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SENTINEL LIFE FILES FOR STOCK OFFERING. Sentinel Life Insurance Company, 225 Bush Street, San Francisco, filed a registration statement (File 2-20714) with the SEC on September 10th seeking registration of 250,000 shares of capital stock, to be offered for public sale (without underwriting) at \$5 per share.

Organized in December 1961, the company is presently in the organizational stage. It proposes to apply to the Insurance Commissioner of California for a certificate of authority to transact the classes of life and disability insurance. The Company intends initially to offer to the public a full range of nonparticipating life insurance policies, including ordinary life, limited payment life, endowment and term policies. The net proceeds from the stock sale will be used to develop the company's business, including the preparation and dissemination of sales literature, for rent, salaries and equipment, and to create an agency sales force. Hugh Grogan is president.

NATIONAL UNION LIFE OF PITTSBURGH FILES FOR RIGHTS OFFERING. National Union Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, 139 University Place, Pittsburgh, filed a registration statement (File 2-20715) with the SEC on September 10th seeking registration of 100,000 shares of capital stock. It is proposed to offer such stock for subscription at \$15 per share by capital stockholders of the company's parent, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the rate of one share of the company for each eight shares of the parent held of record on October 8, 1962. No underwriting is involved.

The company was organized under Pennsylvania law in June 1962 by its parent, which has been engaged principally in writing fire, marine and allied classes of insurance. The management of the parent determined that it would be desirable that its agents be able to offer to their clients and customers a line of life insurance, and hence the company was organized. The net proceeds from the stock sale will be added to general funds and ultimately used for the company's life insurance business. The company has outstanding 100,000 capital shares, all of which (except directors' qualifying shares) were purchased by its parent at \$15 per share. William MacLean is president, and all officers of the company are also officers of its parent (with one exception).

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATES SEEKS ORDER. Commercial Property Associates, Boston closed-end non-diversified investment company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-3434) giving interested persons until September 28th to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, the stockholders of Associates have voted that it be completely liquidated, and in accordance therewith all of the property of Associates was distributed to its shareholders during August 1962.

FRANKLIN CUSTODIAN FUNDS ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-3435) approving an application by Franklin Custodian Funds, Inc., New York investment company, for an exemption with respect to the designation of certain directors otherwise than by election of shareholders prior to the May 22, 1962, meeting of shareholders when a new Board of Directors was elected.

SECURITY CREDIT EXEMPTED. The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-3436) granting an application of Security Credit Corporation, Spokane, Wash., declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Prior to June 1957, Security Credit attempted to qualify as a face-amount certificate company but was unable to meet the requirements of the Act; and at that time its board decided to abandoned the attempt to so qualify and all moneys invested in face-amount certificates were refunded.

WEST PENN POWER SEEKS ORDER. West Penn Power Company, Pennsylvania electric utility subsidiary of Allegheny Power System, Inc., a registered holding company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act authorizing its proposed purchase at par from time to time (prior to December 31, 1965), of 8,400 shares of \$10 par stock of RIDC Industrial Development Fund; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14697) giving interested persons until September 28, 1962 to request a hearing thereon. RIDC was organized by Regional Industrial Development Corporation of Southwestern Pennsylvania for the purpose of promoting, stimulating, developing, and advancing the business prosperity and economic welfare of southwestern Pennsylvania and of its citizens through loans, investments, other business transactions and promotional activities.

PEOPLES NATURAL GAS SEEKS ORDER. The Peoples Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh subsidiary of Consolidated Natural Gas Company, a registered holding company, also has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act authorizing its proposed purchase of 5,000 shares of RIDC Industrial Development Fund stock at their \$10 per share par value; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14698) giving interested persons until September 28th to request a hearing thereon.

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NATIONAL SECURITY LIFE HEARING POSTPONED. At the request of company counsel, and in order to allow additional time for the parties to negotiate a factual stipulation which might avoid the necessity of an evidentiary hearing, the SEC has authorized a further postponement from September 12 to 26, 1962, of the hearing in Indianapolis in "stop order" proceedings pending with respect to a Securities Act registration statement filed by National Security Life Insurance Company.

PRUDENTIAL OIL FILES FOR OFFERING. The Prudential Oil Corporation, 21 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Conn., filed a registration statement (File 2-20716) with the SEC on September 11th seeking registration of 300 units in its 1963 Drilling Fund, to be offered for public sale at \$10,000 per unit (subject to a \$1,000 per unit assessment). No underwriting is presently involved.

The company proposes to acquire, test, develop and operate oil and gas leaseholds, or interests therein, within the continental limits of the United States and/or Canada, on behalf of the purchasers of the units; and the net proceeds from the sale of units will be so applied. As compensation for its services to the program, the company will be paid an amount equal to 5% of each participants subscription and all other money, including assessments, payable by him, expended on behalf of each participant. The company will also receive an overriding royalty interest in each oil and gas leasehold. The company has outstanding 10,000 shares of common stock, of which Edward J. Willey, president, and Nathan M. Shippee, board chairman, own 32.5% each.

DIOTRON, INC. HEARING SCHEDULED. The SEC, on request of Diotron, Inc., of Philadelphia, has scheduled a hearing for October 10, 1962, in its Washington office to determine whether to vacate, or make permanent, a prior order of the Commission temporarily suspending a Regulation A exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to a public offering of stock by Diotron. In its suspension order of July 26th, the Commission asserted that false and misleading statements were made in the June 1961 offering of 100,000 shares of Diotron common at \$3 per share pursuant to a Regulation A exemption from registration.

CANADIAN RESTRICTED LIST. The SEC today announced the addition of Triform Explorations (B.C.) Ltd. (N.P.L.), of Vancouver, B.C., to its Canadian Restricted List. The list now comprises the names of 256 Canadian companies whose securities the Commission has reason to believe recently have been or currently are being distributed in the United States in violation of the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, thus depriving investors of the financial and other information essential to an informed and realistic evaluation of the worth of the securities which registration would provide. Triform Explorations was incorporated in British Columbia in June 1962 and proposes to acquire the assets of Triform Explorations Limited, an Ontario company currently on the Restricted List.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Withdrawn September 11: Publishers Company, Inc. (File 2-19368); Whirlpool Corporation (File 2-20278). Effective September 12: Hicks-Ponder Co. (File 2-20595).

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