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October 31, 2001

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: October 31, 2001  
(Date of earliest event reported)

Markel Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia	001-15811	54-1959284
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4521 Highwoods Parkway  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6148  
(804) 747-0136  
(Address including zip code, and telephone number, including area  
code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Attached is a copy of a press release issued by Markel Corporation on  
October 31, 2001.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 31, 2001

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

MARKEL CORPORATION

Date: October 31, 2001

By: /s/ Darrell D. Martin

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Name: Darrell D. Martin  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

