



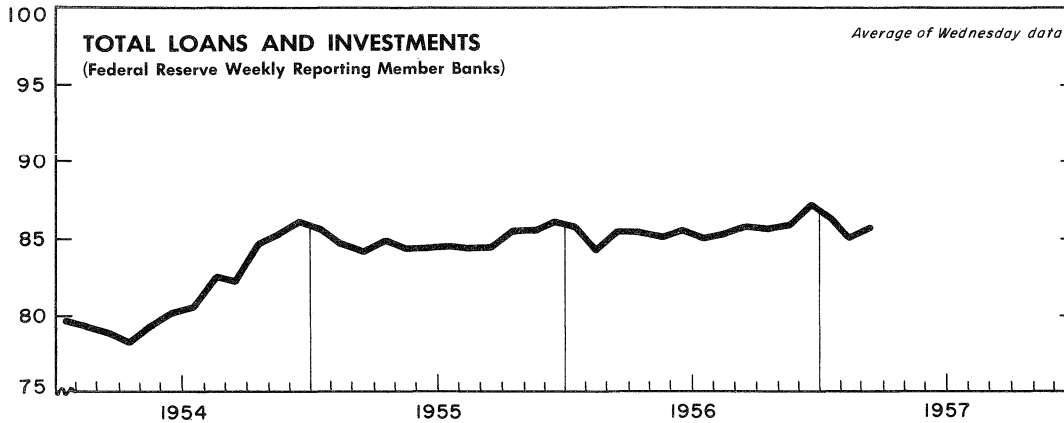
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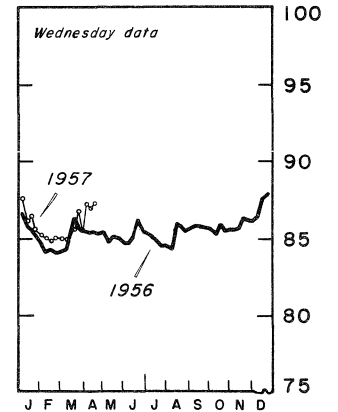
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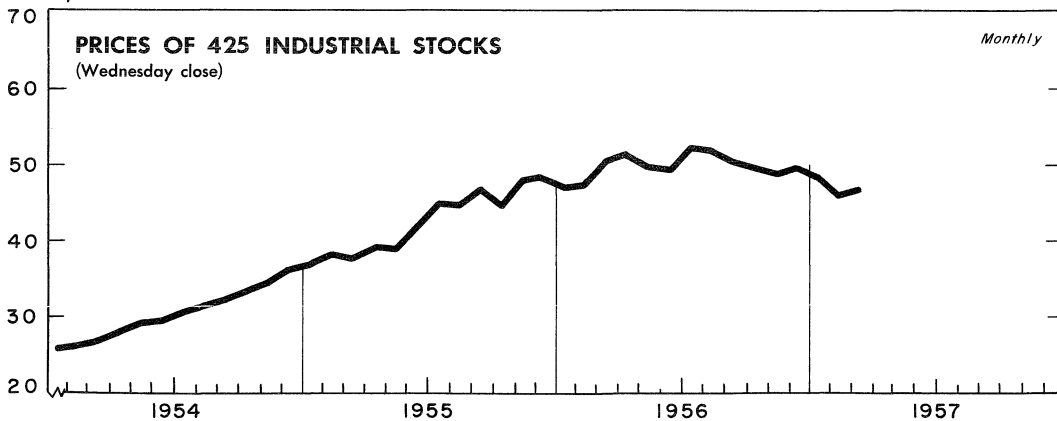
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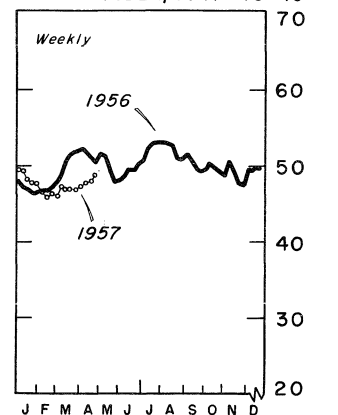
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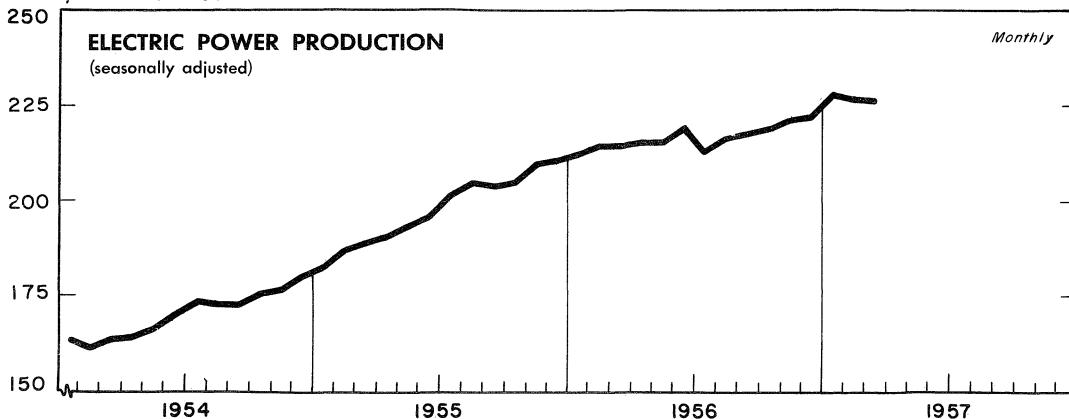
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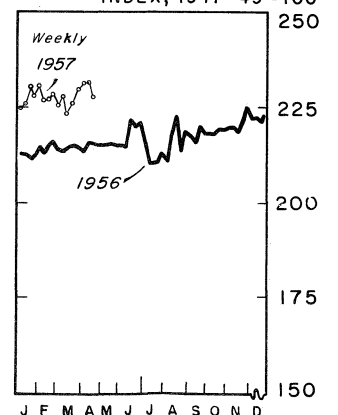
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1956		1957			
	Apr. 21	Apr. 28	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27
<b>Commodity prices, wholesale:</b>						
All commodities.....1947-49=100..		*113.6	117.0	117.2	117.2	117.3
Farm products.....do.....		*88.0	89.2	90.2	90.7	90.7
Foods, processed.....do.....		*100.4	104.0	104.7	104.6	104.8
All other.....do.....		*121.6	125.4	125.3	125.3	125.4
22 commodities <u>2/</u> .....do.....	91.9	92.1	88.5	89.2	89.1	88.7
Department store sales.....do.....	113	119	113	122	128	.....
Insured unemployment, total.....thous..	1,424	1,371	1,592	1,581	.....	.....
State programs.....do.....	1,324	1,279	1,474	1,467	.....	.....
<b>Finance:</b>						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. of dol..	30,290	30,155	30,588	30,655	30,681	30,610
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	25,497	25,374	25,165	25,400	25,520	25,695
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do.....	18,909	18,884	18,868	19,088	19,107	19,201
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do.....	591	540	342	547	548	568
Federal Reserve reporting member banks in leading cities: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. of dol..	56,713	56,908	55,118	55,588	56,588	.....
Time deposits, except U. S. Government.....do....	21,596	21,590	23,157	23,172	23,097	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	85,487	85,340	87,253	86,930	87,268	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do.....	27,695	27,509	26,635	26,305	26,258	.....
Commercial, industrial, and agr. loans (gross).....do....	27,770	27,842	31,322	31,376	31,547	.....
Real-estate loans (gross).....do.....	8,412	8,424	8,691	8,690	8,699	.....
Failures, industrial and commercial.....number..	252	236	231	308	302	263
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	3.43	3.46	3.96	3.95	3.96	3.98
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> .....1941-43=10..	47.74	47.09	44.54	44.98	45.08	45.72
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do.....	51.02	50.26	47.47	47.99	48.10	48.82
<b>Production:</b>						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	1,631	1,673	1,600	1,650	1,700	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. of kw.-hr..	10,894	10,867	11,693	11,695	11,485	.....
Passenger cars and trucks (Ward's).....number..	153,163	149,143	154,214	148,955	141,693	149,367
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. of bbl..	7,130	7,146	7,614	7,442	7,551	.....
Steel <u>5/</u> .....thous. of short tons..	2,466	2,473	2,319	2,310	2,313	2,269
Percent of capacity <u>5/</u> .....do.....	#100.2	#100.5	90.6	90.3	90.4	88.7
Freight car loadings, total.....thous. of cars..	763	778	644	674	687	.....
Miscellaneous.....do.....	389	390	344	345	344	.....

<sup>1/</sup> Data do not always cover calendar weeks. <sup>2/</sup> Tuesday prices. <sup>3/</sup> Daily average. <sup>4/</sup> Wednesday data; S&P's index on revised basis. <sup>5/</sup> Week beginning April 29, 1957: Production, 2,278 thous. short tons; operating rate, 89.0 percent. \*Monthly index for April 1956. #Not comparable with 1957 rates, which are based on higher capacity.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS</b>						
<b>Industrial and commercial failures:</b>						
Failures, total.....number..	1,024	1,170	982	1,148	1,146	1,336
Commercial service.....do.....	62	102	83	71	93	99
Construction.....do.....	141	150	183	177	180	205
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	202	224	172	197	199	239
Retail trade.....do.....	511	572	472	612	568	672
Wholesale trade.....do.....	108	122	72	91	106	121
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. of dol..	49,189	42,622	50,279	54,060	65,406	55,833
Commercial service.....do.....	1,920	2,015	3,780	4,086	2,493	3,833
Construction.....do.....	9,881	7,089	8,149	10,672	8,440	10,424
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	17,647	15,649	21,785	16,105	33,402	17,760
Retail trade.....do.....	14,693	12,430	10,946	17,862	14,780	17,816
Wholesale trade.....do.....	5,048	5,439	5,619	5,335	6,291	6,000
<b>DOMESTIC TRADE</b>						
Printers' Ink advertising index, adjusted: <u>1/</u>						
Combined index.....1947-49=100..	r205	r195	r201	207	206	.....
Business papers.....do.....	r195	r191	r203	207	213	.....
Magazines.....do.....	r157	r160	r161	164	153	.....
Newspapers.....do.....	r220	r191	r185	203	210	.....
Outdoor.....do.....	r171	r148	r153	167	153	.....
Radio (network).....do.....	r33	r33	r33	35	39	.....
Television (network).....1950-52=100..	r349	r346	r375	373	361	.....
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</b>						
<b>Organic chemicals, production:</b>						
Acetic acid (synthetic and natural).....thous. of lb..	42,662	41,851	49,737	53,628	41,227	.....
Acetic anhydride.....do.....	73,385	79,150	90,378	85,428	74,946	.....
Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin).....do....	1,931	1,728	1,618	1,491	1,512	.....
Creosote oil.....thous. of gal..	8,820	10,166	14,456	7,978	8,955	.....
DDT.....thous. of lb..	10,742	11,083	11,201	10,878	9,311	.....
Ethyl acetate (85%).....do.....	7,702	6,791	8,306	8,748	5,702	.....
Ethylene glycol.....do.....	81,911	81,632	95,181	93,089	82,526	.....
Formaldehyde (37% HCHO).....do.....	110,519	121,906	107,918	109,149	105,976	.....

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Continued</b>						
Organic chemicals, production - Continued						
Methanol:						
Natural (100%).....thous. of gal..	178	189	172	171	.....	.....
Synthetic (100%).....do....	17,070	20,703	21,312	20,503	18,144	.....
Phthalic anhydride.....thous. of lb..	28,714	29,625	27,093	25,561	27,242	.....
Potash deliveries.....short tons..	223,621	210,257	179,599	162,814	183,140	266,028
Explosives (industrial), shipments:						
Black blasting powder.....thous. of lb..	461	526	494	546	722	246
High explosives.....do....	63,987	71,445	67,568	70,015	67,094	71,654
Synthetic plastics and resin materials, production:						
Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics:						
Sheets, rods, and tubes.....thous. of lb..	3,426	4,296	3,724	3,491	3,292	.....
Molding and extrusion materials.....do....	7,178	8,007	8,452	7,456	7,187	.....
Nitrocellulose sheets, rods, and tubes.....do....	497	501	317	377	429	.....
Other cellulose plastics.....do....	501	585	472	525	375	.....
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	42,799	43,935	35,206	41,373	37,064	.....
Polystyrene.....do....	40,401	43,272	41,794	43,507	46,097	.....
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	26,507	25,161	21,370	23,097	22,556	.....
Vinyl resins.....do....	61,607	66,675	67,870	67,096	64,005	.....
Alkyd resins.....do....	32,392	33,482	27,874	34,948	29,980	.....
Rosin modifications.....do....	12,055	11,468	10,024	10,848	10,517	.....
Polyester resins.....do....	5,366	5,986	6,139	7,265	7,187	.....
Polyethylene resins.....do....	41,416	40,567	51,413	52,394	49,800	.....
Miscellaneous.....do....	12,898	13,829	13,679	14,829	13,080	.....
<b>ELECTRIC POWER</b>						
Sales to ultimate customers, total (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. of kw.-hr..						
Commercial and industrial:	*43,654	**r44,874	46,161	47,693	.....	.....
Small light and power.....do....	*6,945	**r7,095	7,428	7,640	.....	.....
Large light and power.....do....	*22,703	**r22,747	23,673	23,795	.....	.....
Railways and railroads.....do....	*433	**427	389	412	.....	.....
Residential or domestic.....do....	*11,495	**r12,542	12,424	13,561	.....	.....
Rural (district rural rates).....do....	*699	**r682	764	784	.....	.....
Street and highway lighting.....do....	*452	**r453	483	487	.....	.....
Other public authorities.....do....	*50	**48	54	39	.....	.....
Interdepartmental.....do....	*876	**r881	945	973	.....	.....
Revenue from sales to ultimate customers (Edison Electric Institute).....thous. of dol..	*712,806	**733,224	757,026	784,979	.....	.....
<b>FOODSTUFFS</b>						
Dairy products:						
Production:						
Butter, creamery (factory).....thous. of lb..	113,030	129,300	102,810	116,405	109,255	124,855
Cheese (factory), total.....do....	97,025	119,070	96,240	100,920	97,105	116,150
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....do....	4,300	3,410	7,110	7,350	8,275	6,380
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	170,900	208,950	152,200	162,000	169,850	212,600
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk.....do....	8,800	9,425	8,250	7,700	6,500	6,450
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	123,800	147,700	104,800	120,900	122,400	144,090
Stocks:						
Condensed milk (sweetened), case goods.....do....	8,230	8,133	9,649	9,117	9,559	8,925
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), case goods.....do....	110,578	111,413	224,025	156,420	123,616	83,361
Dry milk:						
Dry whole milk.....do....	8,914	8,290	10,757	10,384	10,450	9,430
Nonfat dry milk solids (human food).....do....	81,310	91,896	69,461	65,623	63,308	69,029
Meats:						
Production, total.....mil. of lb..						
Beef and veal.....do....	2,018.4	2,127.6	2,063.9	2,199.0	1,843.3	1,932.0
Lamb and mutton.....do....	909.9	958.9	987.0	1,111.7	902.5	918.1
Pork, including lard.....do....	56.9	59.3	50.3	64.8	53.9	49.5
Lard.....do....	1,051.6	1,109.4	1,026.6	1,022.6	886.9	964.4
Coffee, visible supply, United States.....thous. of bags..	203.2	224.1	198.6	196.4	172.8	190.8
Sugar, U. S., deliveries and supply (raw value):	793	770	965	988	1,181	853
Production, total.....short tons..						
Entries from off-shore.....do....	39,789	38,740	546,245	115,426	53,164	.....
Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....do....	521,462	608,051	202,748	519,988	453,611	565,977
Deliveries, total.....do....	149,339	146,223	86,742	50,532	93,376	157,876
For domestic consumption.....do....	626,942	716,555	665,418	590,353	538,498	.....
Stocks, raw and refined, end of mo.....thous. of short tons..	613,522	699,165	661,137	585,089	536,683	607,739
.....	1,862	1,762	1,906	1,826	1,809	1,793
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES</b>						
Tin:						
Production, pig, total.....long tons..	1,935	2,012	1,788	2,049	1/260	.....
Imports for consumption:						
Ore.....do....	2,746	1,761	127	15	0	.....
Bars, pigs, etc.....do....	5,466	4,679	6,285	4,746	3,964	.....
Consumption, pig, total.....do....	8,115	8,300	7,270	7,995	7,140	.....
Primary.....do....	5,250	5,405	4,895	5,440	5,000	.....
Exports, incl. reexports (metal).....do....	46	433	120	99	26	.....
Stocks, pig, end of month, total.....do....	18,384	18,421	20,121	19,135	18,190	.....
Industry.....do....	17,845	16,930	19,105	19,135	18,190	.....
Foundry equipment (new), New orders, net mo. avg. shipments, 1947-49=100..	169.0	152.7	115.6	117.9	188.4	.....

Revised. \*Data are for December 1955. \*\*Data are for January 1956. 1/ Production by detinning plants only.

ITEM	1956			1957		
	February	March	December	January	February	March
<b>METALS AND MANUFACTURES - Continued</b>						
Machine tools (metal-cutting):						
New orders (net), total.....mil. of dol..	81.30	89.50	57.20	63.25	r58.20	p60.00
Domestic.....do.....	72.35	80.05	51.90	56.30	r51.10	p52.45
Shipments, total.....do.....	64.60	74.15	85.15	76.55	r77.70	p89.85
Domestic.....do.....	58.70	67.85	75.05	67.55	r72.05	p79.40
Estimated backlog.....months..	8.5	8.6	6.2	6.0	5.8	p5.5
Vacuum cleaners, standard type, sales billed.....thousands..	286.4	395.7	281.0	276.7	300.9	312.7
Washers, domestic, sales billed <u>1</u> /.....do.....	405.6	405.7	298.4	331.3	319.6	286.2
Radio sets, production <u>2</u> /.....do.....	1,093.5	1,360.1	1,715.2	1,085.5	r1,264.8	1,609.1
Television sets (incl. combination), production <u>2</u> /.....do.....	576.3	680.0	627.0	450.2	r464.7	559.8
<b>PAPER AND PRINTING</b>						
Newsprint, United States:						
Consumption by publishers.....thous. of short tons..	397.8	446.1	443.6	407.6	387.2	463.3
Stocks, end of month:						
At publishers.....do.....	366.1	366.3	523.5	551.1	591.7	580.2
In transit to publishers.....do.....	107.2	103.9	112.2	113.1	119.6	107.8
<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>						
Natural rubber:						
Consumption.....long tons..	50,199	49,953	45,130	52,631	r46,427	48,696
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	111,832	109,974	116,469	101,758	r100,253	97,308
Synthetic rubber:						
Production.....do.....	90,488	94,389	93,764	94,277	r83,235	93,916
Consumption.....do.....	75,082	77,715	72,260	85,490	r77,260	82,661
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	145,906	150,995	202,596	193,724	r184,808	182,518
<b>STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS</b>						
Glass containers:						
Production.....thous. of gross..	r11,076	r11,790	r10,323	11,657	11,057	12,596
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.....	r9,984	r12,010	r9,426	10,022	r9,710	11,109
General-use food:						
Narrow-neck food.....do.....	r989	r1,020	r765	948	892	1,100
Wide-mouth food (incl. packers' tumblers jelly glasses, and fruit jars).....do.....	r2,647	r2,826	r2,723	2,997	r2,843	3,049
Beverage.....do.....	838	1,656	721	484	515	799
Beer bottles.....do.....	660	940	667	577	508	889
Liquor and wine.....do.....	r1,079	r1,340	r1,088	963	1,061	1,190
Medicinal and toilet.....do.....	r2,685	r2,997	r2,459	2,902	2,791	2,899
Chemical, household and industrial.....do.....	r899	r1,028	r802	967	942	1,024
Dairy products.....do.....	187	203	201	184	158	159
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	15,130	14,673	13,897	14,976	16,107	17,318
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>						
Men's apparel, cuttings: <u>3</u> /						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. of units..	1,860	2,285	1,688	2,068	1,820	p2,345
Overcoats and topcoats.....do.....	288	410	260	248	244	p380
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do.....	5,664	5,940	4,224	5,520	5,136	p6,900
Work clothing:						
Dungarees and waistband overalls.....thous. of doz..	380	345	168	r248	256	p320
Shirts.....do.....	416	450	228	288	308	p380

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Figures beginning January 1957 exclude sales of combination washer-dryer units (included in earlier data); sales of such types totaled 102,400 units in 1956 and 60,400 units in 1st quarter 1957. 2/ Data for March and December 1956 and March 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks. 3/ Data for March 1956 and March 1957 cover 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

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