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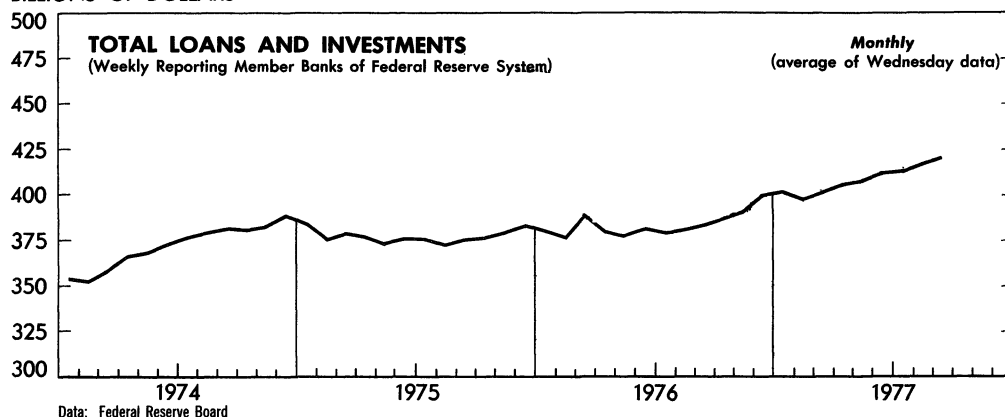


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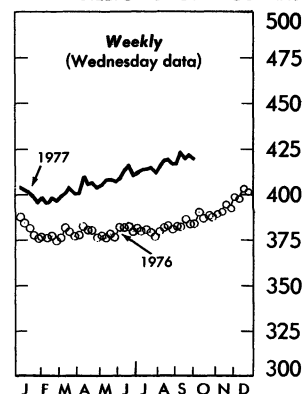
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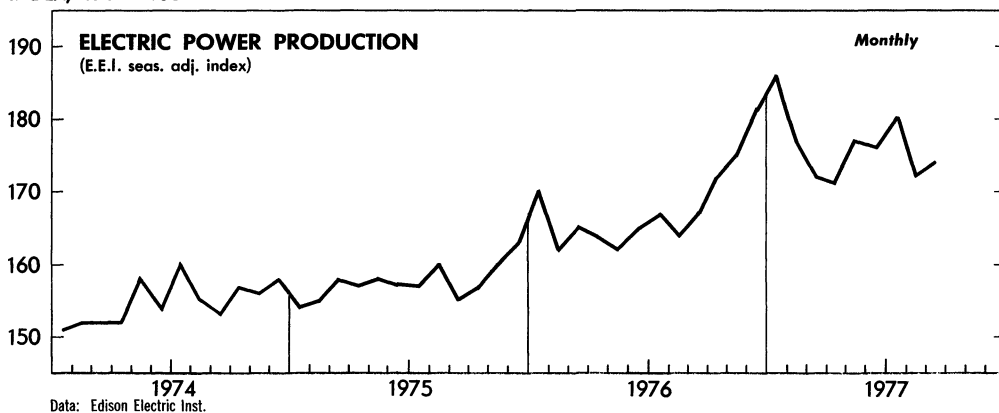
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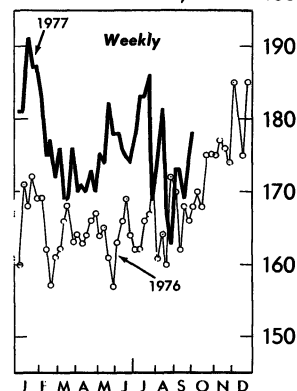
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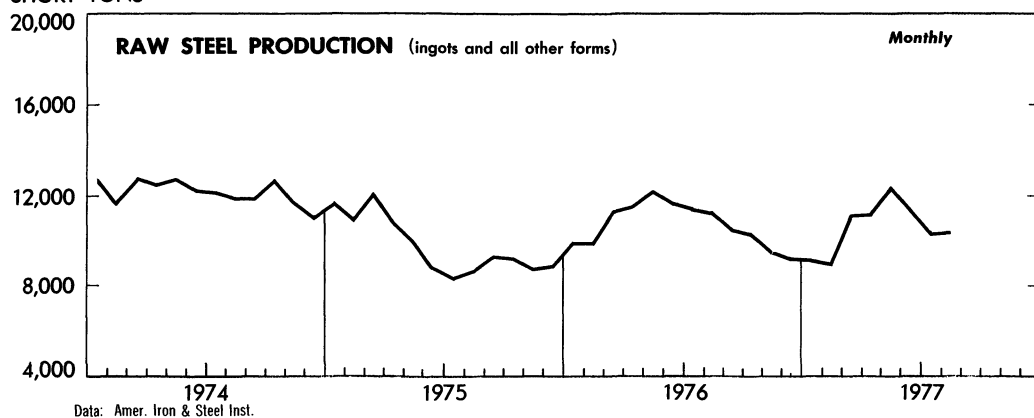
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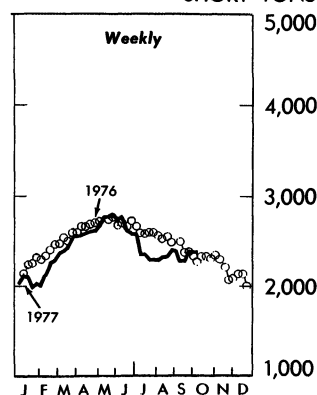
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ITEM	1976		1977			
	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>1967=100..	199.8	198.1	201.4	201.0	201.9	203.0
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	193.8	188.8	200.0	198.2	199.5	204.3
13 Raw industrials.....do....	203.9	204.7	202.3	202.9	203.5	202.1
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	12,896	12,317	13,460	13,333	13,882	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do....	8,364	8,358	8,872	8,704	8,833	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	332	389	301	304	286	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,188	3,139	2,659	2,639	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C. and Puerto Rico).....do....	2,412	2,385	2,089	2,061	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	173	218	108	146	144	127
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	89,402	89,738	98,693	98,137	97,714	e/98,118
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	109,848	109,436	109,169	111,992	117,290	118,845
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	34,577	34,433	35,120	34,959	35,820	36,213
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	199	334	390	31	439	396
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	103,667	105,671	114,437	110,422	109,162	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	82,416	82,969	93,176	93,289	93,409	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	384,951	390,252	420,046	422,033	419,576	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	43,537	43,736	46,870	46,717	45,730	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	113,157	112,510	119,283	120,321	120,213	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	62,949	62,446	70,726	71,287	71,353	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	8.68	8.65	8.29	8.30	8.34	8.36
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=10..	105.37	102.97	96.55	95.10	95.31	95.68
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	118.22	115.37	106.34	104.64	104.88	105.20
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	13,720	13,525	15,515	15,405	15,715	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	37,600	37,151	40,197	40,498	40,491	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	134,713	146,939	179,186	198,194	197,603	203,828
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	8,041	8,041	8,652	8,652	8,652	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,330	2,278	2,275	2,378	2,380	2,376
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u>.....percent..	76.0	74.3	74.9	78.2	78.5	78.3
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	16.3	16.2	16.5	16.6	17.0	.....

^{1/} Data do not always cover calendar weeks. ^{2/} Tuesday price. ^{3/} Daily average. ^{4/} Wednesday data. ^{5/} Capability for a full order book based on current availability of raw materials, fuels, supplies, and industry facilities. ^{e/} Estimated.

MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1976		1977			
	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug. <u>p/</u>
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL..... mil. \$..	91,832	97,940	110,762	r116,636	r102,201	110,952
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	46,359	49,810	58,405	r62,349	r52,379	55,775
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,473	2,749	2,991	3,249	r2,856	3,199
Primary metals.....do....	7,110	7,577	8,661	9,070	r7,483	7,947
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,284	6,712	7,397	7,924	r6,600	7,448
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,556	8,738	10,096	r10,686	r9,137	9,786
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,385	6,007	6,493	7,166	r6,236	6,754
Transportation equipment.....do....	9,615	10,114	14,186	15,155	r12,175	11,328
Instruments and related products.....do....	1,973	2,120	2,295	2,452	r2,100	2,327
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	45,473	48,129	52,357	54,287	r49,822	53,735
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,292	14,540	15,028	15,817	r14,706	15,563
Tobacco products.....do....	649	652	723	738	r689	749
Textile mill products.....do....	2,612	3,060	3,571	3,725	r2,988	3,644
Paper and allied products.....do....	3,951	4,312	4,570	4,822	r4,220	4,681
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	7,701	8,222	9,783	9,807	r8,552	9,220
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,992	7,103	8,055	8,131	r8,122	8,072
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,491	2,723	3,142	3,294	r2,812	3,118
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	98,932	99,078	109,458	r110,680	r109,208	110,952
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	51,090	51,648	56,717	r57,570	r56,820	58,055
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,517	2,579	2,860	3,010	r2,906	3,002
Primary metals.....do....	7,764	7,856	8,296	8,428	r8,174	8,237
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,633	6,592	7,253	7,461	r6,972	7,315
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,377	9,420	10,060	r9,716	r10,037	10,541
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,974	6,133	6,555	6,753	r6,900	6,886
Transportation equipment.....do....	11,540	11,513	13,325	13,862	r13,548	13,192
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,143	2,144	2,321	2,324	r2,280	2,355

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	July	Aug.	May	June	July	Aug. p/
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	47,842	47,430	52,741	53,110	r52,388	52,897
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,088	14,552	15,261	15,822	r15,513	15,556
Tobacco products.....do....	637	616	709	695	r676	708
Textile mill products.....do....	2,994	2,971	3,558	3,464	r3,423	3,541
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,149	4,195	4,593	4,586	r4,433	4,553
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	8,162	8,134	9,364	9,554	r9,064	9,100
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,954	7,061	8,159	7,921	r8,080	8,027
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,669	2,686	3,116	3,120	r3,010	3,079
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	160,588	161,787	173,087	173,022	r172,902	173,564
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	102,273	102,692	109,925	110,229	r110,110	110,354
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	58,315	59,095	63,162	62,793	r62,792	63,210
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	162,144	163,184	172,629	173,818	r174,571	174,936
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	102,856	103,282	109,154	110,421	r110,978	111,147
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,934	4,002	4,258	4,251	r4,321	4,365
Primary metals.....do....	16,225	16,485	17,584	17,645	r17,819	17,776
Fabricated metal products.....do....	12,603	12,547	13,396	13,472	r13,682	13,750
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	23,420	23,591	24,566	24,871	r25,018	25,031
Electrical machinery.....do....	13,634	13,708	15,088	15,343	r15,250	15,385
Transportation equipment.....do....	19,705	19,515	19,735	20,370	r20,377	20,335
Instruments and related products.....do....	4,428	4,438	4,785	4,735	r4,839	4,872
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	59,288	59,902	63,475	63,397	r63,593	63,789
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,220	15,617	16,819	16,360	r16,127	16,261
Tobacco products.....do....	3,615	3,631	3,582	3,596	r3,647	3,560
Textile mill products.....do....	5,104	5,184	5,473	5,473	r5,464	5,464
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,085	5,128	5,534	5,568	r5,625	5,610
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	12,609	12,825	13,152	13,306	r13,549	13,774
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	4,872	4,833	5,467	5,546	r5,654	5,684
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,616	3,594	4,087	4,104	r4,112	4,127
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	93,995	97,174	111,066	r117,596	r103,311	110,721
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	48,750	49,436	58,899	r63,372	r53,317	57,255
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	45,244	47,738	52,167	54,224	r49,994	53,466
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	98,811	97,554	111,693	r111,524	r108,598	111,133
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	51,180	50,380	59,176	r58,378	r56,031	58,369
Primary metals.....do....	7,918	7,340	9,079	7,959	r8,311	8,566
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,733	6,586	7,337	7,236	r6,798	7,382
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,572	9,082	10,143	r10,394	r10,130	10,974
Electrical machinery.....do....	5,894	6,088	7,163	6,866	r6,901	6,974
Transportation equipment.....do....	11,214	11,203	14,179	14,725	r12,667	12,449
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	47,631	47,173	52,517	53,146	r52,567	52,764
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	10,132	10,142	11,484	11,787	r11,756	11,825
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	37,499	37,031	41,033	41,359	r40,811	40,939
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	172,994	172,229	180,563	r181,521	r182,632	183,838
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	164,942	164,567	172,024	r173,045	r173,984	175,457
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,052	7,661	8,539	8,476	r8,648	8,381
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	171,938	170,414	182,301	r183,150	r182,541	182,716
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	164,055	162,787	174,047	r174,859	r174,072	174,382
Primary metals.....do....	16,846	16,330	17,673	17,205	r17,342	17,671
Fabricated metal products.....do....	23,092	23,086	23,577	23,353	r23,179	23,247
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	44,318	43,981	44,215	r44,894	r44,988	45,421
Electrical machinery.....do....	22,430	22,385	24,383	24,497	r24,500	24,586
Transportation equipment.....do....	49,366	49,056	55,371	56,234	r55,351	54,606
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	7,883	7,627	8,254	8,291	r8,469	8,334
COMMODITY PRICES						
	1976		1977			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:						
ALL COMMODITIES.....1967=100..	183.8	184.8	194.4	194.9	194.6	195.3
Farm products.....do....	189.7	191.9	192.7	190.5	181.2	181.9
Food and feeds, processed.....do....	176.7	177.2	190.1	187.8	185.1	184.2
Industrial commodities.....do....	183.8	184.8	194.6	195.8	196.9	197.8
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	188.0	188.6	193.9	193.5	193.5	193.2
Fuels and related products, and power.....do....	269.2	271.2	304.0	306.6	309.5	309.7
Furniture and household durables.....do....	146.1	146.7	151.3	151.2	152.4	152.5
Hides, skins and leather products.....do....	171.6	173.6	179.7	180.3	180.5	179.9
Lumber and wood products.....do....	207.5	212.8	228.7	235.5	242.7	252.4
Machinery and equipment.....do....	171.6	172.8	180.8	181.9	182.8	183.9
Metals and metal products.....do....	199.5	200.1	207.8	210.7	211.7	212.6
Nonmetallic mineral products.....do....	188.0	188.6	200.4	201.5	202.4	204.2
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....do....	181.0	181.6	187.3	187.7	187.8	188.5
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	161.1	163.9	167.4	168.9	169.1	169.4
Textile products.....do....	149.5	149.0	154.4	154.4	154.4	155.1
Transportation equipment.....Dec. 1968=100..	150.2	151.0	159.4	159.5	160.6	161.4
Motor vehicles and equipment.....1967=100..	152.8	153.5	161.8	161.8	163.1	163.8
PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR AS MEASURED BY--						
Wholesale prices.....1967=\$1.00..	\$0.544	\$0.541	\$0.514	\$0.513	\$0.514	\$0.512

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ITEM	1976		1977			
	Aug.	Sept.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS						
LABOR FORCE, total, persons 16 years of age and over, not seasonally adjusted.....thous..	98,837	97,120	101,264	101,449	101,210	99,815
Civilian labor force.....do....	96,690	94,975	99,135	99,314	99,073	97,684
Employed, total.....do....	89,367	87,949	91,682	92,372	92,315	91,247
Agriculture.....do....	3,842	3,396	3,820	3,790	3,682	3,326
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	85,525	84,553	87,862	88,582	88,633	87,921
Unemployed.....do....	7,322	7,026	7,453	6,941	6,757	6,437
Civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted.....do....	95,351	95,242	97,641	97,305	97,697	97,868
Employed, total.....do....	87,834	87,794	90,679	90,561	90,771	91,095
Agriculture.....do....	3,372	3,278	3,338	3,213	3,252	3,215
Nonagricultural industries.....do....	84,462	84,516	87,341	87,348	87,519	87,880
Unemployed.....do....	7,517	7,448	6,962	6,744	6,926	6,773
Long-term, 15 weeks and over.....do....	2,341	2,311	1,737	1,834	1,808	1,866
Rates (unemployed in each group as percent of total in the group):						
All civilian workers.....	7.9	7.8	7.1	6.9	7.1	6.9
Men, 20 years and over.....	5.9	6.1	5.0	5.1	5.2	4.9
Women, 20 years and over.....	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years.....	19.6	18.8	18.6	17.4	17.5	18.1
White.....	7.1	7.2	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1
Black and other races.....	13.6	12.8	13.2	13.2	14.5	13.1
Married men, wife present.....	4.3	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4
Occupation: White-collar workers.....	4.9	4.6	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2
Blue-collar workers.....	9.8	9.8	7.7	8.2	8.4	7.9
Industry: Private nonfarm wage and salary workers.....	8.2	8.1	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.9
Construction.....	16.5	15.7	12.6	12.1	11.5	10.4
Manufacturing.....	8.1	8.1	6.3	6.7	7.0	7.2

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