

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT: JULY 9, 2001

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

7 West Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 579-7000

-and-

151 West 34th St., New York, New York 10001  
(212) 494-1602

Delaware	1-13536	13-3324058
(State of	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Id. No.)
Incorporation)		

Item 5. Other Events

On July 9, 2001, Federated Department Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto, announcing that it has completed the acquisition of Liberty House.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial  
Information and Exhibits.

(a) and (b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press release of the Company issued on July 9, 2001.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Date July 9, 2001 /s/ Dennis J. Broderick  
Dennis J. Broderick  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FEDERATED CLOSES DEAL ON PURCHASE OF LIBERTY HOUSE

CINCINNATI, OHIO, JULY 9, 2001 - Federated Department Stores, Inc. announced today that it has completed its acquisition of Liberty House, Hawaii's largest retailer. The total purchase price, including the assumption of debt and net of cash acquired, was approximately \$200 million.

Liberty House's 11 department stores and seven specialty stores in Hawaii, and one department store on Guam, are now part of Federated's San Francisco-based Macy's West department store division. With the new stores, Macy's West now operates 136 department and specialty stores. 2000 annual sales for Macy's West were \$4.26 billion.

Federated, with corporate offices in Cincinnati and New York, is one of the nation's leading department store retailers, with annual sales of more than \$18.4 billion. Federated currently operates more than 450 stores in 34 states, Puerto Rico and Guam under the names of Macy's, Bloomingdale's, The Bon Marche, Burdines, Goldsmith's, Lazarus and Rich's, as well as macys.com, bloomingdales.com and Bloomingdale's By Mail. Federated also operates the Fingerhut catalog and e-commerce subsidiary.

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(NOTE: Information on Federated and its operating divisions is available on the Internet at [www.federated-fds.com](http://www.federated-fds.com).)