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DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

STEVEN GUTMAN SANCTIONED

The SEC has suspended Steven Gutman, of New Rochelle, New York, who was associated with a broker-dealer, from association with any broker, dealer, investment company or investment adviser for 30 days, and thereafter barred him from such association in a supervisory or proprietary capacity. One year after the date of the order he may apply for permission to become so associated in a supervisory or proprietary capacity. The order is subject to Gutman's undertaking to withdraw his investment adviser registration.

The sanctions were based upon findings that Gutman aided and abetted violations of the hypothecation provisions of the securities laws, and violated the antifraud provisions of that Act in connection with the sale of stock dividends belonging to customers or other broker-dealers without their consent.

The order was based upon an offer of settlement in which Gutman, without admitting or denying the charges against him, consented to the above findings and sanctions. (Rel. 34-11004)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON STOCK EXCHANGE COMMISSION RATE PROPOSALS

The hearings on the New York Stock Exchange's commission rate proposal (SEC Release No. 34-10977 (August 20, 1974)), will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 1974, in Room 776 at 500 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The schedule of the witnesses who will appear at the hearings is as follows:

Tuesday, September 24, 1974

10:00 New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Wednesday, September 25, 1974

10:00 Hans Reinisch, President, National Shareholders Association

Tuesday, October 1, 1974

10:00 Securities Industry Association

1:00 I. Walton Bader, General Counsel, Independent Investor Protective League

2:00 P. Fred Fox, President, P. F. Fox & Co., Inc.

3:00 Margaret Cox Sullivan, President, Stockholders of America, Inc.

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REMEMBER SEC 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The SEC 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 24, 1974, at the Statler Hilton, 16th and K Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C. For additional information and registration form see page 3 of the Digest.

**SEC REPORT COORDINATING GROUP
(ADVISORY) MEETINGS ANNOUNCED**

The SEC's Report Coordinating Group will hold the following meetings during the month of October, 1974: (1) October 8 and 9, 1974 at 55 Water St., Twenty-third Floor, New York, N.Y. The meetings will commence at 9:30 a.m. local time each day and will be for the purpose of developing the FOCUS Report of financial and operational information and discussing the simplification of trading forms, assessment forms, and registration forms; (2) October 14, 1974 at 77 Water St., Nineteenth Floor, New York, N.Y. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. local time and will be for the purpose of discussing development of simplified trading forms; (3) October 25, 1974 at 618 South Spring St., Eighth Floor, Los Angeles, Cal. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. local time and will be for the purpose of discussing simplified assessment forms; and (4) October 28, 1974 at 77 Water St., Nineteenth Floor, New York, N.Y. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. local time and will be for the purpose of discussing development of simplified trading forms.

The Group's meetings are open to the public. Any interested person may attend and appear before or file statements with the advisory committee. Said statements, if in written form, may be filed before or after the meeting. Oral statements shall be made at the time and in the manner permitted by the Report Coordinating Group.

The Report Coordinating Group was formed to assist the Commission in developing a coherent, industry-wide, coordinated reporting system. In carrying out this objective, the Report Coordinating Group is to review all reports, forms, and similar materials required of broker-dealers by the Commission, the self-regulatory community and others. The Group is expected to advise the Commission on such matters as eliminating unnecessary duplication in reporting, reducing report requirements where feasible, and developing the FOCUS Report of financial and operational information (Rel. No.'s 34-10612 and 34-10959).

Information concerning the meetings, including the procedures for submitting statements to the Group, may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Daniel J. Piliero II, Secretary, SEC Report Coordinating Group, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549.

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

INDICTMENTS OF FIVE FORMER PARTNERS OF ORVIS BROS. & CO.

The New York Regional Office announced that on September 10 a federal grand jury returned indictments against five former partners of Orvis Bros. & Co. The five defendants, each charged with all nine counts of the indictment, are Fergus M. Sloan, Jr., former Managing Partner; Carl W. Anderson, former Chairman of the Executive Committee; Donald Eucker, former Partner in Charge of Operations; John J. Villani, former partner and member of the Executive Committee; and Thomas C. Kilduff, Financial Partner. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to violate the securities laws and substantive violations of the bookkeeping, financial reporting and hypothecation provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition, Orvis Bros. & Co. was charged as an unindicted co-conspirator. (US v. Sloan, Jr., et al., 74 Cr. 859 S.D.N.Y.). (LR-6521)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

The SEC has authorized The Southern Company, a registered holding company, to sell, under an exception from the competitive bidding requirements of Rule 50, its common stock, par value \$5 per share, such sale to result in cash proceeds to Southern of up to \$175 million. The proceeds will be used in part to repay short-term borrowings and to make capital contributions to Southern's operating subsidiaries. A request for a hearing, filed by the Georgia Power Project, an unincorporated association of certain consumers of Georgia Power Company, Southern's wholly-owned electric-utility subsidiary, was denied. (Rel. 35-18567)

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SEC 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The SEC wishes to invite all past employees to attend its 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held on October 24, 1974, at the Statler Hilton in Washington. The price will be \$25 per person for all former employees. The dress is optional.

Many past staff members may wish to sit together as a group, or even reserve an entire table for 12. Priority will be given to requests for such special arrangements whenever possible. To avoid confusion, however, only one of such group should request the special seating arrangement--but each person in a group should be identified and in the manner in which his or her name should appear in the Anniversary Program. You may use the registration form on this page. We cannot finalize our plans with the Hotel until we have rather definite information as to the number expected to attend, so we request that you make your reservation as soon as possible. Tickets will be mailed to the purchasers.

Please notify any past SEC friends, get together a group, and come help us celebrate!

DINNER RESERVATION & REGISTRATION FORM

To The SEC Anniversary Committee:

Herewith is my check or money order in the amount of \$_____ for which please issue _____ tickets to the SEC 40th Anniversary Celebration for the following persons (please PRINT names as they should appear in the Anniversary Program, listing married couples as "Mr. and Mrs."):

Please send the tickets to:

(Name) _____
(Address) _____

Please seat the persons listed above with the following additional persons (please PRINT names):

Make checks or money orders payable to "SEC Anniversary Committee," and mail to

SEC Anniversary Committee, Room 856
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D. C. 20549

Present staff members and employees may make payment to Lawrence A. Friend, Treasurer, in Room 502.

TRADING SUSPENSIONS

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON FOUR TRADING SUSPENSIONS

The SEC has announced the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corp., and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Zenith Development Corp., Industries International Inc., and Westgate California Corp. for the further ten-day period September 19 - 28, inclusive.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-7) CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY

300 Liberty St., Peoria, Ill. 61602 - 800,000 shares of Class A preferred stock. Each such share will be entitled to payment of \$25 in the event of the involuntary liquidation of the company. The managing underwriters are Dean Witter & Co. Incorporated, 14 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10005 and Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co. Incorporated, One Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10005. The company is an electric and gas utility. (File 2-51962 - Sept. 17)

(S-6) THE CORPORATE INCOME FUND, SIXTH SHORT TERM SERIES

\$100 million of units of beneficial interest, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10006. The Fund, a Unit Investment Trust, is to be created by a trust agreement among Merrill Lynch, as Sponsor, United States Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, and Interactive Data Services, Inc., as Evaluator. The Fund's primary objective is providing a high level of current income through investment in a fixed portfolio of short-term obligations, with maturities of approximately six months from the date of deposit. (File 2-51965 - Sept. 17)

(S-1) BELDEN & BLAKE AND COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. 1-C

702 Tuscarawas St., West, Canton, Ohio 44702 - \$742,500 of limited partnership units, to be offered for sale, without assistance of underwriter, at \$7,500 per unit. The Partnership is in the business of oil and gas well drilling and development. (File 2-51960 - Sept. 17)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

Sept. 18: Allen Group Inc., 2-51708; City Stores Co., 2-51392; Dyco Petroleum Corp., 2-51576; First Steuben Bancorp, Inc., 2-51771; Florida Telephone Corp., 2-51785; Gracious Estates Properties, Ltd., 2-51322; Industrial National Corp., 2-51770; Municipal Investment Trust Fund, 2-51864; NUS Corp., 2-51457; Southern Co., 2-51786; Sykes Datatronics, Inc., 2-51360; Tannetics, Inc., 2-51561.

REGISTRATIONS WITHDRAWN

Sept. 18: John Nuveen & Co. Inc., 2-49092.

NOTICE

Many requests for copies of documents referred to in the SEC News Digest have erroneously been directed to the Government Printing Office. Copies of such documents and of registration statements may be ordered from the Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549. The reproduction cost is 15¢ per page plus postage (\$2 minimum) and 30¢ per page plus postage for expedited handling (\$5 minimum). Cost estimates are given on request. All other referenced material is available in the SEC Docket.

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