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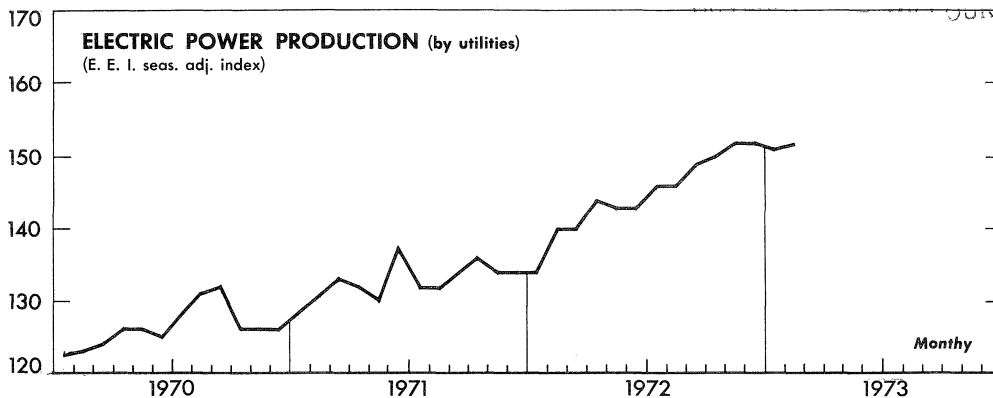


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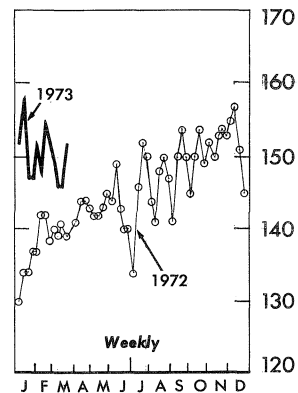
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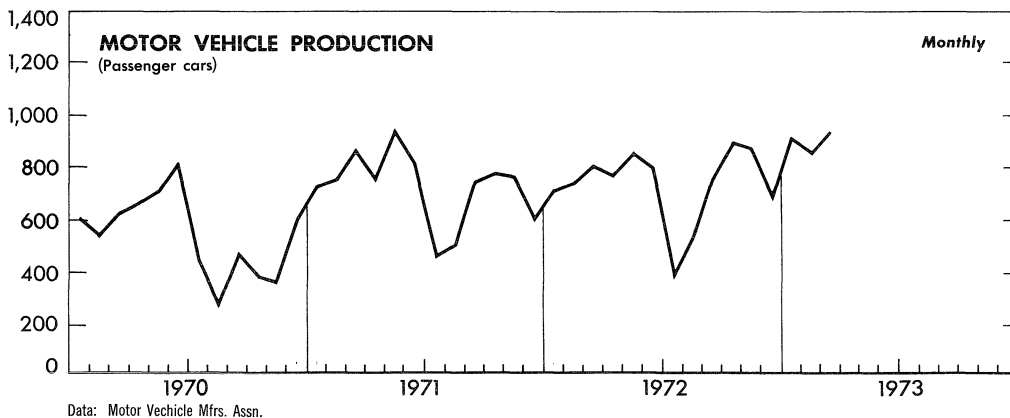
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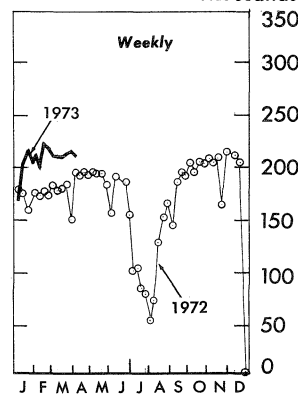
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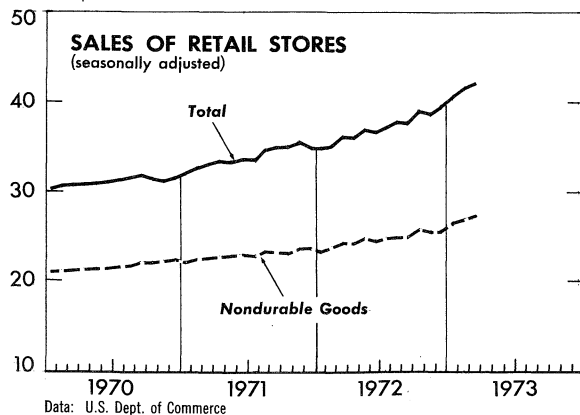
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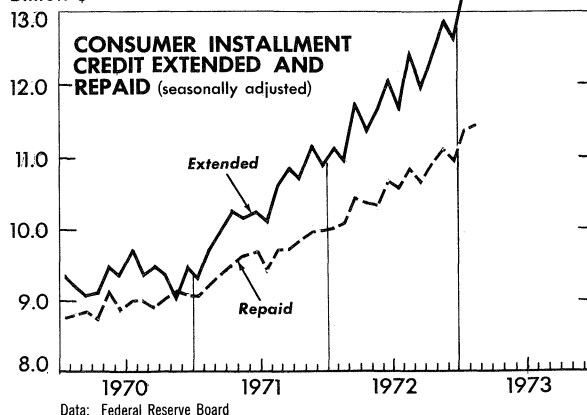
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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1972		1973			
	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	114.9	115.8	148.9	148.6	146.4	151.6
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	8,799	8,110	9,055	8,970	9,499	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	5,781	5,427	5,804	5,795	5,846	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	224	271	212	209	194	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	2,814	2,596	2,103	2,034	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico)...do....	2,176	2,118	1,924	1,860	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)number..	202	182	280	187	206	171
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	60,175	60,508	65,157	65,250	65,130	65,377
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> ..do....	73,516	74,706	78,981	79,843	79,052	79,884
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	32,219	32,604	31,623	32,002	31,659	32,602
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	285	374	91	274	70	507
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	90,818	91,787	96,763	95,216	96,226	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	57,626	57,812	58,299	58,426	58,582	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	275,738	277,753	317,277	319,741	318,918	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	27,754	28,628	25,180	25,267	25,368	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	83,535	84,038	98,540	99,768	99,986	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	39,873	39,819	47,230	47,380	47,500	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> ....percent..	7.67	7.67	7.61	7.63	7.65	7.63
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ..1941-43=10..	106.49	109.00	114.98	110.49	111.62	108.77
Industrial, 425 stocks.....do....	118.45	121.44	129.06	123.81	125.17	121.80
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	11,850	11,680	10,680	10,685	11,700	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	31,358	31,183	33,552	34,171	33,398	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	150,295	196,172	210,318	213,363	214,297	210,921
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	9,524	9,781	9,266	9,294	9,301	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,747	2,699	2,977	2,984	2,963	2,967
Index of production.....1967=100..	112.6	110.6	122.0	122.3	121.4	121.6
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.8	14.8	15.8	15.9	16.3	.....

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

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1972			1973		
	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
COMMODITY PRICES						
SPOT MARKET PRICES, BASIC COMMODITIES:						
22 Commodities.....1967=100..	112.4	114.4	130.8	134.4	143.0	149.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	111.3	110.4	125.0	127.5	136.6	142.3
13 Raw industrials.....do....	113.0	117.2	134.8	139.3	147.5	155.3
WHOLESALE PRICES INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....do....	117.3	117.4	122.9	124.5	126.9	129.7
Farm products.....do....	120.7	119.7	137.5	144.2	150.9	160.9
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	118.8	118.6	129.4	132.4	137.0	141.4
Industrial commodities.....do....	116.5	116.8	119.4	120.0	121.3	122.7
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	103.5	103.4	104.8	105.1	105.6	106.7
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	116.1	116.5	121.9	122.2	126.0	126.7
Furniture and household durables.....do....	110.8	110.9	112.4	112.6	113.1	113.5
Hides, skins, and leather products.....do....	119.1	123.0	142.2	143.9	144.9	143.5
Lumber and wood products.....do....	137.7	139.5	149.8	151.0	161.0	173.2
Machinery and equipment.....do....	117.1	117.3	118.6	118.9	119.4	120.0
Metals and metal products.....do....	122.6	123.4	124.4	125.6	126.9	129.2
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	124.6	124.8	127.4	128.2	128.4	129.0
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	111.6	112.3	115.1	115.8	116.5	118.3
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	109.2	108.9	109.8	110.0	110.1	110.3
Textile products and apparel.....do....	112.0	112.1	115.6	116.6	117.4	119.0
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	113.6	113.6	114.2	114.1	114.2	114.5
Miscellaneous products.....1967=100..	114.0	114.2	115.1	115.8	117.1	117.9
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.853	\$0.852	\$0.814	\$0.803	\$0.788	\$0.771
DOMESTIC TRADE						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES:						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED), TOTAL <u>1/</u> .....mil. \$..	30,987	36,220	47,004	r35,768	r35,037	41,596
Durable goods stores.....do....	10,181	12,258	13,725	r12,154	r12,275	15,106
Automotive group.....do....	6,192	7,582	7,274	r7,504	r7,609	9,496
Furniture and appliance group.....do....	1,550	1,673	2,330	1,789	r1,750	1,954
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do....	1,240	1,466	1,664	r1,458	1,469	1,828

<sup>r/</sup> Revised. <sup>1/</sup> Data for Mar. 1973 are advance estimates.

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	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. <u>p/</u>
DOMESTIC TRADE--Con.						
RETAIL TRADE, ALL RETAIL STORES--Con.						
ESTIMATED SALES (UNADJUSTED)--Con. <u>1/</u>						
Nondurable goods stores.....mil. \$..	20,806	23,962	33,279	r23,614	r22,762	21,490
Apparel group.....do.....	1,309	1,734	3,177	r1,608	r1,457	1,780
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,101	1,157	1,668	r1,205	r1,148	1,241
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	2,402	2,693	2,910	r2,715	r2,644	3,006
Food group.....do.....	7,105	7,870	8,948	r7,995	r7,670	8,837
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	2,264	2,488	2,724	r2,589	r2,479	2,801
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	4,512	5,673	10,755	r4,999	r4,931	6,184
ESTIMATED SALES (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL <u>1/</u> .....do.....	35,345	36,450	39,417	r40,707	r41,305	42,274
Durable goods stores.....do.....	11,457	12,087	13,640	r14,234	r14,392	14,871
Automotive group.....do.....	6,689	7,073	8,300	r8,507	8,572	.....
Furniture and appliance group.....do.....	1,728	1,780	1,808	r1,962	2,016	.....
Lumber, building, hardware group.....do.....	1,576	1,622	1,711	r1,915	1,934	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	23,888	24,363	25,777	r26,473	r26,913	27,403
Apparel group.....do.....	1,741	1,767	1,899	r1,949	2,008	.....
Drug and proprietary stores.....do.....	1,155	1,178	1,236	r1,246	1,251	.....
Eating and drinking places.....do.....	2,714	2,814	2,957	r3,057	3,082	.....
Food group.....do.....	7,665	7,720	8,071	r8,476	8,435	.....
Gasoline service stations.....do.....	2,493	2,534	2,713	r2,714	2,827	.....
General merchandise group with nonstores.....do.....	5,965	6,088	6,362	r6,590	6,751	.....
ESTIMATED RETAIL INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Unadjusted, total.....do.....	51,724	53,324	53,283	53,484	.....	.....
Adjusted, total.....do.....	52,484	52,639	54,700	55,394	.....	.....
RETAIL FIRMS WITH 11 OR MORE STORES:						
Estimated sales (unadjusted), total.....do.....	9,104	10,839	16,906	r10,482	10,183	.....
Estimated sales (seasonally adjusted), total.....do.....	10,853	10,987	11,830	r12,477	12,526	.....
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over,						
not seasonally adjusted <u>2/</u> .....thous..	87,318	87,914	89,437	88,122	89,075	89,686
Civilian labor force <u>2/</u> .....do.....	84,778	85,410	86,997	85,718	86,683	87,325
Employed, total <u>2/</u> .....do.....	79,366	80,195	82,881	81,043	81,838	82,814
Agriculture.....do.....	2,909	3,094	3,163	2,955	2,956	3,131
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	76,458	77,101	79,719	78,088	78,882	79,683
Unemployed.....do.....	5,412	5,215	4,116	4,675	4,845	4,512
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted <u>2/</u> .....do.....	85,518	86,264	87,267	86,921	87,569	88,268
Employed, total <u>2/</u> .....do.....	80,594	81,216	82,780	82,555	83,127	83,889
Agriculture.....do.....	3,369	3,460	3,650	3,501	3,424	3,480
Nonagricultural industries.....do.....	77,225	77,756	79,130	79,054	79,703	80,409
Unemployed.....do.....	4,924	5,048	4,487	4,366	4,442	4,379
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do.....	1,298	1,209	1,001	919	895	859
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....do.....	5.8	5.9	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.0
Men, 20 years and over.....do.....	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Women, 20 years and over.....do.....	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.9
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....do.....	18.5	17.4	15.7	14.3	15.8	14.2
White.....do.....	5.2	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4
Negro and other races.....do.....	10.6	10.4	9.6	8.9	9.0	9.0
Married men.....do.....	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Occupation: White-collar workers.....do.....	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9
Blue-collar workers.....do.....	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.4
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....do.....	6.0	6.1	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.9
Construction.....do.....	10.4	9.9	9.8	9.0	8.7	8.5
Manufacturing.....do.....	6.2	6.2	4.4	5.0	4.5	4.6
Durable goods.....do.....	6.3	6.2	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLLS of nonagric. estab., total.....thous..						
Private sector.....do.....	71,744	72,011	74,026	r74,245	r74,713	74,901
Nonmanufacturing industries.....do.....	58,599	58,830	60,522	r60,764	r61,180	61,347
Goods-producing.....do.....	39,987	40,145	41,103	r41,295	r41,603	41,727
Mining.....do.....	22,719	22,811	23,478	r23,581	r23,778	23,833
Contract construction.....do.....	613	614	607	r610	r612	612
Manufacturing.....do.....	3,494	3,512	3,452	r3,502	r3,589	3,601
Durable goods.....do.....	18,612	18,685	19,419	r19,469	r19,577	19,620
Nondurable goods.....do.....	10,621	10,673	11,281	r11,326	r11,406	11,441
Service-producing.....do.....	7,991	8,012	8,138	r8,143	r8,171	8,179
Transportation, communication, elec., gas, etc.....do.....	4,438	4,487	4,558	r4,574	r4,582	4,576
Wholesale and retail trade.....do.....	15,456	15,508	15,946	r15,989	r16,121	16,212
Wholesale trade.....do.....	3,863	3,883	3,970	r4,001	r4,013	4,015
Retail trade.....do.....	11,593	11,625	11,976	r11,988	r12,108	12,197
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....do.....	3,874	3,885	3,991	r3,999	4,012	4,031
Services.....do.....	12,112	12,139	12,549	r12,621	r12,687	12,695
Government.....do.....	13,145	13,181	13,504	r13,481	r13,533	13,554
Federal.....do.....	2,669	2,667	2,652	r2,637	2,632	2,619
State and local.....do.....	10,476	10,514	10,852	r10,844	r10,901	10,935

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