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The Big Four auto builders said their sales during the first 10 days of July were 2,881 vehicles higher than the comparable period a year ago with G.M. and American Motors both reporting increased sales . . . Monsanto Co. of St. Louis, manufacturer of an industrial chemical called PCB has decided to restrict sales of the chemical because of mounting evidence that it can induce birth defects in animals . . . RCA reported a drop in second quarter profits from the same period a year ago, attributed to a slowdown in the national economy and a strike at 12 of the company's manufacturing plants throughout June. RCA said it had second quarter earnings of \$14.9 million on sales of \$785 million, compared with 1969 second-quarter earnings of \$27.3 million on sales of \$808 million. It said earnings per share dropped to 20 cents from 36 cents for the second quarter . . . Rep. Joe L. Evins, D-Tenn., said he has been informed the Nixon Administration has dropped plans for sale of three federally owned gaseous diffusion plants to private interests. These plants, at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio, produce enriched uranium for nuclear power plants and for nuclear weapons . . . Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fener & Smith, Inc., the Nation's largest brokerage firm, reported today earnings of \$12.9 million for the first half of this year, a 23 per cent decline . . . The Treasury Department ruled that Japanese electronic tuners of the sort used in consumer electronic products are being "dumped" in the United States at less than fair value . . . Crown Zellerbach Corp., a leading paper and wood products manufacturer, reported a 21 per cent decline in net income for the second quarter of 1970 despite a new high in sales volume.