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UNITED STATES

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 (Date of earliest event reported) May 17, 2004

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-5823 (Commission File Number) | 36-6169860 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| CNA PLAZA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 60685 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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99.1 CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued May 17,
2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 17, 2004 Registrant issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell the assets of CNA Trust to Union Bank of California. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: May 17, 2004

/s/ Robert V. Deutsch

By: Robert V. Deutsch
Its: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer