

MARKETS and FINANCE

Stocks

NEW YORK STOCKS

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NEW YORK (AP)—Stock market prices sagged again late this afternoon as a noontime attempt at a rally fizzled out. Trading was quiet.

Volume for the day was estimated at 2.7 million shares compared with 3.11 million Wednesday.

Losses were slight in most cases with only a few running out to a point or more.

Republic Steel maintained a loss of a major fraction after the firm cold-shouldered President Kennedy's request to hold down steel prices. U.S. Steel was down about a point, along with Jones & Laughlin.

Ford's early gain of a point or so was pared sharply and Philco widened its drop to more than 2 points as traders continued to assess Ford's plan to acquire Philco.

Chrysler was up nearly a point and General Motors about unchanged as only halting progress was made toward settlement of the GM strike.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, stood at 718.40, off 3.80, at 2 p.m.

Chemicals remained weak with Du Pont down more than 3. Air Reduction off about a point and Eastman Kodak nearly as much.

Prices on the American Stock Exchange were irregularly lower in active dealing.

U.S. government and corporate bonds turned lower.

By United Press International

Dow Jones 2 p.m. stock averages: 30 industrials 718.40, off 3.80; 20 railroads 143.91, up 0.18; 15 utilities 121.50, off 0.04, and 65 stocks 239.61, off 0.68.

Livestock

PORTLAND (AP) — (USDA)—

Cattle salable 100; mostly cows; cutter and utility slaughter cows 12.00-14.75; occasional canners 10.00; occasional low utility slaughter bulls 7.65 lbs 16.00; other classes not represented.

Calves salable 25; steady; small lot choice 180 lb feeders 26.00; standard and good feeders and slaughter calves 200-250 lb 20.00-24.00; small lot 177 lb cull 15.00.

Hogs salable 30; trade poorly tested; few very small lots U.S. 2-3 260-332 lb barrows and gilts 18.00-19.50; small number sows steady; No. 1-2 396 lbs 17.50; No. 2-3 450-565 lbs 13.00-15.00.

Sheep 200; steady; one 74-head lot mostly choice and prime 96 lb Washington spring slaughter lambs 17.00, off-truck weights; small lot good to mostly choice chorn 15.00; small lot utility and good slaughter ewes 3.50; occasional medium and good 35-60 lb feeders 8.00-10.50.

STOCKTON (UPI-FSMNS) —

Livestock:

Cattle salable 25; hogs salable 25; calves and sheep salable none. No price tests.

Grains

CHICAGO (AP) —

High Low Close Prev. close

Wheat

Sep 1.99% 1.99% 1.99% 1.99%

Dec 2.05% 2.04% 2.05% 2.05%

Mar 2.10% 2.10% 2.10% 2.10%

May 2.12% 2.12% 2.12% 2.12%

Jul 2.14% 2.14 2.14% 2.15%

Corn

Sep 1.08% 1.07% 1.07% 1.09%

Dec 1.13 1.12% 1.12% 1.13%

Mar 1.18% 1.17 1.17% 1.18%

May 1.22% 1.21 1.21% 1.22%

Jul 1.25% 1.24% 1.24% 1.26%

Oats

Sep .71 .70% .70% .71%

Dec .75% .74% .74% .75%

Mar .78% .77% .77% .78%

May .79% .78 .78% .79%

Jul .76% .76% .76% .76%

Rye

Sep 1.26% 1.25% 1.25% 1.26%

Dec 1.31% 1.30% 1.30% 1.31%

Mar 1.35% 1.34% 1.35 1.35%

May 1.38% 1.34% 1.34% 1.35%

Jul 1.34 1.32% 1.33% 1.33%

Soybeans

Sep 2.45 2.41% 2.41% 2.45%

Nov 2.39% 2.38% 2.38% 2.39%

Jan 2.43% 2.42% 2.43 2.44%

Mar 2.47% 2.46% 2.46% 2.47%

May 2.51 2.49% 2.49% 2.51%

Jul 2.53% 2.51% 2.52% 2.53%

Aug 2.53% 2.53 2.53 2.54%

Heat Increases

Forest Dangers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Several forest and range fires struck Oregon Wednesday as hot weather and wind brought increasing fire danger to the state.

The Oregon State Forestry Department said a 50-acre blaze in Douglas County was brought under control. It was believed to have been deliberately set. Another fire in Douglas County, covering 30 acres, also was controlled, the department said.

Several small fires, all under control, were reported on state-protected land. The U.S. Forest Service said no fires of any consequence struck Oregon's national forests.

PROTEST REB TESTS

NEW DELHI (UPI) — More than 1,000 persons demonstrated Wednesday outside the Soviet Embassy to protest the resumption of Russian nuclear tests.