

U.S. Chemical Future Bright

U.S. Chemical Milling Corp. expects sales for the current fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1959, will approximate \$7,000,000 with earnings running \$400,000, equal to \$2.50 a share, Charles H. Lundquist, president, told a luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles Society of Security Analysts at the University Club yesterday.

This would compare with sales of \$3,567,800 and net of \$245,467, or \$1.55 a share, in fiscal 1958. Projected fiscal 1959 estimates are after a 20% stock dividend payable July 1, next.

Lundquist said his company's production is now running at an annual rate of \$7,000,000 and that the company's backlog is in excess of \$5,000,000, double the backlog of a year ago.

Chemical milling, which is the technique of removing metal through controlled use of chemicals rather than with conventional machining operations, is proving to be of major importance in the manufacture of most advanced missiles, the Manhattan Beach executive said. He predicted the chemical milling industry volume may reach \$50,000,000 within the next four to five years.

Douglas Oil Profit Slumps

Net income of Douglas Oil Co. of California for the fiscal year ended March 31, last, amounted to \$62,670, equal after preferred dividends to a loss of 3 cents a share on common, compared with a net of \$553,843, or 42 cents a share, in fiscal 1957. W. G. Krieger, president, reported yesterday.

Sales for the year amounted to \$28,448,303, approximately the same as sales of \$28,692,760 for the previous 12-month period.

Krieger said the sales decline and narrowing of profit margins was due, primarily, to the lower demand nationally for petroleum products.

Cash flow increased over the previous year despite the decline in earnings, Krieger said. For the 12 months ended March 31, cash flow rose to \$1,242,532, against \$1,225,557 the previous fiscal year.

Republic Van Officers Promote

S. H. Smith, vice-president, sales, has been promoted to executive vice-president of Republic Van & Storage Co., Paul J. Smith, president, reported yesterday.

In other promotions Orville K. Ferry, secretary-treasurer, was made vice-president and secretary; Jan Fischer, controller, elected treasurer and director; Gordon Scott, assistant to the president, was named vice-president, general manager and director. James E. Sander was elected general sales manager and Gene May has joined the company as manager of the research and development division.

Offering Sold Out

NEW YORK, June 19—An offering of \$12,500,000 Continental Air Line, Inc.'s 5¾% convertible subordinated debentures made by a Lehman Brothers group was rapidly sold out in the public market.