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December 05, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

December 5, 2001

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CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| DELAWARE  | 1-5823                      | 36-6169860                           |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| CNA PLAZA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS             | 60685      |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

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| Registrant's telephone number, including area code | (312) 822-5000 |
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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| ITEM 5.     | OTHER EVENTS   |
| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.03       | On December 5, 2001 CNA Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing that it will record fourth quarter charges |

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related principally to restructuring its Property-Casualty and Life Operations, discontinuation of variable life and annuity business, and consolidation of real estate locations and related corporate staff departments reductions. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.03 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
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Date: December 5, 2001  
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By: /s/ ROBERT V. DEUTSCH  
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Robert V. Deutsch  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer