

UNITED STATES SECURITIES
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 8-K

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) August 7, 1996

Commission file number: 34-0-26512

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA

98-013-8020

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

SOFIA HOUSE, 48 CHURCH STREET
HAMILTON, BERMUDA

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(441) 295-4513

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last
report)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 6, 1996, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Registrant") held an Annual General Meeting of Shareholders at which the Registrant's shareholders approved the ability of the Board of Directors of the Registrant (the "Board") to fill the two vacancies thereon without further shareholder action. On August 7, 1996, the Registrant held a meeting of the Board to appoint Mr. Thomas A. Cooper to the Board. On August 7, 1996, the Registrant issued a press release announcing such appointment; a copy of such press release is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Financial statements of business acquired: Not Applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information: Not Applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:

99.1 The Company's press release, dated August 7, 1996, issued by the Registrant.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: August 7, 1996

By: /s/ Keith S. Hynes

Keith S. Hynes
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

RENAISSANCERE APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR AND DECLARES DIVIDEND

HAMILTON, Bermuda -- August 7, 1996 -- RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE:RNR) announced today that Thomas A. Cooper, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chase Federal Bank and Chairman of TAC Bancshares, Inc. was appointed a director to serve until the 1997 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Mr. Cooper is a nationally-known banker with over 30 years of broad experience in financial services. He has served as President of Bank of America as well as Chief Executive Officer of Goldome. He has also headed one of the largest full service securities brokerage and investment companies in the country; served as Vice Chairman of Mellon Bank; and was President of Philadelphia's Girard Bank.

Additionally, the Board of Directors of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share on its common shares, payable on September 4, 1996 to shareholders of record on August 20, 1996.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., through its subsidiaries Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd. and Glencoe Insurance Ltd., is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance. The Company's principal product is property catastrophe reinsurance.

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