Love is listed as president. The Fund's investments are under the management of Investors Counsel, Inc., which has retained David L. Babson & Company, Inc., of Boston and Shelby Cullom Davis & Company of New York as consultants. Investments will be made principally in securities of companies engaged directly or indirectly in the life insurance business. The principal underwriter is Capital Sponsors, Inc., of New York.

ADDITIONAL KEYSTONE CUSTODIAN FUND SHARES IN REGISTRATION

Keystone Custodian Fund, Inc., Boston investment company, filed an amendment on August 3, 1959, to its registration statement (File 2-10529) seeking registration of 2,000,000 additional Keystone Custodian Fund Certificates of Participation, Series S4.

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE PROPOSES RIGHTS OFFERING

American States Insurance Company, 542 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, filed a registration statement (File 2-15425) with the SEC on August 3, 1959, seeking registration of 108,144 shares of Class A Stock. The shares are to be offered for subscription by holders of outstanding Class A and Class B stock at the rate of one additional share for each four shares of Class A and Class B stock held. The subscription price is to be supplied by amendment. City Securities Corporation is listed as the underwriter; and the underwriting commission is 50¢ per share.

Net proceeds of the stock sale are to be added to the general funds of the company to be held in cash or invested in securities. An increase in capital and surplus of the company is deemed desirable to accommodate and support an anticipated continued increase in the volume of business of the company according to the prospectus; and it is further anticipated that a \$2,000,000 investment will be made in a new subsidiary insurance company to be organized and to specialize in personal lines of casualty, fire and multiple-line insurance substantially similar to the personal line policies written by the company.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL INVESTORS TRUST SHARES IN REGISTRATION

General Investors Trust, Boston investment company, filed an amendment on August 3, 1959, to its registration statement (File 2-10431) seeking registration of an additional 1,000,000 shares of beneficial interest in the trust.

COMBINED METALS SEEKS EXEMPTION

Combined Metals, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, investment company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act exempting it from the reporting requirements of that Act and from the necessity of filing a registration statement thereunder; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 40-2902) giving interested persons until August 19, 1959 to request a hearing thereon. Applicant's only assets consist of 2,000 shares of Preference Stock of Combined Metals Reduction Company, on which applicant has received no dividends since 1952; and in view thereof it asserts that compliance with the registration and reporting requirements would be an unnecessary burden and would not be of benefit to its investors.

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CENTRAL CORP. PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING

The Central Corporation, 1315 Dixwell Ave., Hartford, Conn., today filed a registration statement (File 2-15426) with the SEC seeking registration of 200,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at \$3 per share. The offering is to be made on a best efforts basis by Arnold Malkan & Co., Inc., for which it will receive a 30¢ per share selling commission, plus \$3,500 as reimbursement for expenses.

The company was organized under Delaware law on July 9, 1959, and owns all of the shares of a Connecticut corporation of the same name organized in February 1958, which has various subsidiaries, the principal one of which, Central Beautycraft Corporation, was organized in June 1956. Central and its subsidiaries intend to continue in the business of manufacturing beauty and barber shop equipment and molded reinforced fiber glass and other plastic components for aircraft, missiles and for industry. A total of 300,000 common shares are now outstanding, along with \$172,738 of indebtedness. Net proceeds of the sale of additional stock are to be used as follows: \$35,000 to be advanced to Central Beautycraft for working capital; \$10,000 to repay loans made to J. F. Equipment Corp., by Arnold Malkan, a director, and increase the working capital of that company by an additional \$35,000; \$1,000 for the purchase of all the shares of Central Sign Corporation from Arnold and Willard Malkan (the latter is company president), and lend that company \$79,000, of which \$54,300 will be used to repay advances made to it by Arnold Malkan and \$24,700 will be added to working capital; \$60,000 to open manufacturing and sales facilities for Central Beautycraft and Central Sign in Los Angeles; \$216,135 for use as working capital and to make available to subsidiaries, as necessary; and \$78,865 to pay advances by Arnold Malkan. Central Sign is said to manufacture and sell internally illuminated outdoor advertising signs. Another subsidiary, Central Molders Corp., is engaged in the compression molding and fabrication of reinforced fibreglass plastic products, and in the vacuum forming of thermoplastic sheets (the plastic products are said to be suitable for military aircraft and missile use).

Of the outstanding stock, 112,500 shares each (37½%) are owned by Willard and Arnold Malkan; and an additional 37,500 shares each are owned by Richard M. Stiner and Russell S. Schmidt, officers and directors. Management holdings were acquired for an investment in the company of \$215,807.

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