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METOIL SUSPENSION MADE PERMANENT. The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Act of 1933 making permanent its December 1962 order temporarily suspending a Regulation A exemption from registration with respect to a public offering by Metoil, Incorporated, 161 South First West, Salt Lake City, Utah, of 238,500 shares of its non-assessable common stock at \$1 per share. The suspension order was based upon alleged false and misleading representations in the company's offering circular. Upon request of the company, the Commission scheduled a hearing for February 19, 1963 in its Denver Regional Office on the question of vacating the suspension order, and the company was directed to file an answer to the allegations set forth in the temporary suspension order within 15 days after service of the order for hearing. The company failed to file an answer within the required time and, accordingly, the Commission has cancelled the said hearing and made the suspension permanent.

IMPERIAL MINING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION VACATED. The Commission also has issued an order vacating its October 1962 order temporarily suspending a Regulation A exemption from Securities Act registration with respect to a proposed public offering by Imperial Mining, Inc., 130 Fourth St., Las Vegas, Nevada, of 3,000,000 of its common shares at 10¢ per share. According to the order, the issuer has (1) filed an amended notification and offering circular which corrects the deficiencies in the material previously filed which formed the basis of the suspension order; and (2) provided the Commission with satisfactory assurance that all known existing copies of the earlier offering circular (other than file copies of the issuer, its counsel and the Commission) have been destroyed.

SEC FILES IN DILBERT REORGANIZATION. The SEC today announced that it has filed motions in the Federal Court in Brooklyn, N. Y., to dismiss the Chapter XI arrangement proceedings with respect to Dilbert's Quality Supermarkets, Inc. and Dilbert's Leasing & Development Corp., on the grounds that each of the proceedings should have been brought under the corporation reorganization provisions of Chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act. A hearing on the Commission's motions is set for February 25.

Supermarkets controls Leasing whose \$2,500,000 in debentures (which are held by the public) have been declared due, owing and in default by the indenture trustee. Payment of the debentures is guaranteed by Supermarkets to whom the indenture trustee is now looking for payment of interest and principal. The Commission's motions urge that the Chapter XI procedures are inadequate to meet the rehabilitation needs of the companies, and in the event such motions are granted, either company or creditors may file a Chapter X petition. Chapter X contains provisions for the appointment of an independent trustee with power to operate the business, conduct a thorough-going investigation of the debtor and its management, and propose a comprehensive plan of reorganization.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA NATURAL GAS RECEIVES ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14804) declaring that Kansas-Nebraska Natural Company, Inc. (Hastings), has ceased to be a holding company. According to the order, in December 1962 the company acquired North Central Gas Company, a non-affiliated gas utility company. North Central and Western Gas Fuel Corporation, a wholly-owned utility subsidiary, were then merged into the company and were liquidated. As a result thereof the company no longer owns, controls, or holds power to vote any voting securities of a public-utility company or of a company which is a holding company.

AUTOMATIC RETAILERS PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING. Automatic Retailers of America, Inc., 10889 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, today filed a registration statement (File 2-21075) with the SEC seeking registration of \$10,000,000 of subordinated debentures due 1983 (with attached 10-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of common stock), to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by White, Weld & Co., Inc., and Goldman, Sachs & Co., both of 20 Broad Street, N. Y. Warrant holders will be entitled to purchase 10 shares for each \$1,000 of debentures at a price per share to be supplied by amendment. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are also to be supplied by amendment.

The company and its subsidiaries are engaged in selling a wide variety of products through coin operated vending machines and in supplying institutional food services in the United States and Puerto Rico. Of the net proceeds from the debenture sale, \$8,238,423 will be used to pay indebtedness incurred in connection with the company's acquisition of other businesses and the balance will be added to general funds and may be used to purchase new equipment, expand existing services, and to acquire additional businesses or properties. In addition to certain indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 2,971,335 shares of common stock, of which management officials as a group own 19.20%. Davre J. Davidson is board chairman and president.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective February 13: Computer Control Co., Inc. (File 2-19667); Pacific Southwest Airlines (File 2-20968); Pioneer Telephone Co. (File 2-20978); Potomac Electric Power Co. (File 2-21037). Withdrawn February 11: Norda Essential Oil & Chemical Co., Inc. (File 2-19989) Withdrawn February 12: Aerosystems Technology Corp. (File 2-20691); Basic Properties, Inc. (File 2-20554); Las Vegas Properties Trust (File 2-20848); Radar Relay, Inc. (File 2-20788).

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