

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 17)

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20th Century Industries

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Without Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

901272 20 3

(CUSIP Number)

Florence Davis, General Counsel  
American International Group, Inc.  
70 Pine Street, NYC, NY 10270 (212) 770-7000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized  
to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 16, 1998

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box: [ ].

NOTE: Six copies of this statement, including all exhibits, should be filed with the Commission. See Rule 13d-1(a) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

American International Group, Inc.  
(I.R.S. Identification No. 13-2592361)

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a) / /  
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCES OF FUNDS  
WC, 00

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) / /

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Incorporated in the State of Delaware

NUMBER OF	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES	
BENEFICIALLY	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	50,141,420
EACH	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
PERSON WITH	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	50,141,420

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
50,141,420

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
57.2%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
HC, CO

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

American Home Assurance Company  
(I.R.S. Identification No. 13-5124990)

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) / /

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Incorporated in the State of New York

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER 13,658,165
	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 13,658,165

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
13,658,165

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.6%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IC, CO

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Commerce & Industry Insurance Company  
(I.R.S. Identification No. 31-1938623)

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
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(b) / /

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(4) SOURCES OF FUNDS

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) / /

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Incorporated in the State of New York

NUMBER OF	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES	
BENEFICIALLY	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	5,414,827
EACH	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
PERSON WITH	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	5,414,827

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,414,827

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.2%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IC, CO

- (1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

New Hampshire Insurance Company  
(I.R.S. Identification No. 02-0172170)

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(a) / /  
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- (3) SEC USE ONLY

- (4) SOURCES OF FUNDS

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) / /

- (6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania

NUMBER OF	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES	
BENEFICIALLY	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	5,414,827
EACH	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
PERSON WITH	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	5,414,827

- (11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,414,827

- (12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

- (13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.2%

- (14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IC, CO

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.  
(I.R.S. Identification No. 25-0687550)

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
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(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCES OF FUNDS  
WC, 00

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) / /

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania

NUMBER OF	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES	
BENEFICIALLY	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	25,653,601
EACH	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	
PERSON WITH	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	25,653,601

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
25,653,601

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
29.3%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IC, CO

## ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This Amendment No. 17 amends and supplements Item 5 of the Statement on Schedule 13D dated December 16, 1994, as amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D dated March 23, 1995, Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D dated January 20, 1998, Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D dated April 9, 1998, Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D dated May 12, 1998, Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D dated June 4, 1998, Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D dated June 15, 1998, Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13D dated June 25, 1998, Amendment No. 8 to Schedule 13D dated July 14, 1998, Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13D dated July 23, 1998, Amendment No. 10 to Schedule 13D dated July 27, 1998, Amendment No. 11 to Schedule 13D dated August 10, 1998, Amendment No. 12 to Schedule 13D dated August 19, 1998, Amendment No. 13 to Schedule 13D dated August 24, 1998, Amendment No. 14 to Schedule 13D dated September 3, 1998, Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13D dated September 11, 1998 and Amendment No. 16 to Schedule 13D filed on November 10, 1998 ("Schedule 13D") previously filed by American International Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("AIG"), relating to the common stock, without par value ("Common Stock"), of 20th Century Industries, a California corporation (the "Company"). The principal executive offices of the Company are located at Suite 700, 6301 Owensmouth Avenue, Woodland Hills, California 91367.

Each capitalized term used in this statement which is defined in the Schedule 13D shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

## ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) Between November 12, 1998, and December 16, 1998 AIG, through its subsidiary American Home, purchased 897,500 shares of Common Stock in open market transactions effected on the New York Stock Exchange at prices ranging from \$22.4375 to \$23.9375 per share as follows:

DATE	SHARES	PRICE
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November 12, 1998	104,700	23.8750
"	900	23.8125
"	79,400	23.9375
November 16, 1998	400	23.8125
"	16,400	23.9375
November 17, 1998	2,000	23.9375
November 18, 1998	4,000	23.9375
November 19, 1998	2,900	23.9375
November 23, 1998	1,900	23.9375
December 2, 1998	1,500	23.9375
December 3, 1998	12,700	23.9375
December 4, 1998	47,900	23.9375
December 7, 1998	105,300	23.9375
December 8, 1998	165,000	23.9375
December 9, 1998	1,300	23.8125
"	7,400	23.8750
"	1,100	23.7500
December 10, 1998	24,600	23.9375
December 11, 1998	153,600	23.9375
December 14, 1998	64,000	22.6875
"	600	22.6250
December 15, 1998	37,000	22.6250
"	28,900	22.5000
"	1,000	22.4375
December 16, 1998	1,600	22.6250
"	29,900	22.6875
"	2,600	22.7500

American Home's and each other AIG Sub's current ownership interests in the Company and the Common Stock is set forth on the cover pages to this Amendment No. 17 to Schedule 13D. The ownership percentages appearing on such pages have been calculated based on the number of shares of Common Stock

outstanding as of October 31, 1998 (87,601,698 shares) as reported by the Company in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three month period ended September 30, 1998.



(b). AIG and each AIG Sub share voting and dispositive power as to the securities owned by such AIG Sub.

(c). AIG, American Home, Commerce & Industry, National Union, New Hampshire, SIC0, The Starr Foundation and Starr, and, to the best of each of their knowledge, the Covered Persons, have not engaged in any transactions in the Common Stock since the filing of Amendment No. 16 to Schedule 13D, except for the purchase by American Home between November 12, 1998 and December 16, 1998 of 897,500 shares of Common Stock as described in (a) above.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 16, 1998

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Kathleen E. Shannon  
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Kathleen E. Shannon, Vice President,  
Secretary and Associate General Counsel

AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Edward E. Matthews  
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Edward E. Matthews,  
Senior Vice President

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Edward E. Matthews  
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Edward E. Matthews,  
Senior Vice President

NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF PITTSBURGH, PA.

By: /s/ Edward E. Matthews  
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Edward E. Matthews,  
Senior Vice President

NEW HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Edward E. Matthews  
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Edward E. Matthews, Vice President