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June 09, 2003

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): June 9, 2003

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9371	51-0283071
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

375 Park Avenue, Suite 3201 New York, New York	10152
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 752-1356  
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Item 5. Other Events

On June 9, 2003, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Royal Specialty Underwriting, Inc., the Atlanta, Georgia-based excess and surplus underwriting subsidiary of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group plc. A copy of such release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

/s/ Peter R. Sismondo  
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By: Peter R. Sismondo  
Vice President,  
Controller,  
Treasurer and Assistant  
Secretary

Date: June 9, 2003

Index to Exhibits

Exhibit Number  
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Exhibit Description  
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99.1

Press Release Announcing Agreement of Alleghany  
Corporation to Acquire Royal Specialty  
Underwriting, Inc.