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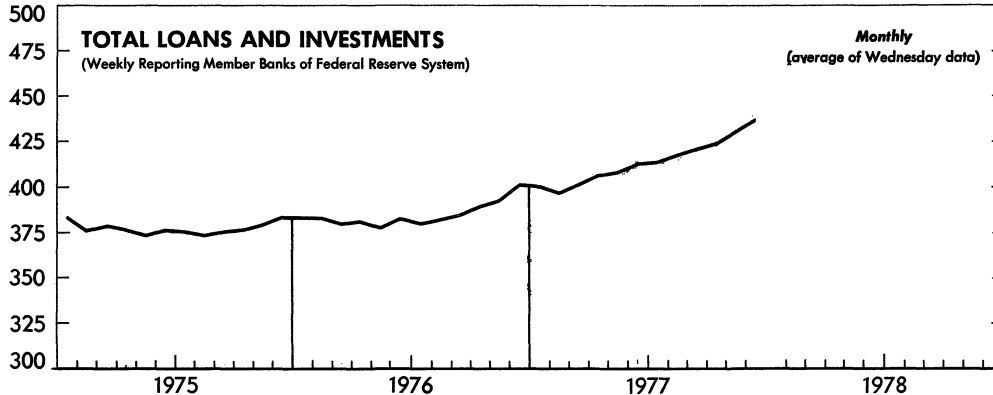


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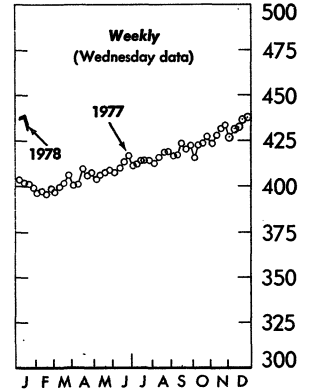
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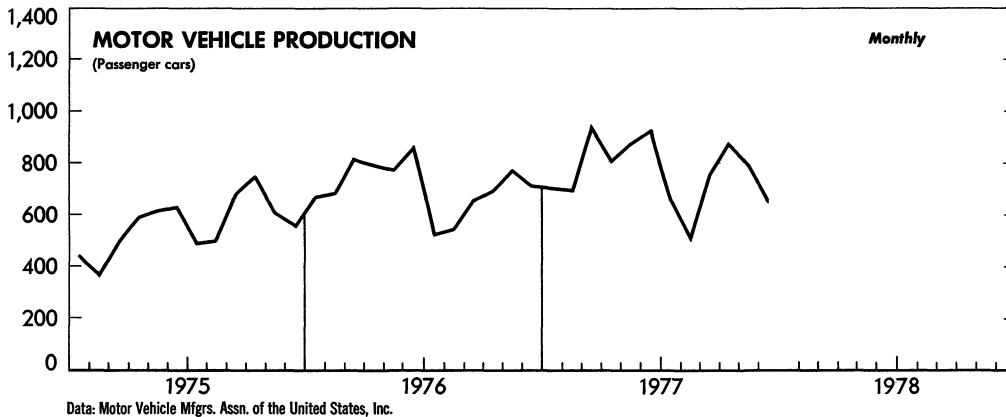
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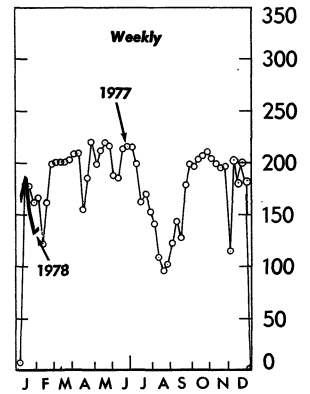
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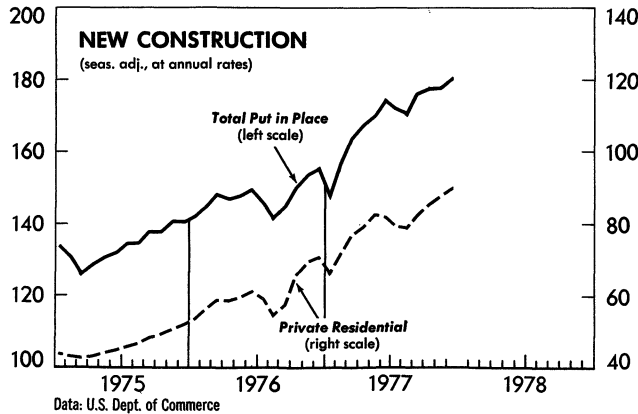
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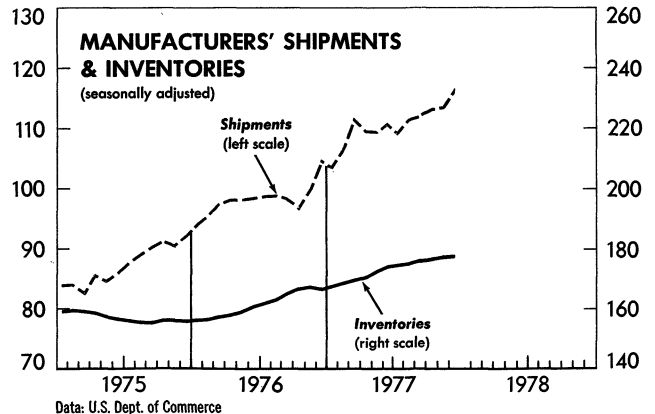
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ITEM	1977		1978			
	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4
WHOLESALE PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>1967=100..	211.6	212.2	218.3	217.8	218.6	219.1
9 Foodstuffs.....do.....	207.3	207.8	215.6	214.9	216.5	217.1
13 Raw industrials.....do.....	214.5	215.2	220.1	219.8	219.9	219.9
ALL RETAIL STORES, SALES.....mil. \$..	11,429	11,709	12,200	11,684	11,764	.....
Nondurable goods stores.....do.....	7,686	7,992	8,469	8,162	8,098	.....
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	519	705	579	501	446	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do.....	4,526	4,578	3,654	3,777	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,721	3,781	3,067	3,183	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet).....number..	192	157	130	128	129	.....
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	91,799	91,303	103,157	102,136	101,173	e100,696
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	108,632	109,597	117,789	117,339	118,415	120,520
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do.....	36,193	35,275	37,274	39,981	38,198	37,789
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do.....	424	130	313	425	411	478
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do.....	106,384	109,046	117,390	116,834	.....	.....
Savings deposits.....do.....	91,392	91,515	93,152	92,894	.....	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	396,790	397,243	438,250	430,683	.....	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do.....	48,185	47,615	45,032	44,261	.....	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do.....	114,422	114,771	124,750	124,027	.....	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do.....	63,966	63,945	74,807	74,971	.....	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	8.46	8.46	8.72	8.76	8.79	.....
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u>.....1941-43=10..	102.34	102.36	89.74	90.56	89.39	89.93
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do.....	113.34	113.67	98.75	99.73	98.39	99.12
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	8,690	9,460	5,260	5,045	4,825	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	43,526	43,359	45,617	45,214	44,743	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	166,207	121,756	186,887	153,168	132,720	137,005
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	8,004	8,020	8,513	8,513	8,513	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,027	2,003	2,349	2,361	2,221	2,282
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u>.....percent..	66.0	65.2	78.0	78.4	73.8	75.8
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	14.0	14.1	13.4	13.1	12.9	.....

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			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. <u>p/</u>
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	100,128	98,023	116,853	118,252	r113,484	110,060
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	51,345	50,798	61,415	62,694	r59,266	57,743
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,573	2,320	3,189	3,165	r2,982	2,716
Primary metals.....do.....	7,086	6,752	8,544	8,354	r8,094	7,984
Fabricated metal products.....do.....	6,534	6,505	7,866	8,066	r7,416	7,185
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	8,966	8,477	10,622	10,527	r10,201	10,979
Electrical machinery.....do.....	6,407	6,565	7,401	r7,456	r7,364	7,232
Transportation equipment.....do.....	12,265	11,996	14,181	15,562	14,255	3,030
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	48,783	47,225	55,438	55,558	r54,218	52,317
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,024	14,599	16,110	16,314	r16,097	16,144
Tobacco products.....do.....	650	751	726	701	r757	725
Textile mill products.....do.....	3,201	3,097	3,833	3,872	r3,769	3,566
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,140	4,011	4,587	4,574	r4,481	4,443
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	8,239	7,979	9,851	9,240	r9,009	8,625
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	7,153	7,496	8,117	8,334	r8,172	8,365
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,760	2,570	3,256	3,328	r3,135	2,918
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	99,919	104,475	111,921	113,119	r113,240	116,184
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	51,238	55,295	58,608	59,262	59,154	61,650
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,569	2,703	2,955	2,882	r2,975	3,166
Primary metals.....do.....	7,283	7,298	8,440	8,246	8,323	8,630
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,610	6,961	7,432	7,601	r7,491	7,666
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,282	9,546	10,333	10,608	r10,571	11,091
Electrical machinery.....do.....	6,298	6,688	6,946	7,055	r7,228	7,376
Transportation equipment.....do....	11,616	14,176	13,603	13,824	13,516	14,194
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,123	2,198	2,319	2,356	r2,351	2,526

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ITEM	1976		1977			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. p/
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	48,681	49,180	53,313	53,857	r54,086	54,534
Food and kindred products.....do....	14,773	14,603	15,383	15,804	r15,827	16,137
Tobacco products.....do....	640	753	731	697	r746	727
Textile mill products.....do....	3,143	3,302	3,589	3,067	r3,701	3,794
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,153	4,296	4,441	4,453	r4,495	4,763
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	8,827	8,637	9,578	9,297	r9,648	9,356
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	7,154	7,484	8,067	8,397	r8,175	8,370
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	2,806	2,815	3,155	3,162	r3,188	3,192
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	166,528	167,299	174,161	175,392	r176,493	178,025
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	105,193	105,516	110,740	110,736	r111,560	112,602
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	61,335	61,783	63,421	64,656	r64,933	65,423
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	167,114	166,587	176,164	176,789	r177,162	177,352
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	106,128	105,729	111,787	111,904	r112,548	112,845
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,130	4,194	4,348	4,415	r4,562	4,479
Primary metals.....do....	17,178	17,329	17,640	17,784	r17,581	17,531
Fabricated metal products.....do....	13,183	13,173	13,897	13,893	r13,966	14,051
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	23,845	23,987	25,242	25,457	r25,734	25,877
Electrical machinery.....do....	14,009	14,112	15,488	15,472	r15,523	15,597
Transportation equipment.....do....	20,046	19,121	20,537	20,126	r20,387	20,501
Instruments and related products.....do....	4,581	4,574	4,933	5,001	r5,008	4,947
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	60,986	60,858	64,377	64,885	r64,614	64,507
Food and kindred products.....do....	15,694	15,648	16,390	16,667	r16,114	15,855
Tobacco products.....do....	3,630	3,508	3,712	3,646	r3,666	3,574
Textile mill products.....do....	5,176	5,253	5,413	5,410	r5,400	5,494
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,292	5,200	5,628	5,675	r5,699	5,554
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	13,088	13,032	13,949	14,177	r14,265	14,305
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	5,053	5,148	5,846	5,855	r6,004	6,095
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,855	3,888	4,185	4,171	r4,137	4,186
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	100,039	99,575	117,055	121,661	r115,378	113,633
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	51,386	51,139	61,713	66,022	r61,156	62,503
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	48,653	47,436	55,342	55,639	r54,222	52,417
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	100,784	106,600	112,441	116,543	r116,068	120,765
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	52,235	57,040	59,048	62,503	r61,984	66,028
Primary metals.....do....	7,529	7,252	8,692	8,094	r8,901	8,837
Fabricated metal products.....do....	6,805	7,072	7,204	7,759	r8,051	7,743
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,211	9,509	10,823	11,162	r10,717	11,560
Electrical machinery.....do....	6,433	7,127	7,070	7,112	r7,762	7,690
Transportation equipment.....do....	12,102	15,487	13,145	16,141	r14,413	17,237
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	48,549	49,560	53,393	54,040	r54,084	54,737
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	11,243	11,289	11,985	12,038	r11,944	12,427
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	37,306	38,271	41,408	42,002	r42,140	42,310
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	172,646	174,222	183,974	187,386	r189,282	189,850
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	165,040	166,408	175,617	178,950	r180,840	184,311
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	7,606	7,814	8,357	8,436	r8,442	8,539
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	173,333	175,453	183,166	186,590	r189,416	193,997
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	165,519	167,261	174,682	177,923	180,750	185,128
Primary metals.....do....	16,051	16,004	17,887	17,733	18,312	18,518
Fabricated metal products.....do....	23,192	23,302	22,995	23,152	r23,711	23,792
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	43,843	43,808	45,909	46,462	r46,605	47,076
Electrical machinery.....do....	22,812	23,251	24,679	24,740	r25,276	25,588
Transportation equipment.....do....	51,445	52,753	54,114	56,431	r57,327	60,369
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	7,814	8,192	8,484	8,667	r8,666	8,869
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	13,588	12,107	16,632	r16,575	r15,787	13,946
Private, total.....do....	10,496	9,518	12,809	r12,919	r12,615	11,217
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	6,026	5,261	7,976	r7,931	r7,647	6,620
New housing units.....do....	4,694	4,053	6,494	r6,503	r6,289	5,360
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	2,281	2,179	2,677	2,704	r2,622	2,363
Industrial.....do....	581	591	656	675	r667	638
Commercial.....do....	1,129	1,062	1,452	1,471	r1,390	1,218
Public, total.....do....	3,093	2,590	3,823	3,656	r3,171	2,729
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	153.8	155.4	175.9	r177.8	r177.8	180.3
Private, total.....do....	119.0	121.2	136.7	r140.1	r142.2	144.1
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	69.6	71.1	82.4	r85.7	r87.7	89.9
New housing units.....do....	52.7	54.8	66.4	r68.8	r70.5	72.9
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	25.8	25.9	29.9	29.8	r29.6	28.2
Industrial.....do....	6.7	6.6	7.5	7.6	r7.7	7.1
Commercial.....do....	12.6	12.8	16.0	15.8	r15.4	14.9
Public, total.....do....	34.9	34.3	39.3	37.7	r35.6	36.2
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	146.1	146.9	158.4	157.9	r159.6	160.2

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ITEM	1976		1977			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	9,691.9	10,784.9	10,361.7	9,312.1	9,648.0	11,329.9
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	9,686.7	10,780.8	10,358.1	9,309.5	9,645.6	11,326.2
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	9,593.6	10,397.1	10,915.9	9,190.0	9,304.1	11,029.5
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	1,299.2	1,220.8	1,244.3	985.3	1,140.3	1,343.7
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	126.5	191.9	201.8	67.3	142.4	282.6
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	1,118.2	1,101.9	798.9	1,017.0	1,112.1	1,151.6
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	379.1	361.1	401.4	366.2	362.1	314.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxes.....do....	79.0	94.8	108.3	99.8	114.9	119.2
Chemicals.....do....	829.3	928.9	1,062.4	740.9	736.3	1,042.4
Manufactured goods.....do....	904.8	996.4	1,054.3	779.0	847.8	1,014.9
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do....	4,067.7	4,822.0	4,367.4	4,236.6	4,145.7	4,852.0
Electrical.....do....	733.2	892.5	901.7	819.5	878.5	971.2
Transport equipment, total.....do....	1,537.3	1,964.2	1,507.5	1,794.0	1,501.4	1,787.3
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....	11,061.6	11,450.2	12,475.7	11,813.6	11,798.6	13,307.2
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	10,622.9	11,020.4	12,631.1	12,287.9	11,386.4	13,059.1
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	924.3	1,031.4	895.9	784.4	805.1	1,220.2
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	137.9	155.4	187.0	139.7	102.0	142.2
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	578.3	668.1	708.0	640.1	665.3	704.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	3,069.9	3,332.8	3,809.6	3,396.5	3,571.2	3,508.0
Animal and vegetable oils and fats.....do....	62.2	50.0	41.7	29.2	36.2	36.2
Chemicals.....do....	473.9	453.6	474.8	406.8	331.1	514.0
Manufactured goods.....do....	1,606.8	1,629.0	1,932.5	1,765.2	1,768.9	2,031.9
Machinery and transport equipment.....do....	2,723.7	2,795.4	2,874.9	3,069.4	3,044.7	3,435.1
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT						
Trucks (new), retail sales and inventories, seasonally adj.:						
Retail sales:						
Light-duty, up to 14,000 lbs. GVW.....thous..	221,371	243,232	248,923	280,587	270,781	295,292
Medium-duty, 14,001-26,000 lbs. GVW.....do....	12,612	12,687	12,697	15,006	13,474	14,052
Heavy-duty, 26,001 lbs. and over GVW.....do....	10,483	10,501	14,015	15,288	14,513	12,870
Retail inventories, end of period.....do....	549,252	551,402	689,372	719,507	735,645	721,855

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