

Abreast of the Market

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Stock prices declined on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. The drop was more pronounced than on Monday, but trading continued light.

The market opened generally a bit below Monday's final quotations and then drifted steadily down to close at the low of the day.

Ending with a loss of 4.88 points, or 0.80%, the Dow-Jones industrial average closed at 373.13. The railroad average dropped 1.21, or 0.96%, to 124.64, and the utilities eased 0.02, or 0.02%, to 81.70.

Volume totaled 2,270,000 shares, 50,000 more than on Monday. Declines outnumbered advances by 733 to 249. There were three new 1960 highs and 71 new lows.

Standard Oil (New Jersey) led the market in activity, slipping 1/4 on turnover of 88,600 shares. The stock registered a new 1960 low. The loss was attributed by some brokers to rumors that a large offering of the stock by stockholders will come soon. Other petroleum shares ended with small changes, with a number of gains sprinkled among the declines.

Acme Steel announced a dividend cut to 10 cents a share from 30 cents and the stock closed with a loss of 3 1/2. With a sharp decline in steel production slated this week, other steel stocks also closed lower. Bethlehem Steel slipped 1/4 on volume of 20,000 shares, while U.S. Steel declined 1/4. Lukens fell 1/2. Youngstown Sheet & Tube gave up a point, and Jones & Laughlin went down 1 1/2. National Steel was a strong steel issue, advancing 1 1/2.

Ryder System sank 3/4, on turnover of 37,800 shares following a delayed opening caused by difficulty in matching a large number of orders to sell. The orders stemmed from news that the Government has filed an antitrust suit to require Ryder, the nation's second largest truck leasing company, to dispose of part of its operations.

Motors were the most active single group. Of the five most heavily traded issues yesterday, four were auto company shares. Studebaker-Packard "when issued" stock fell 1/4. American Motors and General Motors edged down 1/4, and Studebaker-Packard common lost 1/4. In less active trading, Ford Motor declined 1/4 and Chrysler eased 1/4.

AMP, a company that makes electrical wire terminals and splices, dropped 1/4 despite a forecast of record fourth quarter profits made by the company's president before the New York Society of Security Analysts. Other electrical equipment and electronics issues also were weak. General Electric fell 1/4, and Westinghouse Electric eased 1/4. Texas Instruments was down 1/4, Transatron and Ampex each gave up a point, and Varian Associates sagged 1 1/2.

Gold stocks were up again. Campbell Red Lake Mines added 1/4 on volume of 15,200 shares. Dome Mines advanced 1/4 and Homestake Mining jumped 3/4.

Three corporations announced small increases in their quarterly dividend and the stocks of all three made tiny gains. Gamble-Skogmo, a Midwest general merchandise store chain, edged up 1/4 after it boosted its quarterly dividend to 30 cents a share from 25 cents. General Public Utilities added 1/4 after it increased its payment to 35 cents from 25 cents. Melville Shoe also went up 1/4 following its declaration of a 40-cent dividend, up from 37 1/2 cents in previous quarters.

Coppers declined in response to two new items: American Smelting announced a price reduction of two cents a pound, and the large Congo producer, Union Miniere du Haut Katanga, said it has no plans to curtail copper production now. Anaconda dropped 1 1/2 and American Smelting lost 2 1/2. Kennecott, Phelps Dodge and Cerro de Pasco all slipped fractions.

Vending machine stocks lost ground. Vendo Co., which announced an agreement with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan on the manufacture and sale of vending machines in that country, declined 1/4. Universal Match fell 1/4.

Martin Co. Says 9 Month Profit Rose Sharply

Martin Co.'s net for 1960's first nine months is expected to show "roughly the same" 23% rise posted in the first six months, Earl R. Uhlig, vice president and controller, told The Wall Street Journal.

For the first nine months of 1959 the company earned \$9,626,730, or \$3.33 a common share on 84% less stock then outstanding. Sales totaled \$377,728,136. For the six months ended June 30, net was \$7,647,710, or \$3.45 a common share, up from \$6,214,496, or an adjusted \$3.02 a common share. First half sales rose to \$301,968,702 from \$249,354,720.

Mr. Uhlig said he "knows of nothing" to change last week's forecast of higher sales and

MARKET DIARY									
Issue traded	Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
General	1:15	1:15	1:20	1:20	1:20	1:20	1:20	1:20	1:20
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DOW-JONES CLOSING AVERAGES									
Issue	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Industrial	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13	373.13
Railroads	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.64
Utilities	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70	81.70

1 1/2: ABC Vending and Automatic Canteen each eased 1/4.

Volume on the American Stock Exchange declined by 40,000 shares to 1,000,000. Aerojet-General was off 2 1/2. Fairchild Camera 2 1/2, Heli-Coil 1 1/2, Leeson's 1 1/2, Loral Electronics 1 1/2, and Mead Johnson 1 1/2. On the other hand, General Plywood and Sherwin-Williams each added a point.

Heard on the Street—

Rogers Corp. (American) has begun production of a new high temperature transformer insulation material under license from Westinghouse Electric. . . . Timely Clothes (over the counter) is offering shareholders \$500,000 of 4 1/2% convertible debentures in the ratio of \$100 principal amount for each 16 2/3 common shares held September 20 "solely for the purpose of reducing current and short term debt." Frederick G. Cartwright, chairman, said. Conversion may be made at \$15 of debenture for each share of stock until July 1, 1963, then at \$17.50 through July 1, 1968, and thereafter at \$20. . . . Sea Pak (over the counter) believes net for the year ended July 31 topped \$205,000, equal to 85 cents a share, up from \$229,093, or 84 cents a share, in fiscal 1959, according to Tom B. Pearce, Jr., executive vice president. Sales declined to about \$9,800,000 from \$10,000,000, however, primarily as a result of lower shrimp prices. Raw shrimp costs fell even further. . . . R. F. Haltenreiter III, chairman and president of Narragansett Brewing (over the counter) says there have been negotiations between his company and Jacob Ruppert "but nothing that points to an agreement at the moment." . . . Instruments for Industry's (over the counter) recently acquired George Rattray subsidiary has received a \$100,000 Navy contract which "assures us of meeting the \$750,000 volume of new orders we anticipated for the first year" with Instruments for Industry, according to Allan L. Marken, general manager.

Market Views—

OPINION: Lucien O. Hooper, of W. E. Hutten & Co., says "we have come from an area of 'overvaluation' down to an area of 'fair value' without developing many real, orthodox 'bargains.' Usually, in the past, undervaluation has followed overvaluation—sooner or later." . . . Oppenheimer, Neu & Co. believes "third quarter results will make very poor reading and undoubtedly dividend cuts such as Montgomery Ward, General Dynamics and United Fruit are only forerunners of more to come." . . . "In heavily margined accounts," says Shearson, Hammill & Co., "we would take advantage of any market strength to lighten up. Where healthy cash reserves have been built up, on the other hand, we think it is time to make some purchases."

ANALYSIS: Ira Harp & Co. has reviewed Vick Chemical. . . . McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Toronto, has analyzed Traders Finance Corp. . . . A. M. Kiehn & Co. has discussed Oklahoma Natural Gas and Resins and has a pamphlet appraisal of Savings and Loan Holding Companies. . . . Faine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis has an analysis of Hanescomill Paper. . . . Reynolds & Co. has reviewed Williams Brothers. . . . Joseph D. Goodman & Co., Philadelphia, has commented on Glaxo Service, Goodrich, Great A. & P. and Pacific Finance. . . . E. K. Thurlow, of Winslow, Cohn & Stetson, has analyzed American Steel Foundries.

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General Tire	60.00	Jan. 3	300.
Hemlock Mining	47.00	Jan. 3	400.
Philco	30.00	Jan. 3	300.
Centron	20.00	Jan. 3	127.50
Universal Match	84.00	Jan. 3	625.
Bethlehem Steel	40.00	Dec. 30	225.
Minneapolis Moline	70.00	Dec. 13	127.50
Polaroid	221.00	Dec. 8	1400.
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