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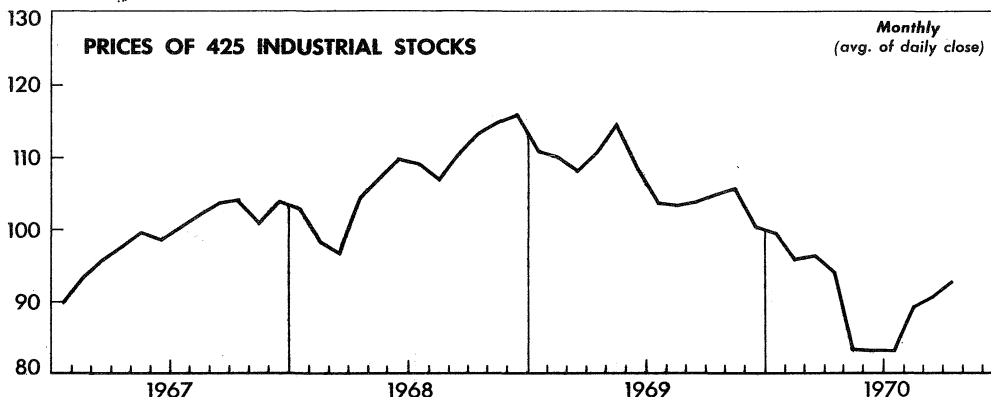


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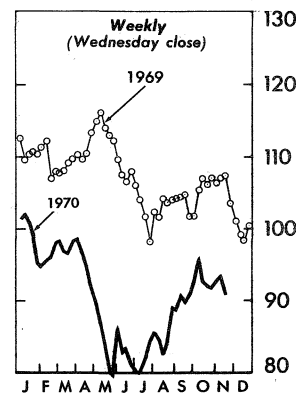
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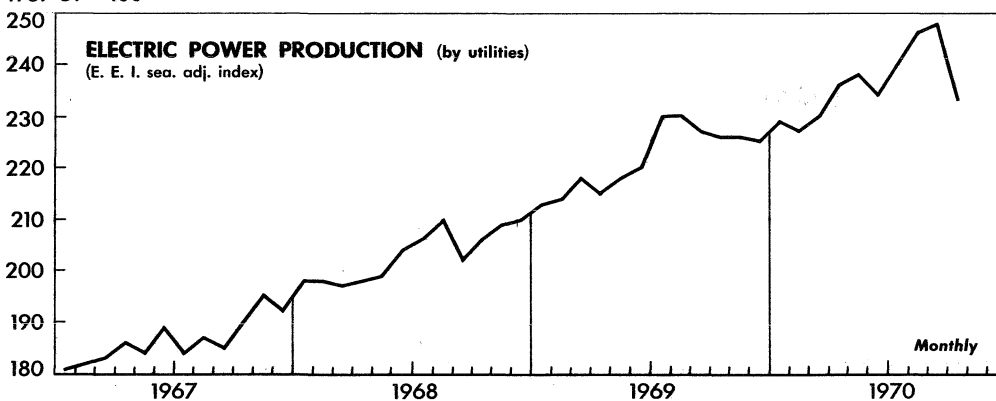


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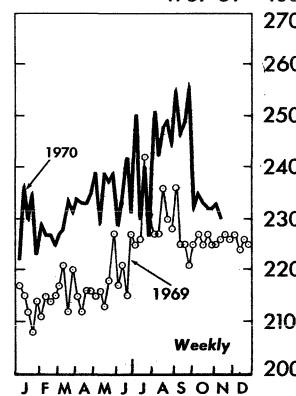


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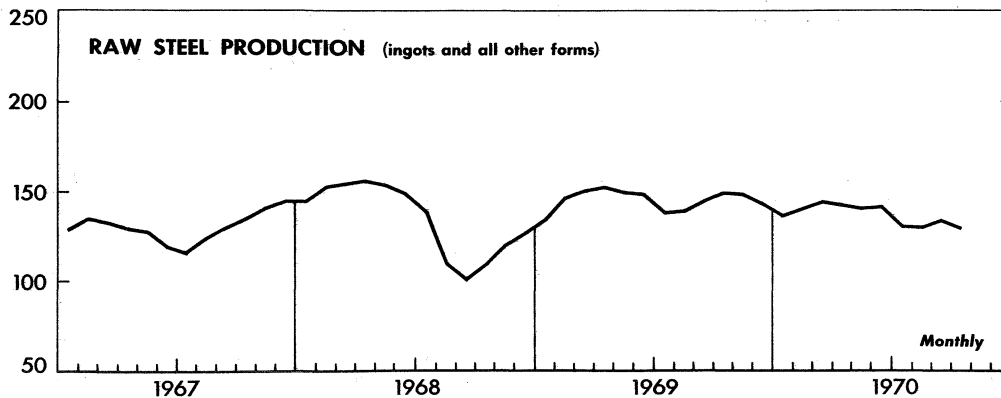


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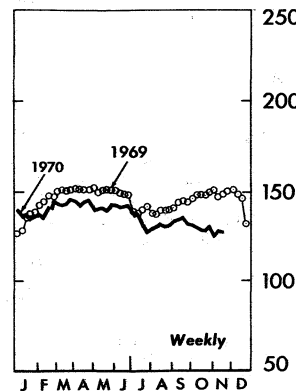


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS¹

ITEM	1969		1970			
	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>.....1957-59=100..	112.1	112.2	109.0	108.0	106.9	106.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	7,061	7,140	7,102	6,989	7,024	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	4,816	4,915	4,849	5,063	5,036	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	197	231	284	333	307	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	1,084	1,098	1,952	2,040	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	1,007	1,022	1,769	1,849	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)....number..	161	183	223	213	264	221
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	52,314	52,551	55,015	55,135	55,652	55,961
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	62,491	63,131	64,516	64,703	65,158	65,403
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	27,725	27,969	28,406	28,634	28,713	28,812
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	371	146	144	303	285	205
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....mil. \$..	78,621	79,835	80,780	78,827	79,326	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	46,490	46,345	47,013	47,121	47,180	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	227,379	226,372	240,145	242,538	242,792	.....
U. S. Government obligations.....do....	23,030	22,641	25,593	25,710	25,451	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	78,323	78,092	79,968	80,117	80,246	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	34,089	34,057	34,049	34,061	33,766	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	7.70	7.78	8.65	8.68	8.67	8.64
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10..	97.89	95.90	83.43	84.39	85.03	82.79
Industrials, 425 stocks.....do....	107.62	105.58	91.83	92.89	93.42	90.88
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal <u>3/</u>.....thous. sh. tons..	2,013	1,879	2,057	2,081	2,151	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	27,357	28,157	27,828	27,923	27,866	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	180,728	182,727	90,094	86,673	88,744	89,108
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	9,254	9,277	10,036	10,089	10,045	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,769	2,784	2,453	2,329	2,392	2,363
Index of production.....1957-59=100..	148.6	149.4	131.7	125.0	128.4	126.8
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	15.7	15.7	15.5	15.0	14.6	.....

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1969		1970			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS: <u>1/</u>						
Value (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....bil. \$..	32.3	32.6	27.9	29.1	r31.7	30.1
Primary metals.....do....	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.5
Transportation equipment.....do....	8.1	8.5	6.3	6.3	r7.2	6.8
Value (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	31.9	31.7	31.3	31.3	r30.9	29.4
Primary metals.....do....	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	r5.0	4.6
Transportation equipment.....do....	8.5	8.2	7.9	8.0	r7.2	6.6
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0
Defense products (old series).....do....	4.2	4.4	4.2	r4.3	r4.3	4.6
Defense products (new series).....do....	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2
Producers' capital goods industries.....do....	6.7	6.4	6.7	6.7	r6.6	6.4
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS: <u>1/</u>						
New orders, net (not seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	32.8	32.1	28.2	28.2	r31.2	29.1
New orders, net (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	32.0	31.4	31.4	30.5	r29.9	28.7
Primary metals.....do....	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3
Transportation equipment.....do....	8.1	7.6	8.1	7.6	r7.0	6.2
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....do....	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0
Defense products (old series).....do....	3.4	4.2	4.8	4.1	r3.5	4.1
Defense products (new series).....do....	1.4	1.9	3.1	1.8	2.0	2.1
Producers' capital goods industries.....do....	7.1	6.3	6.4	6.3	r6.8	6.7
Unfilled orders, end of month (unadjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	86.9	86.4	81.2	80.3	79.8	78.8
Unfilled orders, end of month (seasonally adjusted):						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	86.8	86.6	81.3	80.6	r79.6	78.8
Primary metals.....do....	8.3	8.3	7.2	7.1	6.7	6.5
Transportation equipment.....do....	32.5	32.0	28.6	28.2	r28.0	27.6

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	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' ORDERS--Con. 1/						
Unfilled orders, end of month (seas. adj.)--Con.						
Supplementary series:						
Household durables.....bil. \$..	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Defense products (old series).....do....	30.8	30.6	28.0	27.8	27.0	26.5
Defense products (new series).....do....	20.8	20.6	19.9	19.7	r19.6	19.5
Producers' capital goods industries.....do....	24.4	24.4	23.7	23.4	23.5	23.7
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
American Appraisal Co., The:						
Average, 30 cities.....1913=100..	1,059	1,061	1,117	1,127	1,150	1,158
Atlanta.....do....	1,161	1,176	1,231	1,231	1,261	1,263
New York.....do....	1,106	1,105	1,178	1,177	1,226	1,229
San Francisco.....do....	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,058	1,106	1,110
St. Louis.....do....	1,019	1,035	1,138	1,137	1,138	1,140
FINANCE						
SECURITIES ISSUED:						
Securities and Exchange Commission:						
Estimated gross proceeds, total.....mil. \$..	5,015	3,315	9,548	6,985	5,774	8,159
By type of security:						
Bonds and notes, total.....do....	4,426	2,832	9,080	5,964	5,194	7,820
Corporate.....do....	1,889	944	3,441	2,368	2,068	1,938
Common stock.....do....	553	410	399	799	494	247
Preferred stock.....do....	36	72	69	222	86	92
By type of issuer:						
Corporate, total.....do....	2,478	1,427	3,909	3,389	2,648	2,277
Manufacturing.....do....	875	362	817	939	577	689
Extractive (mining).....do....	86	108	327	358	146	74
Public utility.....do....	493	507	600	1,103	842	630
Railroad.....do....	25	17	9	51	64	70
Communication.....do....	286	126	1,747	354	144	279
Financial and real estate.....do....	389	181	231	355	467	369
Noncorporate, total.....do....	2,537	1,888	5,639	3,596	3,126	5,882
U. S. Government.....do....	421	377	3,701	819	405	3,573
State and municipal.....do....	1,052	794	974	1,058	1,310	1,318
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS						
PLASTICS AND RESIN MATERIALS, PRODUCTION:						
Cellulose plastic materials.....mil. lb..	13.0	15.0	12.5	11.0	10.4	10.3
Thermosetting resins:						
Alkyd resins.....do....	53.9	51.9	49.2	58.0	55.3	51.7
Coumarone-indene and petroleum polymer resins.....do....	25.9	28.5	26.9	25.6	25.3	25.7
Polyester resins.....do....	51.1	51.5	52.5	54.5	49.1	53.6
Phenolic and other tar acid resins.....do....	81.3	91.2	89.3	85.7	74.1	83.1
Urea and melamine resins.....do....	55.5	61.9	54.7	54.6	44.7	54.7
Thermoplastic resins:						
Styrene-type materials (polystyrene).....do....	260.8	263.9	288.2	299.1	272.5	274.3
Vinyl resins (resin content basis).....do....	262.3	269.5	330.2	325.3	298.4	310.5
Polyethylene.....do....	450.1	474.1	501.1	505.3	503.2	488.7
ELECTRIC POWER						
SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS, TOTAL (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. kw.-hr..						
Commercial and industrial:	113,510	118,124	108,692	113,876	121,481	126,043
Small light and power.....do....	26,473	27,370	24,339	26,588	29,113	30,128
Large light and power.....do....	46,547	48,022	47,970	49,231	48,012	48,997
Railways and railroads.....do....	347	349	384	363	359	362
Residential or domestic.....do....	35,934	38,103	31,745	33,302	39,530	42,051
Street and highway lighting.....do....	809	822	839	817	828	869
Other public authorities.....do....	3,016	3,073	3,032	3,182	3,223	3,222
Interdepartmental.....do....	384	385	383	393	416	414
REVENUE FROM SALES TO ULTIMATE CUSTOMERS (Edison Electric Institute).....mil. \$..	1,762.3	1,830.9	1,708.8	1,795.7	1,935.7	2,013.4
LEATHER AND PRODUCTS						
LEATHER PRODUCTION:						
Calf and whole kip.....thous. skins..	215	248	267	135	186	184
Cattle hide and side kip.....thous. hides and kips..	1,853	1,758	1,791	1,322	1,623	1,682
Goat and kid.....thous. skins..	330	485	413	240	260	244
Sheep and lamb.....do....	1,984	1,788	2,038	1,747	2,163	1,989

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MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1969		1970			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
METALS AND MANUFACTURES						
STEEL PRODUCTS, NET SHIPMENTS:						
Total (all grades).....thous. of short tons..	7,710	7,896	8,517	7,759	7,511	7,767
Semifinished products.....do.....	527	582	780	586	470	526
Structural shapes (heavy), steel piling.....do.....	495	526	543	534	472	490
Plates.....do.....	630	655	737	685	631	632
Rails and accessories.....do.....	104	104	143	119	100	90
Bars and tool steel, total.....do.....	1,174	1,194	1,388	1,249	1,262	1,156
Bars:						
Hot rolled (incl. light shapes).....do.....	681	701	758	651	676	625
Reinforcing.....do.....	334	320	472	469	456	403
Cold finished.....do.....	150	162	149	123	123	121
Pipe and tubing.....do.....	691	702	691	657	661	638
Wire and wire products.....do.....	271	279	282	254	263	255
Tin mill products.....do.....	567	571	605	603	663	1,151
Sheets and strip (incl. electrical), total.....do.....	3,251	3,284	3,350	3,071	2,988	2,831
Sheets: Hot rolled.....do.....	1,107	1,093	1,141	1,077	993	973
Cold rolled.....do.....	1,358	1,398	1,362	1,240	1,229	1,120
	1969		1970			
	Sept.	Oct.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
TEXTILE PRODUCTS						
COTTON (excluding linters): 1/						
Consumption.....thous. bales..	634	810	532	593	760	632
Manufactures:						
Spindle activity (cotton system spindles):						
Active spindles, last working day, total.....millions..	19.7	19.7	19.1	19.0	18.8	18.8
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	12.7	12.6	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8
Spindle hours operated, all fibers, total.....billions..	9.6	12.1	7.8	8.6	10.6	8.8
Average per working day.....do.....	.480	.483	.388	.431	r.423	.438
Consuming 100 percent cotton.....do.....	6.1	7.7	4.8	5.3	6.6	5.5

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