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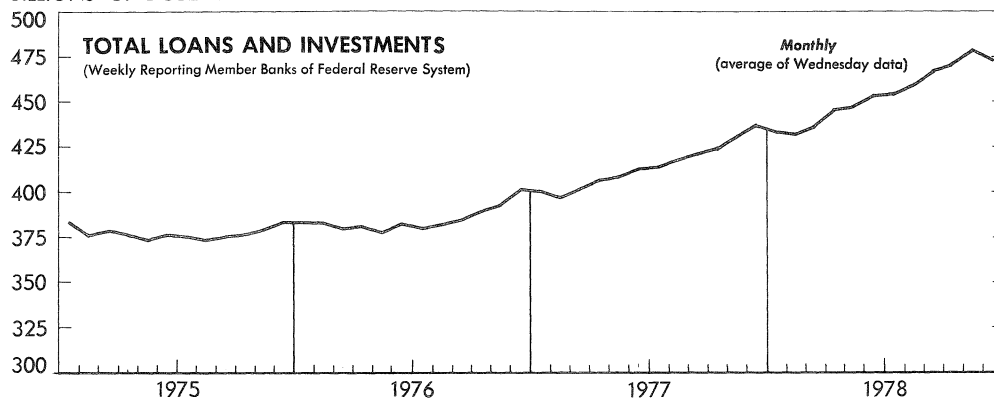


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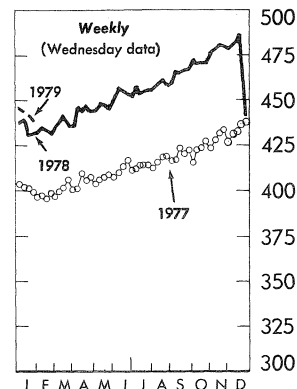
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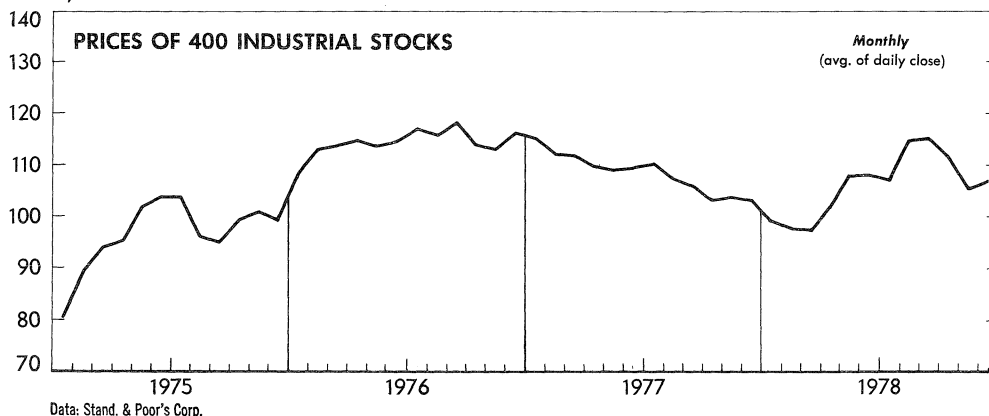
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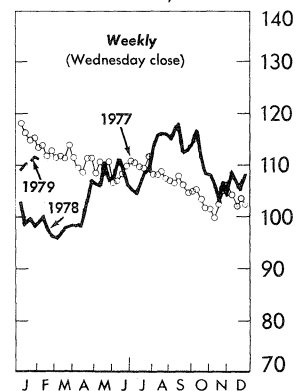
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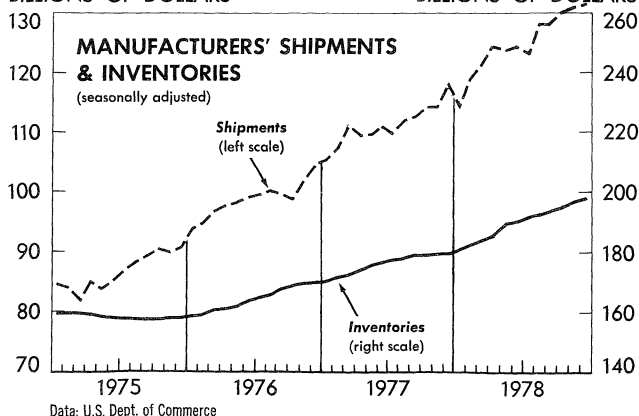
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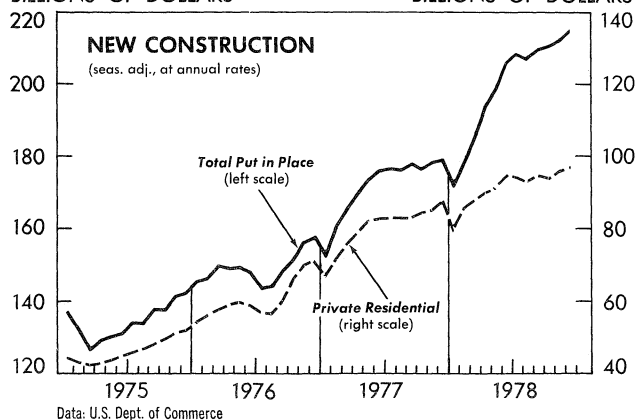
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ITEM	1978		1979			
	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u>1967=100..	218.6	219.1	253.5	254.9	257.3	259.5
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	216.5	217.7	249.1	251.2	253.8	254.8
13 Raw industrials.....do....	219.9	219.9	256.4	257.3	259.5	262.7
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	446	447	676	494	427	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, all programs.....do....	3,959	3,567	3,156	3,236	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,335	3,144	2,997	3,073	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	129	120	125	184	127	180
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u>.....mil. \$..	101,173	100,698	113,761	112,599	111,437	110,558
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u>.....do....	118,311	120,178	128,939	129,726	127,746	126,698
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u>.....do....	38,091	37,450	41,725	44,917	42,996	42,650
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u>.....do....	315	158	-72	462	5	372
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	113,543	114,743	105,538	108,451	103,107	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	92,744	92,562	77,862	77,446	77,064	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	431,373	432,152	443,306	441,802	438,106	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	43,576	44,611	35,104	35,778	35,554	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	123,821	124,359	132,108	132,060	131,866	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	75,104	75,241	81,058	81,191	81,475	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u>.....percent..	8.79	8.78	9.65	9.67	9.65	9.60
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10..	89.39	89.93	98.77	99.48	100.16	99.93
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	98.39	99.12	110.02	110.87	111.62	111.32
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	4,970	5,440	11,800	11,980	11,530	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	44,743	45,648	48,582	47,294	46,741	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	132,720	137,005	185,603	154,455	180,775	184,078
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u>.....thous. bbl..	8,626	8,381	8,766	8,766	8,766	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,221	2,282	2,491	2,418	2,558	2,626
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u>.....percent..	73.8	75.8	82.9	80.5	85.2	87.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	13.1	14.0	15.8	15.0	15.1	.....

^{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	1977		1978			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. <u>r/</u>	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	114,188	111,358	133,527	136,032	132,085	126,408
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	59,834	58,211	71,888	73,591	71,134	67,708
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,991	2,772	4,039	4,176	3,855	3,521
Primary metals.....do....	8,484	8,347	10,643	10,918	10,467	10,440
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,137	6,815	8,637	8,605	8,436	8,187
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	9,970	10,627	12,346	12,384	11,828	12,520
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,668	7,566	9,026	8,967	8,699	8,575
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,890	13,754	16,958	18,125	17,944	15,382
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	54,354	53,147	61,639	62,441	60,951	58,700
Foods and kindred products.....do....	16,545	16,494	18,674	19,268	18,786	18,541
Tobacco products.....do....	841	889	939	1,043	1,014	1,064
Textile mill products.....do....	3,608	3,437	3,901	3,990	3,783	3,425
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,313	4,282	4,966	5,157	5,061	4,643
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,175	9,161	10,961	10,701	10,432	10,320
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,137	8,346	9,118	8,781	8,952	9,274
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,119	2,980	3,522	3,642	3,461	3,313
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	114,342	117,938	127,919	130,614	132,380	133,771
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total <u>1/</u>.....do....	60,228	62,130	68,916	70,292	71,635	72,121
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	2,986	3,223	3,725	3,884	3,852	4,099
Primary metals.....do....	8,794	9,166	10,241	10,862	10,868	11,472
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,296	7,419	8,200	8,152	8,639	8,906
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,390	10,670	12,062	12,371	12,320	12,565
Electrical machinery.....do....	7,502	7,640	8,509	8,526	8,519	8,644
Transportation equipment.....do....	14,527	14,906	16,738	16,674	17,373	16,500
Instruments and related products.....do....	2,431	2,485	2,716	2,715	2,761	2,634

r/ Revised. 1/ Includes data for "other industries" not shown.

ITEM	1977		1978			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov. r/	Dec.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	54,114	55,808	59,003	60,322	60,745	61,650
Food and kindred products.....do....	16,326	16,844	17,853	18,517	18,551	18,943
Tobacco products.....do....	821	884	933	1,046	988	1,057
Textile mill products.....do....	3,513	3,600	3,657	3,752	3,684	3,584
Paper and allied products.....do....	4,345	4,558	4,812	5,051	5,109	4,941
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	9,626	10,104	10,450	10,673	10,942	11,366
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	8,160	8,299	9,040	8,837	8,980	9,240
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,197	3,270	3,426	3,483	3,552	3,634
INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	179,313	180,118	191,875	193,494	195,912	197,552
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	114,185	114,862	124,903	125,583	127,236	128,273
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	65,128	65,256	66,972	67,911	68,676	69,279
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	179,840	179,714	194,063	194,735	196,587	197,302
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	115,212	115,424	126,176	126,784	128,357	128,968
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,361	4,259	4,740	4,699	4,782	4,775
Primary metals.....do....	17,977	17,779	17,678	17,751	18,118	18,070
Fabricated metal products.....do....	14,756	14,760	16,374	16,706	16,598	16,575
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	25,852	26,379	29,707	30,048	30,257	30,874
Electrical machinery.....do....	15,240	15,433	17,023	16,959	17,120	16,958
Transportation equipment.....do....	21,431	21,258	23,614	23,425	24,016	23,880
Instruments and related products.....do....	5,733	5,727	6,384	6,461	6,494	6,616
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	64,628	64,290	67,887	67,951	68,230	68,334
Food and kindred products.....do....	16,001	15,575	16,895	17,104	16,956	16,813
Tobacco products.....do....	3,534	3,524	3,481	3,544	3,653	3,628
Textile mill products.....do....	5,288	5,294	5,601	5,571	5,632	5,669
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,658	5,622	5,855	5,795	5,778	5,883
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	14,134	14,134	15,317	15,246	15,269	15,425
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,050	5,992	5,406	5,503	5,625	5,504
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,226	4,281	4,561	4,528	4,491	4,549
NEW ORDERS, NET (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	116,122	114,989	136,129	143,141	136,573	130,608
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	61,767	61,797	74,520	80,752	75,518	71,938
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	54,355	53,192	61,609	62,389	61,055	58,670
NEW ORDERS, NET (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), TOTAL.....do....	117,024	122,128	131,840	137,162	137,618	138,562
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	62,821	66,165	72,645	76,984	76,654	76,842
Primary metals.....do....	9,268	9,347	11,233	11,722	11,092	12,024
Fabricated metal products.....do....	7,635	7,447	8,196	8,524	8,804	9,324
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	10,797	11,210	12,708	13,234	13,099	12,618
Electrical machinery.....do....	8,059	8,000	8,919	8,988	8,960	9,247
Transportation equipment.....do....	15,247	17,569	18,536	20,553	20,916	19,344
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	54,203	55,963	59,195	60,178	61,964	61,720
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	11,932	12,289	12,866	12,986	13,273	12,896
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	42,271	43,674	46,329	47,192	47,691	48,824
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	189,398	193,029	224,149	231,261	235,753	239,950
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	180,896	184,482	214,067	221,233	225,619	229,845
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,502	8,547	10,082	10,128	10,134	10,105
UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH (SEAS. ADJ.), TOTAL.....do....	189,469	193,659	233,921	230,464	235,704	240,496
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	180,799	184,834	213,650	220,341	225,361	230,081
Primary metals.....do....	18,332	18,513	24,753	25,612	25,834	26,387
Fabricated metal products.....do....	23,175	23,203	24,990	25,361	25,526	25,943
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	46,681	47,221	50,912	51,776	52,558	52,609
Electrical machinery.....do....	25,473	25,833	29,006	29,466	29,910	30,512
Transportation equipment.....do....	57,864	60,527	73,733	77,612	81,052	83,899
Nondurable goods industries with unfilled orders.....do....	8,670	8,825	10,271	10,123	10,343	10,415
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	15,730	13,813	19,787	r19,634	18,729	16,593
Private, total.....do....	12,438	11,071	14,990	r14,989	14,512	13,118
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	7,431	6,442	9,037	r8,696	8,269	7,132
New housing units.....do....	6,345	5,409	7,436	r7,332	7,043	5,954
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	2,714	2,416	3,437	3,559	3,479	3,386
Industrial.....do....	723	690	1,114	1,110	1,078	1,164
Commercial.....do....	1,419	1,220	1,720	1,844	1,788	1,662
Public, total.....do....	3,292	2,742	4,797	r4,645	4,217	3,475
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	178.1	179.0	209.2	r209.8	212.8	215.0
Private, total.....do....	140.6	142.3	161.3	161.9	164.9	168.0
Residential (incl. farm).....do....	85.2	87.4	94.2	93.6	95.4	96.8
New housing units.....do....	70.7	72.8	76.8	r76.8	78.9	80.2
Nonresidential buildings, total 2/.....do....	30.7	29.0	38.2	38.7	39.7	40.6
Industrial.....do....	8.4	7.9	12.6	12.6	12.5	13.3
Commercial.....do....	15.9	14.9	18.9	19.4	20.3	20.4
Public, total.....do....	37.4	36.8	48.0	47.9	47.9	47.0
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	163.4	164.8	180.5	183.1	184.3	185.3

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ITEM	1977		1978			
	Nov.	Dec.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	9,692.6	11,399.9	12,714.4	13,157.4	13,672.3	13,532.9
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	9,690.2	11,396.1	12,713.1	13,153.6	13,655.4	13,531.0
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	9,477.9	10,999.0	13,428.9	13,010.5	13,261.5	13,148.4
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	1,142.9	1,348.2	1,645.7	1,597.9	1,513.7	1,555.2
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	142.4	282.6	176.9	251.3	281.1	259.7
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	1,131.5	1,179.6	1,111.9	1,470.4	1,678.4	1,556.5
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	362.1	315.3	348.0	422.1	465.9	417.9
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	112.5	116.0	156.3	113.9	121.0	147.0
Chemicals.....do....	736.0	1,037.4	1,197.9	1,085.0	1,174.4	1,137.0
Manufactured goods.....do....	815.4	977.1	1,132.5	1,120.8	1,134.3	1,186.7
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do....	4,074.7	4,768.7	5,142.1	5,586.4	5,497.3	5,714.2
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....	12,270.1	13,372.0	14,416.9	15,118.3	15,054.9	14,956.3
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	12,406.6	13,474.4	15,120.0	15,138.0	15,207.0	15,188.7
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals .. do....	901.6	1,294.6	1,048.9	1,152.2	1,168.7	1,254.1
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	105.0	159.8	168.2	211.5	209.6	205.9
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	715.2	781.2	829.3	831.2	843.2	806.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	3,702.9	3,153.0	3,698.9	3,491.6	3,536.2	3,746.3
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	39.0	41.1	30.2	40.9	51.7	33.0
Chemicals.....do....	311.6	549.0	537.9	541.4	512.5	535.3
Manufactured goods.....do....	1,763.0	2,117.6	2,215.4	2,344.5	2,373.4	2,111.5
Machinery and transport equipment.....do....	3,190.1	3,643.1	3,832.0	4,294.6	4,238.3	4,318.7
METALS AND MANUFACTURERS						
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT:						
Household electrical appliances, factory sales.....thous..	2,530	2,159	2,720	2,855	2,554	2,225
Air conditioners (room).....do....	152.8	184.1	100.5	130.4	162.3	239.8
Dishwashers.....do....	321.1	258.0	287.5	342.0	341.8	275.5
Disposers (food waste).....do....	271.3	220.3	286.9	335.0	292.5	231.2
Ranges.....do....	280.4	250.6	274.5	297.6	259.4	220.8
Refrigerators.....do....	435.4	349.5	528.2	517.9	431.0	346.1
Freezers.....do....	77.4	75.7	115.4	102.7	80.5	66.6
Washers.....do....	385.0	340.4	468.3	462.7	371.5	324.7
Dryers (incl. gas).....do....	329.2	272.7	339.8	347.1	324.5	356.0

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