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**TRAILER TRAIN FILES FOR OFFERING.** Trailer Train Company, 6 Penn Center Plaza, Philadelphia, filed a registration statement (File 2-21509) with the SEC on June 20 seeking registration of \$4,800,000 of serial equipment trust certificates due 1964-68 (Series 3), to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. The company supplies to railroads flat cars of standard designs suitable for the transportation by railroad of highway trailers (commonly called "piggyback" equipment). The net proceeds from the sale of the certificates will be applied to the payment of not more than 80% of the purchase price (estimated at \$6,000,000) of about 452 new railroad flat cars (the balance to be paid from treasury funds). In addition to certain indebtedness, the company has outstanding 18,500 shares of capital stock which are owned by 34 railroads and one freight forwarder. J. P. Newell is president.

**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS FILES FOR STOCK OFFERING.** Northwest Natural Gas Company, 735 S.W. Morrison St., Portland, Oregon, filed a registration statement (File 2-21510) with the SEC on June 20 seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Lehman Brothers, One William St., New York. The public offering price (maximum \$36 per share\*) and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company's principal business is the distribution of natural gas to customers in Oregon and Washington. The net proceeds from the stock sale will be used to pay, in part, cash requirements of the company's 1963 construction program, estimated at \$9,725,000. In addition, to certain indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 1,520,381 shares of common stock, of which management officials as a group own 3.22%. Charles H. Gueffroy is board chairman and Francis F. Hill is president.

**OVERLAND CORP. SEEKS ORDER.** The Overland Corporation, Delaware closed-end investment company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act exempting it from provisions of Sections 15(a), 17(a) and 17(f) of the Act; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-3727) giving interested persons until July 11, 1963 to request a hearing thereon. The application states that Overland now has only 15 stockholders of record representing 11 beneficial owners who are all members of the family of Ward M. Canaday, board chairman and president of the company. In addition, there are some 580 holders of interests in a Special Reserve relating to renegotiation of government contracts and unresolved tax liabilities.

**INVESTORS MUTUAL ORDER.** The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-3726) denying a motion filed by Randolph Phillips, a shareholder of Investors Mutual, Inc., to vacate the Commission's order of December 27, 1962 which dismissed an application under Section 2(a)(9) of the Act filed by Harold C. Ackert, another stockholder of Investors Mutual.

**COURT ACTS AGAINST NEW JERSEY BROKER.** The SEC New York Regional Office announced June 17 (LR-2661) the entry of a Federal court order (USDC, NJ) compelling Henry Giannetti, Sr., of East Orange, N. J., sole general partner of Phoenix Securities of Montclair, New Jersey, to appear before an officer of the Commission to testify and produce certain documents as called for in a subpoena duces tecum.

**SIX SENTENCED IN INVESTORS MORTGAGE CASE.** The SEC Atlanta Regional Office announced July 19 (LR-2662) that the court imposed the following sentences following the convictions of said persons (USDC, SD, Fla.) on charges of violating the Securities Act in the offer and sale of investment contracts and interim notes and loan agreements of Investors Mortgage Corporation, a St. Petersburg, Florida firm: Joe H. Byrnes (St. Petersburg), two years in prison; John D. George (St. Petersburg), four months in prison and probation for three years; Raymond E. Hester, 18 months suspended sentence and probation for three years; Thurber Hilliker, probation for three years; B. B. Bratton, probation for three years; and Charles H. High, probation for two years.

**HERBERT JOHANNES STEEL INDICTED.** The SEC announced today (LR-2663) the return of an indictment by a New York Federal Grand Jury charging Herbert Johannes Steel, executive vice president of Alaska International Corporation, with violating the Securities Act registration provisions in the offer and sale of unregistered stock of Alaska International, as well as with making false statements to Commission investigators.

**SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS.** Effective June 20; Central and South West Corporation (File 2-21429); Coburn Credit Co., Inc. (File 2-21434).

**ORAL ARGUMENT, COMING WEEK.** June 27, 2:30 P.M. - Reese, Scheftel & Co., Inc., et al.

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

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