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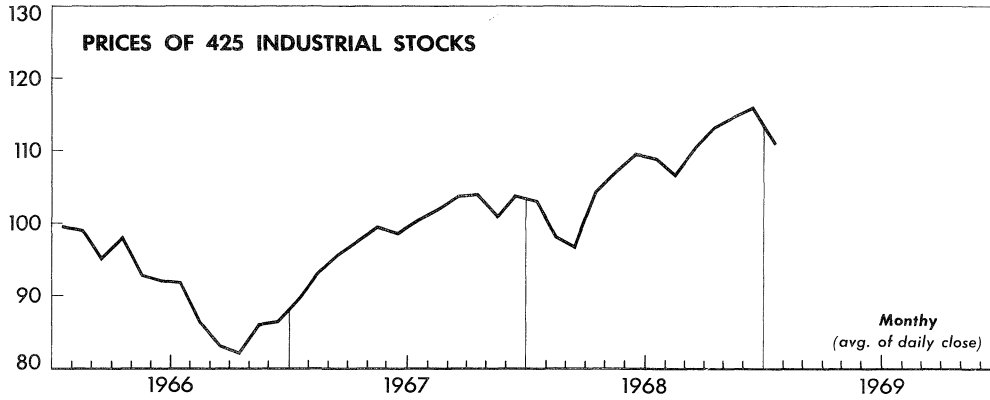


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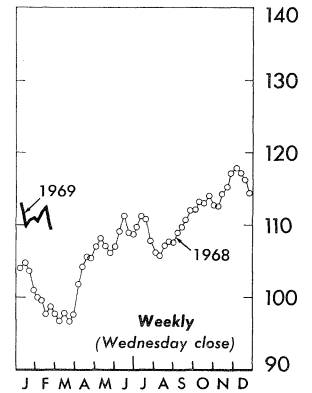
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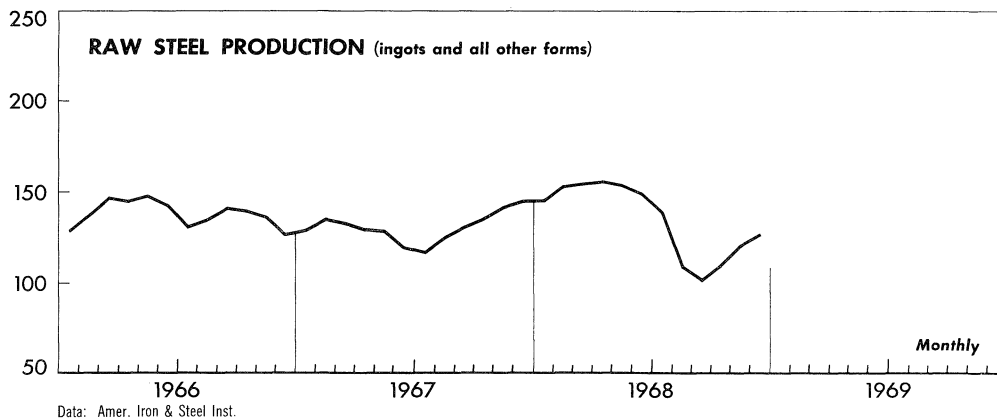
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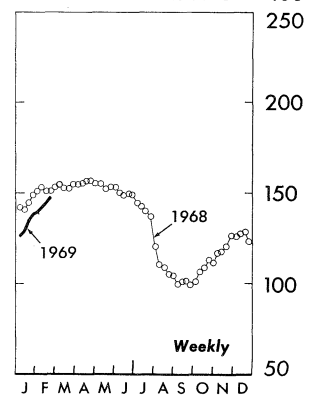
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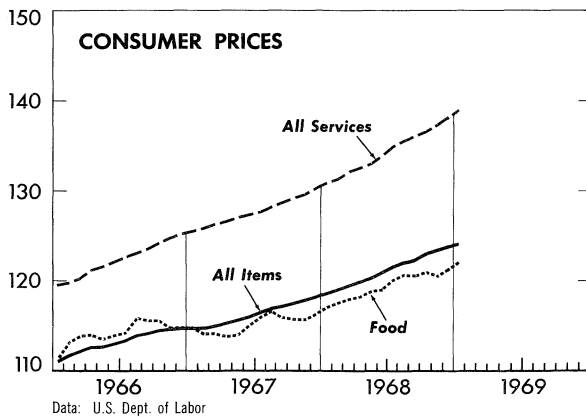
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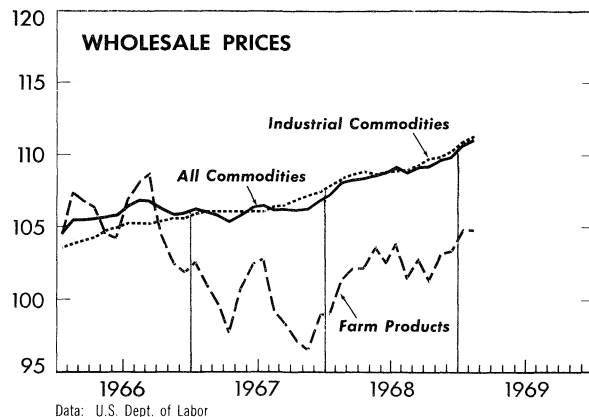
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1968		1969			
	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	96.3	96.5	101.8	102.8	102.6	103.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	5,772	5,778	5,955	5,940	5,954	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	3,942	3,880	3,909	4,106	4,047	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	214	200	250	248	220	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,637	1,675	1,580	1,532	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)....do....	1,540	1,575	1,487	1,440	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....do....	220	197	178	186	185	214
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	45,942	45,881	49,153	49,061	49,307	49,377
Federal reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>....do....	50,949	50,643	55,468	55,368	55,670	56,319
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	25,530	25,275	27,566	27,409	27,225	27,555
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	488	379	157	202	176	322
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	75,938	73,815	81,120	79,515	80,522	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	48,699	48,596	48,342	48,318	48,307	.....
Loans and investments (adjusted), total.....do....	202,054	203,961	222,543	222,936	223,427	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	27,586	28,983	27,656	27,332	26,797	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	64,868	65,024	27,896	73,111	73,344	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	29,284	29,080	32,220	32,245	32,296	.....
Bond Yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	6.39	6.39	6.87	6.90	6.94	6.93
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=10..	90.14	91.24	102.51	103.20	103.63	100.65
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	97.68	98.93	111.30	111.95	112.51	109.28
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	1,791	1,752	1,741	1,738	1,742	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	25,783	25,484	27,638	27,316	27,375	.....
Motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses).....number..	224,560	216,474	226,192	224,581	210,787	214,762
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	9,372	9,561	9,042	9,033	8,986	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,826	2,828	2,604	2,656	2,697	2,755
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	151.7	151.8	139.8	142.6	144.8	147.9
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.0	13.4	13.8	14.0	14.2	.....

1/ Data do not always cover calendar weeks. 2/ Tuesday price. 3/ Daily average. 4/ Wednesday data.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1967	1968		1969		
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	26.6	25.1	29.5	28.8	27.7	27.2
Primary metals.....do....	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.3
Transportation equipment.....do....	7.3	6.8	7.8	7.9	7.3	7.1
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	26.6	26.9	29.0	28.8	r27.7	29.2
Primary metals.....do....	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5
Transportation equipment.....do....	6.7	6.9	7.6	7.6	6.8	7.2
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	27.5	25.9	30.5	28.5	28.7	28.5
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	28.1	26.8	30.3	29.3	r29.4	29.7
Primary metals.....do....	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.7
Transportation equipment.....do....	7.3	6.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.5
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	79.5	80.3	82.3	82.0	r82.9	84.2
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	80.6	80.5	81.9	82.4	84.1	84.5
Primary metals.....do....	7.0	7.4	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.5
Transportation equipment.....do....	31.0	31.0	32.9	32.9	33.7	34.0
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAILURES (Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.):						
Failures, total.....number..	831	844	768	696	563	689
Commercial service.....do....	104	90	92	87	73	65
Construction.....do....	158	159	151	115	93	101
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	133	149	111	97	90	121
Retail trade.....do....	347	354	347	341	256	325
Wholesale trade.....do....	89	92	67	56	51	77
Liabilities (current), total.....thous. \$..	195,448	104,491	65,384	58,651	83,414	75,027
Commercial service.....do....	45,725	7,398	6,631	7,949	5,862	5,674
Construction.....do....	97,686	23,366	18,001	8,157	11,394	10,068
Manufacturing and mining.....do....	25,988	31,131	13,512	20,482	48,285	27,256
Retail trade.....do....	16,380	20,339	17,594	16,908	12,252	23,406
Wholesale trade.....do....	9,487	22,257	9,646	5,155	5,621	8,623
Failure annual rate (seas. adj.)..No. per 10,000 concerns..	43.2	38.2	37.5	35.7	29.9	32.0

1/ Revised. 1/ Data for Jan. 1969 are advance estimates.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967	1968				1969
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
COMMODITY PRICES						
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:						
Unadjusted indexes:						
All items.....1957-59=100..	118.2	118.6	122.9	123.4	123.7	124.1
Special group indexes:						
All items less shelter.....do...	117.7	118.2	122.2	122.5	122.7	123.1
All items less food.....do...	118.9	119.3	123.8	124.4	124.7	124.9
Commodities.....do...	112.9	113.2	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.4
Nondurables.....do...	115.6	116.0	120.2	120.3	120.7	121.0
Durables.....do...	106.1	106.3	108.5	109.3	108.7	108.6
New cars.....do...	101.3	101.0	102.8	103.8	102.7	102.3
Used cars.....do...	124.8	125.8	.....	.....	118.7	115.5
Commodities less food.....do...	111.1	111.7	114.7	115.3	115.2	115.0
Services.....do...	130.1	130.8	136.6	137.4	138.1	139.0
Services less rent.....do...	133.8	134.6	141.2	142.0	142.9	143.9
Food.....do...	116.2	117.0	120.9	120.5	121.2	122.0
Meats, poultry, and fish.....do...	111.2	111.6	115.4	114.6	114.4	115.6
Dairy products.....do...	118.1	118.5	122.3	122.6	122.6	122.7
Fruits and vegetables.....do...	119.6	124.1	123.4	123.8	126.4	127.0
Housing.....do...	116.0	116.4	120.9	121.7	122.3	122.7
Shelter.....do...	119.9	120.2	126.0	126.9	127.6	128.2
Rent.....do...	113.5	113.7	116.0	116.3	116.7	116.9
Homeownership.....do...	122.6	122.9	130.0	131.1	132.0	132.7
Fuel and utilities.....do...	109.3	109.5	110.4	111.3	111.5	111.7
Fuel oil and coal.....do...	113.1	113.7	115.9	115.9	116.2	116.7
Gas and electricity.....do...	108.7	108.9	109.1	109.9	110.0	110.2
Household furnishings and operation.....do...	109.7	110.6	114.2	114.8	115.1	115.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do...	116.8	115.9	123.3	124.0	124.3	123.4
Transportation.....do...	117.9	118.7	120.6	121.2	120.2	120.7
Private.....do...	115.8	116.6	118.4	118.9	117.5	117.9
Public.....do...	134.9	135.5	138.7	139.4	r144.3	144.8
Health and recreation.....do...	126.6	127.1	131.9	132.4	132.8	133.3
Medical care.....do...	140.4	141.2	147.4	148.2	149.1	150.2
Personal care.....do...	117.2	117.6	122.1	122.8	123.4	123.7
Reading and recreation.....do...	122.2	122.7	127.5	128.0	128.2	128.4
Seasonally adjusted indexes:						
Food.....do...	116.4	117.2	120.9	121.0	121.6	122.2
Apparel and upkeep.....do...	116.2	116.6	r122.6	123.3	123.7	124.1
Transportation.....do...	117.7	118.5	120.4	120.7	120.2	120.5
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do...	106.8	107.2	109.1	109.6	109.8	*110.7
Farm products.....do...	98.9	99.0	101.2	103.1	103.3	*104.9
Food and feeds, processed.....do...	111.5	112.4	114.4	114.7	114.7	*r116.0
Industrial commodities.....do...	107.4	107.8	109.7	109.9	r110.2	*110.9
Chemicals and allied products.....do...	98.4	98.2	97.8	97.8	97.7	97.6
Fuels and related products, and power.....do...	102.6	101.8	101.9	102.0	102.2	102.4
Furniture and household durables.....do...	102.1	103.0	104.5	104.7	105.0	105.3
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do...	116.0	116.5	122.3	122.4	122.8	123.5
Lumber and wood products.....do...	107.6	108.6	124.9	126.8	133.5	137.8
Machinery and equipment.....do...	113.2	113.9	116.1	116.6	116.7	117.0
Metals and metal products.....do...	111.4	112.2	112.5	112.4	112.8	114.4
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do...	105.3	106.0	108.9	109.2	109.3	110.6
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do...	104.8	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	106.2
Rubber and products.....do...	99.2	99.5	101.0	101.1	101.1	100.0
Textile products and apparel.....do...	103.8	104.3	107.0	107.2	107.1	107.4
Miscellaneous products.....do...	110.7	111.0	112.0	112.5	112.5	112.5
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY—						
Wholesale prices.....1957-59=\$1.00..	\$0.936	\$0.933	\$0.917	\$0.912	\$0.911	*\$0.903
Consumer prices.....do...	.846	.843	.814	.810	.808	.806
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
Man-hours in nonfarm establishments, all employees, seasonally adjusted, annual rate.....bil. man-hours..	133.23	132.16	136.40	r136.47	r136.86	p137.71
HELP-WANTED ADVERTISING, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....1957-59=100..	190	184	213	222	r226	p222
ELECTRIC POWER						
PRODUCTION, TOTAL.....mil. kw.-hr..	115,905	121,305	119,354	118,071	128,063	.....
Electric utilities, total.....do...	107,340	112,565	110,288	109,165	118,961	.....
By fuels.....do...	86,503	92,325	93,636	91,254	98,669	.....
By water power.....do...	20,837	20,240	16,652	17,913	20,292	.....
Privately and municipally owned utilities.....do...	87,361	91,866	91,092	89,477	96,672	.....
Other producers (publicly owned).....do...	19,979	20,699	19,196	19,688	22,289	.....
Industrial establishments, total.....do...	8,565	8,740	9,066	8,906	9,102	.....
By fuels.....do...	8,251	8,421	8,818	8,644	8,836	.....
By waterpower.....do...	314	319	248	262	266	.....

r/ Revised. p/ Preliminary. * Feb. 1969 data: All commodities, 111.0; farm products, 104.8; processed foods and feeds, 116.1; industrial commodities, 111.3; purchasing power of the dollar, \$0.901.

CORRECTION: For p.S-4 of the Feb. 1969 Survey: Revisions for Sept. 1968 industrial production components are as follows (1957-59=100): Manufacturing, 166.4; nondurable manufactures, 163.6.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1967	1968				1969
	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS; TOBACCO						
Rice, California:						
Receipts, domestic, rough.....mil. lb..	59	187	371	115	215	221
Shipments from mills, milled rice.....do...	62	135	69	58	170	179
Stocks, rough and cleaned (cleaned basis), end of mo.....do....	254	260	286	315	312	298
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
MACHINE TOOLS:						
Metal cutting type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....mil. \$..	88.35	75.50	78.55	97.60	110.15	92.15
Domestic.....do....	80.15	64.20	70.45	88.60	98.55	76.50
Shipments, total.....do....	137.40	102.85	107.75	103.55	130.15	86.80
Domestic.....do....	121.40	91.45	100.90	96.50	122.65	83.35
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	1,088.5	1,061.1	835.5	829.6	809.6	814.9
Metal forming type tools:						
Orders, new (net), total.....do....	33.25	21.85	56.35	80.20	39.55	35.60
Domestic.....do....	27.20	20.45	54.10	76.70	33.90	32.60
Shipments, total.....do....	39.45	31.50	32.90	26.50	37.95	25.80
Domestic.....do....	35.15	25.20	29.15	23.05	33.75	23.15
Order backlog, end of month.....do....	228.3	218.6	199.2	252.9	254.5	264.3
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
Men's apparel, cuttings:						
Tailored garments:						
Suits.....thous. units..	1,672	1,894	2,352	r1,869	1,611	.....
Overcoats and topcoats.....do....	337	311	395	304	251	.....
Coats (separate), dress and sport.....do....	1,079	1,244	1,367	r1,292	1,033	.....
Trousers (separate), dress and sport.....do....	10,275	11,738	14,594	r13,214	10,224	.....
Shirts (woven fabrics), dress and sport.....thous. doz..	1,625	1,918	2,312	1,982	1,640	.....
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Truck trailers, shipments:						
Complete trailers and chassis.....number..	7,209	7,839	9,980	r9,701	9,764	.....
Vans.....do....	4,757	5,028	7,036	r6,774	6,722
Trailer bodies, chassis, sold separately.....do....	1,447	2,063	3,769	r3,966	4,535

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