

6% increases announced U.S. Steel raises prices

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — United States Steel Corp., the nation's largest steel producer, yesterday announced 6 per cent price increases on steel products that will mean higher consumer costs for such items as automobiles, kitchen appliances, and TV sets.

Inland Steel and Amco also raised prices an average of 6 per cent. Wheeling-Pittsburgh's increase was reported slightly higher, but company officials would not quote a percentage.

There were indications another round of increases would come later, including a comment from an Armco official that "further hikes will be needed later this year."

When one steel company

raises prices, others follow suit.

There was no immediate reaction from the White House on the latest increases.

U.S. Steel said its increases would take effect June 14 for sheet and strip products. Sheet steel is used in auto and appliance making and, as one steel company official said, "just about everything."

Strip is a specialty steel used in such items as color television sets. A spokesman for U.S. Steel, which raised its prices 3.8 per cent last August, said the latest increase was due to the "rising cost of just about everything." He cited higher costs for goods and services, specifically employment, raw materials, energy and transportation.

A spokesman for another steel company, who declined to be identified, said industry officials would not comment on the price increases because, "We don't want to put ourselves in a position of being responsible for a \$50 increase in the price of a car."

"Obviously, this makes an increase in the cost of consumer products, but the steel industry can't help it," he said.

The spokesman said higher prices were needed because "first quarter earnings were way off mainly because of the distressed cost-price relationship on strip and sheet products."

U.S. Steel, whose 1975 first quarter earnings were off \$40 million compared to last year, said the price increase

would raise revenue on steel mill products about 2 per cent.

The steel industry, caught up by the recession, suffered its worst year in a decade during 1975. The mild price increase announced in August did not begin to take effect until October as the industry felt its way out of the economic slump.

But orders for steel products picked up in the late fall and industry spokesmen said 1976 should be a good year. But along with the rosy predictions, U.S. Steel President David Roderick predicted in December there would be price increases this year as the industry tried to recoup from last year's reduced earnings.

Church membership on the rise

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Church membership in the United States, generally in decline since the intense social and political involvement in the 60's, has begun to rise again, according to statistics released yesterday.

The 1976 edition of the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches said total U.S. church membership now stands at 132,287,450 — a gain of 1,042,311, with 62.3 per cent of the population claiming membership.

Yearbook figures come from both 1974 and 1975 because not all of the 223 religious bodies surveyed have completed their 1975 membership compilations.

"Church membership in the U.S. grew most dramatically in the 50's, leveling off or even decreasing in some religious groups in the 60's," said Constant Jacquet Jr., yearbook editor. "By contrast, church membership in the 70's has climbed slowly, although increases have not kept up with growth in the U.S. population as a whole."

Most significantly, the 1976 yearbook suggests a leveling off in the trend toward membership loss of the large, mainline Protestant denominations which were considered theologically and politically liberal during the turmoil of the 60's.

It cited as a prime example the

Episcopal Church, which lost some 225,000 members between 1970 to 1973. Between 1973 and 1974, the last year for which figures were available, the church lost only 9,872 members, "indicating a possible stabilization of membership in that church."

The Roman Catholic Church, with a membership of 48.7 million, continues to be the nation's largest religious body. The Southern Baptist Convention, with 12.5 million members, is the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The yearbook also reported that about 40 per cent of U.S. adults attend a church or synagogue in an average week, a figure unchanged since 1971.

'Liberated' women, crimes linked

EASTBOURNE, England, (UPI) — Women are committing crimes of violence at a greater rate than men in countries where they have become "liberated," says Daphne Skillern, Britain's only woman police commander.

"It is in countries where women's emancipation is the greatest that women participate in crime," Skillern, head of personnel research at Scotland Yard, told crime experts at the Royal Society of Health. "One has found this in America and Japan."

"One opinion is that owing to their improving status and their release from commitments of home and family, they are able to

exercise latent greed and viciousness," she said.

"Another viewpoint is that women, bewildered, because of the rapid alteration of their lifestyle, are now more insecure and uncertain," Skillern said.

"Young women are a special problem in Britain and crimes committed by girls aged 17 to 21 reached a peak in 1974," she said, explaining that the present increase in indictable crimes is among older women.

"In the past, crimes committed by women were usually limited to shoplifting and petty theft," she said. "Now they are taking part in and even organizing serious

and violent crimes."

As if to illustrate her remarks, a 15-year-old girl was sentenced in Norwich Crown Court Wednesday to Borstal Prison for armed robbery of a jewelry store.

Disguised as a man, she threatened the assistant shopkeeper with a knife and escaped with 19 rings worth more than \$20,000.

"The traditional philosophy of women being the gentler sex — more sinned against than sinning and deserving more lenient punishment — is open to serious question," Skillern said.

Even though there is an increase in the number of women committing crimes,

according to statistics, their numbers still fall far below the number of males who are involved in serious crime.

"The situation is now very interesting," she said. "There is no doubt that if women become as criminal as men, without any decline among the males, then we will be in a jungle."

"At the same time, though, it could be that men may now become less criminal and take a more passive role."

She said that despite all this she did not believe in turning back the tide of women's liberation.

"Nothing would be a good reason for slowing down emancipation," she said.



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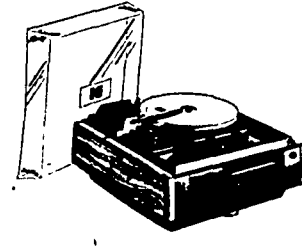
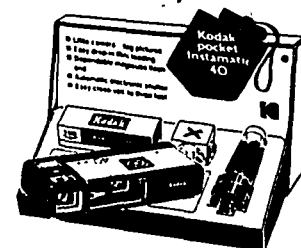
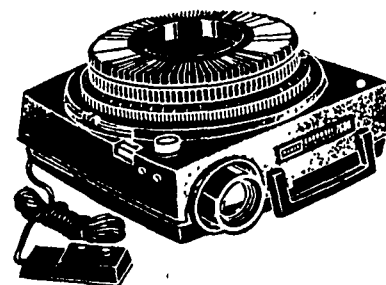


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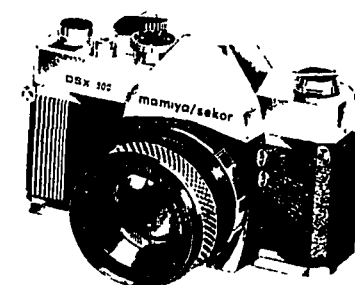
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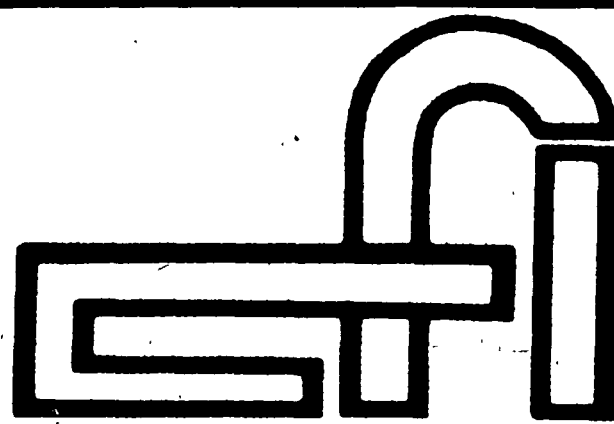
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