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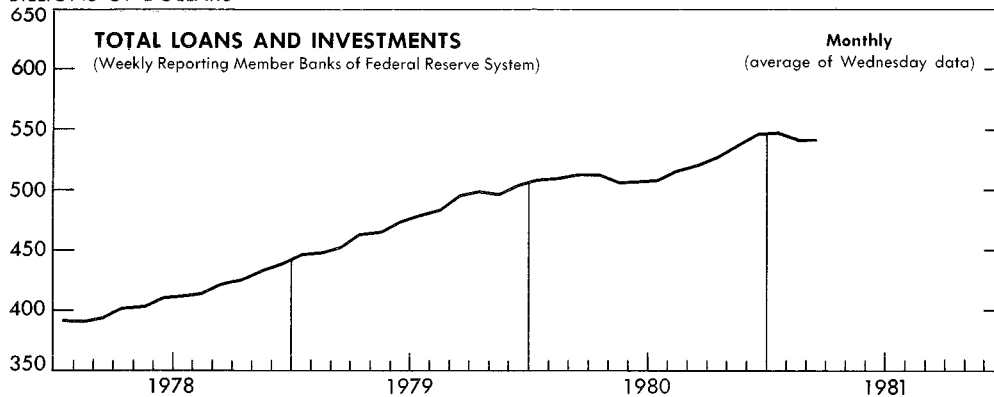
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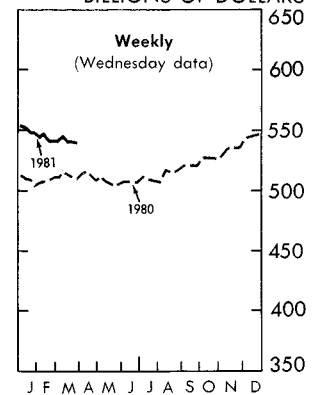
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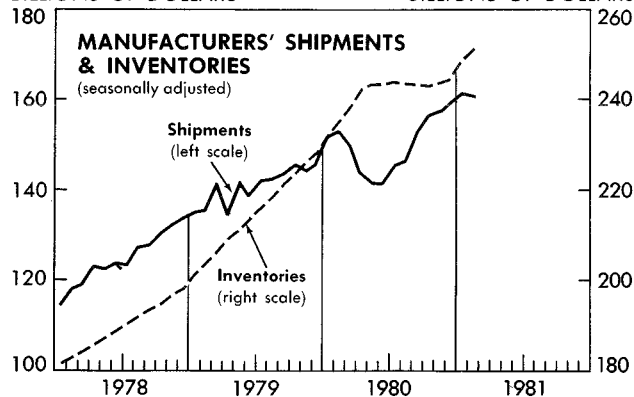


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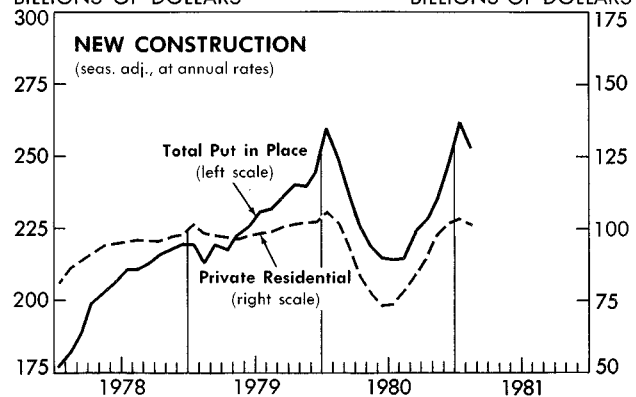


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WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

ITEM	1980		1981			
	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
SPOT MARKET PRICES, 22 COMMODITIES <u>2/</u> .....1967=100..	280.8	271.9	273.8	275.1	278.7	275.9
9 Foodstuffs.....do....	239.6	230.3	253.1	254.4	259.5	255.1
13 Raw industrials.....do....	313.2	304.9	288.9	290.3	292.6	291.3
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, State programs.....thous..	400	450	386	366	356	.....
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT, ALL PROGRAMS.....do....	3,543	3,578	4,055	3,926	.....	.....
State programs (50 States, D.C., and Puerto Rico).....do....	3,226	3,241	3,471	3,340	.....	.....
FAILURES, INDUST. AND COMMERCIAL (Dun & Bradstreet)...number..	294	203	319	291	236	249
FINANCE:						
Currency in circulation <u>3/</u> .....mil. \$..	122,503	122,847	132,388	132,765	132,633	e132,954
Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, total <u>3/</u> .....do....	137,181	136,944	139,184	141,557	141,445	141,758
Member bank reserve balances <u>3/</u> .....do....	42,972	43,843	39,087	39,834	39,624	40,312
Excess reserves, estimated <u>3/</u> .....do....	-581	287	219	-238	160	670
Assets and liabilities of large commercial banks: <u>4/</u>						
Demand deposits, adjusted.....do....	100,816	110,963	99,256	95,847	94,421	.....
Savings deposits.....do....	71,509	71,506	76,711	77,009	77,415	.....
Loans and investments, gross adjusted, total.....do....	508,222	514,109	540,496	542,053	539,335	.....
U.S. Government obligations.....do....	35,276	34,812	41,986	41,233	39,577	.....
Commercial and industrial loans (gross).....do....	161,372	162,928	168,936	169,590	169,645	.....
Real estate loans (gross).....do....	103,732	103,809	114,015	114,146	114,230	.....
Bond yields, domestic corporate (Moody's) <u>3/</u> .....percent..	13.87	13.92	14.27	14.08	14.25	14.29
Stock prices, 500 stocks (Stand. & Poor's) <u>4/</u> ...1941-43=10..	98.68	102.68	129.95	134.22	137.11	136.57
Industrial, 400 stocks.....do....	111.40	115.49	147.36	151.92	155.60	154.86
PRODUCTION:						
Bituminous coal.....thous. sh. tons..	17,262	15,285	17,510	18,945	17,925	.....
Electric power, by utilities.....mil. kw.-hr..	41,877	40,327	42,743	43,066	41,692	.....
Motor vehicles (passenger cars).....number..	145,519	129,363	.....	.....	.....	.....
Petroleum (crude) and condensate <u>3/</u> .....thous. bbl..	8,712	8,712	e8,587	e8,587	e8,587	.....
Steel, raw.....thous. sh. tons..	2,592	2,525	2,570	2,620	2,671	2,615
Rate of capability utilization <u>5/</u> .....percent..	88.7	84.3	85.8	87.5	89.2	87.4
RAIL FREIGHT, REVENUE TON-MILES.....bil..	19.2	16.3	18.9	19.4	19.0	.....

<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. <sup>5/</sup> Capability for a full order book based on current availability of raw materials, fuels, supplies, and industry facilities. <sup>e/</sup> Estimated.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

ITEM	1980				1981	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. <u>r/</u>	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL <u>1/</u> .....mil. \$..	139,629	153,732	156,659	152,455	148,161	161,649
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	70,187	79,116	78,679	76,053	72,215	80,697
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	3,756	3,858	4,331	3,968	3,759	4,232
Primary metals.....do....	12,208	12,944	11,515	11,305	11,663	12,530
Fabricated metal products.....do....	8,568	9,570	9,742	9,573	8,846	9,818
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	12,736	14,659	13,997	14,922	14,153	15,590
Electrical machinery.....do....	9,204	10,617	10,952	10,375	9,784	11,085
Transportation equipment.....do....	13,853	16,274	16,538	15,011	13,895	15,952
Instruments and related products.....do....	3,030	3,485	3,759	3,714	3,324	3,651
Nondurable goods industries, total <u>1/</u> .....do....	69,442	74,616	77,980	76,402	75,946	80,952
Food and kindred products.....do....	18,903	20,391	22,427	22,204	20,963	22,152
Tobacco products.....do....	1,002	1,061	1,206	1,281	1,146	1,140
Textile mill products.....do....	3,814	4,258	4,138	3,824	3,886	4,319
Paper and allied products.....do....	5,705	5,969	5,926	5,720	5,824	6,376
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	12,918	13,837	13,359	14,301	14,146	15,230
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	13,827	14,568	15,565	15,748	16,844	16,980
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	3,677	3,930	3,694	3,239	3,330	3,485
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	152,088	152,888	157,722	159,323	161,148	160,782
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	77,948	79,159	79,741	80,027	80,259	80,819
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	4,537	4,215	4,383	4,567	4,536	4,621
Primary metals.....do....	13,148	12,849	12,284	12,586	12,530	12,435
Fabricated metal products.....do....	9,526	9,772	9,944	10,233	9,818	10,022
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	13,923	14,313	14,650	14,729	15,562	15,285
Electrical machinery.....do....	10,035	10,471	10,813	10,384	10,681	10,943
Transportation equipment.....do....	15,241	15,860	16,117	15,837	15,342	15,552
Instruments and related products.....do....	3,367	3,613	3,629	3,735	3,691	3,783

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ITEM	1980				1981	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS--Con.						
MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS (SEAS. ADJ.)--Con.						
By industry group--Con.						
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....mil. \$..	74,140	73,729	77,981	79,296	r80,889	79,963
Food and kindred products.....do....	20,117	20,175	22,115	22,378	r22,278	21,894
Tobacco products.....do....	1,046	1,144	1,171	1,264	r1,196	1,229
Textile mill products.....do....	4,195	4,323	4,060	3,995	r4,273	4,386
Paper and allied products.....do....	6,067	5,857	6,005	6,201	r6,191	6,257
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	13,927	13,508	14,121	15,589	r15,286	14,903
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	13,965	14,349	15,590	15,361	r16,964	16,674
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,042	3,854	3,810	3,574	r3,664	3,436
MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, END OF MONTH:						
Book value (unadjusted), total.....do....	233,547	236,758	242,730	243,730	r249,554	252,807
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	154,097	156,470	159,260	160,308	r164,833	167,295
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	79,450	80,288	83,470	83,422	r84,721	85,512
Book value (seasonally adjusted), total.....do....	232,294	235,096	244,090	244,493	r248,408	251,183
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	154,043	155,314	160,977	161,907	r164,938	166,143
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do....	5,666	5,758	5,994	6,067	r6,128	6,198
Primary metals.....do....	20,093	20,382	20,148	20,285	r21,023	21,326
Fabricated metal products.....do....	19,443	19,490	18,917	19,235	r19,508	19,447
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	37,272	37,502	38,691	38,352	r38,637	39,017
Electrical machinery.....do....	21,036	21,413	22,107	22,135	r22,567	22,826
Transportation equipment.....do....	30,371	30,630	34,541	35,229	r36,375	36,609
Instruments and related products.....do....	8,043	8,128	8,448	8,438	r8,498	8,589
Nondurable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	78,251	79,782	83,113	82,586	r83,470	85,040
Food and kindred products.....do....	20,250	20,505	21,756	21,362	r21,050	21,187
Tobacco products.....do....	3,541	3,506	3,771	3,524	r3,739	3,746
Textile mill products.....do....	5,919	5,962	6,068	6,187	r6,256	6,326
Paper and allied products.....do....	6,906	7,156	7,473	7,478	r7,673	7,820
Chemicals and allied products.....do....	17,875	18,429	18,610	18,516	r18,810	19,116
Petroleum and coal products.....do....	6,933	7,297	8,333	8,396	r8,585	9,157
Rubber and plastics products.....do....	4,880	4,840	4,393	4,474	r4,498	4,661
MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, NET:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	145,943	156,942	155,859	154,798	r152,101	163,436
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	76,232	82,230	78,070	78,431	r76,042	82,357
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	69,711	74,712	77,789	76,367	r76,059	81,079
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	155,588	154,602	158,775	162,157	r162,090	161,316
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	81,467	81,021	81,047	82,654	r81,336	81,453
Primary metals.....do....	13,533	13,086	13,029	12,899	r10,977	12,317
Fabricated metal products.....do....	9,092	10,224	9,884	10,514	r9,705	10,004
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	15,249	14,247	14,822	15,100	r16,545	15,374
Electrical machinery.....do....	10,626	11,440	11,459	10,565	r11,420	11,643
Transportation equipment.....do....	16,448	16,005	15,957	17,169	r16,164	15,327
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	74,121	73,581	77,728	79,503	r80,754	79,863
Industries with unfilled orders.....do....	15,640	15,071	15,469	15,953	r15,761	16,015
Industries without unfilled orders.....do....	58,481	58,510	62,259	63,550	r64,993	63,848
MANUFACTURERS' UNFILLED ORDERS, END OF MONTH:						
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	283,465	286,671	286,027	288,372	r292,313	294,095
Durable goods industries, total.....do....	271,821	274,931	275,393	277,772	r281,600	283,256
Nondurable goods industries, total.....do....	11,644	11,740	10,634	r10,600	r10,713	10,839
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, TOTAL.....do....	283,211	284,924	287,907	290,735	r291,677	292,209
By industry group:						
Durable goods industries, total 1/.....do....	271,399	273,263	277,124	279,746	r280,825	281,456
Primary metals.....do....	30,349	30,586	30,425	30,738	r29,185	29,067
Fabricated metal products.....do....	27,948	28,400	27,338	27,617	r27,505	27,486
Machinery, except electrical.....do....	60,105	60,041	56,747	57,116	r58,097	58,187
Electrical machinery.....do....	36,219	37,190	39,531	39,710	r40,452	41,151
Transportation equipment.....do....	104,116	104,257	111,473	112,805	r113,627	113,400
Nondurable goods indus. with unfilled orders.....do....	11,812	11,661	10,783	r10,989	r10,852	10,753
FOREIGN TRADE						
EXPORTS (MDSE.), INCL. REEXPORTS, TOTAL.....mil. \$..	16,360.9	16,970.8	18,614.0	19,545.1	17,964.0	18,845.4
Excl. Department of Defense Shipments.....do....	16,343.9	16,958.6	18,609.9	19,537.5	17,962.2	18,838.0
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	17,347.7	17,233.0	18,634.3	19,117.7	18,824.8	19,764.1
By commodity groups and principal commodities:						
Food and live animals.....do....	2,017.9	2,046.5	2,652.9	2,919.4	2,752.0	2,709.2
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	152.4	204.1	262.7	275.3	221.7	198.3
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	2,109.7	2,169.6	1,761.3	2,001.3	2,044.0	1,843.5
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	481.4	435.8	785.3	740.9	619.5	705.3
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	139.6	142.5	131.0	151.0	123.5	124.7
Chemicals.....do....	1,617.1	1,537.8	1,488.0	1,769.0	1,681.4	1,684.5
Manufactured goods.....do....	1,647.9	1,734.7	1,717.7	1,806.4	1,705.2	1,664.8
Machinery and transport equipment, total.....do....	5,612.9	6,540.7	7,372.8	7,531.1	6,472.0	7,522.2
GENERAL IMPORTS, TOTAL.....do....						
Seasonally adjusted.....do....	20,132.2	20,638.6	19,532.7	21,312.0	22,577.1	21,124.3
By commodity groups and principal commodities:	20,937.6	21,640.6	19,422.4	21,173.9	23,194.3	21,921.7
Food and live animals.....do....	1,466.1	1,203.4	1,441.3	1,385.9	1,471.0	1,340.9
Beverages and tobacco.....do....	178.6	198.5	243.6	217.4	253.3	236.0
Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels.....do....	882.4	892.6	856.4	871.2	885.9	1,029.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.....do....	6,558.6	7,741.9	5,879.6	7,218.4	8,014.2	7,943.4
Oils and fats, animal and vegetable.....do....	58.2	32.7	51.3	69.0	50.1	60.0
Chemicals.....do....	696.1	726.8	650.3	718.1	735.8	767.4
Manufactured goods.....do....	2,916.3	2,815.6	2,641.9	2,854.7	2,910.5	2,795.1
Machinery and transport equipment.....do....	4,976.0	4,741.9	5,236.2	5,335.7	5,615.7	4,694.2

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS—Continued

ITEM	1980				1981	
	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (UNADJ.), TOTAL.....mil. \$..	16,709	15,842	r20,365	r19,332	r16,821	16,090
Private, total.....do....	13,215	12,538	r15,717	r15,134	r13,113	12,619
Residential.....do....	6,798	6,240	r8,277	r7,424	r6,615	6,230
New housing units.....do....	5,234	4,687	6,182	5,365	r4,883	4,651
Nonresidential buildings, total.....do....	3,952	3,817	4,529	4,481	r4,110	3,969
Industrial.....do....	1,142	1,094	1,157	1,265	r1,093	1,026
Commercial.....do....	2,167	2,110	2,586	2,474	r2,324	2,259
Public, total.....do....	3,494	3,304	r4,648	r4,198	r3,708	3,470
NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES), TOTAL.....bil. \$..	259.6	248.8	r235.8	r247.4	r261.9	252.5
Private, total.....do....	198.1	191.7	r182.2	r189.2	r196.4	192.4
Residential.....do....	105.8	101.5	r97.0	r100.2	r103.2	101.0
New housing units.....do....	80.7	75.1	69.2	71.1	r75.4	74.5
Nonresidential building, total.....do....	56.6	54.9	51.1	54.6	r58.7	56.9
Industrial.....do....	15.8	15.7	13.4	15.1	r15.1	14.7
Commercial.....do....	31.6	30.7	28.9	30.4	r33.6	32.7
Public, total.....do....	61.5	57.0	r53.6	r58.3	r65.5	60.1
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN 50 STATES (F.W. DODGE):						
TOTAL VALUATION.....mil. \$..	10,940	r10,183	13,296	12,513	10,467	10,405
Index (seasonally adjusted).....1972=100..	190	171	210	193	185	177
Buildings, total.....mil. \$..	8,334	r7,850	10,855	10,278	8,329	8,291
By type of building:						
Nonresidential.....do....	4,278	r3,485	5,008	4,709	4,122	4,085
Residential.....do....	4,055	r4,365	5,847	5,570	4,207	4,206
Non-building construction.....do....	2,607	r2,333	2,441	2,235	2,139	2,114
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEXES:						
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMPOSITE.....1972=100..	211.4	215.4	r225.2	r226.1	r227.3	227.8

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