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LABRANCHE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 22, 2001

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-15251                   | 13-4064735                           |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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|---|------------|
| One Exchange Plaza, New York, New York, 10006 | 10006      |
| -----   | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)      | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 425-1144  
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Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On October 22, 2001, LaBranche & Co Inc. ("LaBranche") issued a press release, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1, relating to the release of LaBranche's third quarter 2001 earnings figures. In addition, LaBranche announced (i) its acquisition of Bocklet & Company, LLC on October 18, 2001, (ii) its acquisition on September 20, 2001 of the entire interest of each of Freedom Specialist Inc. and R. Adrian & Company, LLC in the New York Stock

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Exchange specialist joint account, in which it owned the remainder of the membership interests, and (iii) its acquisition of substantially all the assets of Cranmer & Cranmer, Inc., and American Stock Exchange specialist firm on August 14, 2001.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Press release, dated October 22, 2001.

All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

SIGNATURES  
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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.

LABRANCHE & CO INC.

Date: October 24, 2001

By: /S/ HARVEY S. TRAISSON  
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Name: Harvey S. Traison  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX  
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