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BIG BOARD GAINS; DOW RISES BY 8.01

Industrial Average, Down in
the Morning, Closes at
Day's High of 712.69

VOLUME IS 8.87 MILLION

Consumer Price Slowdown
Aids Market—Blue-Chip
and Glamour Issues Up

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Paced by glamour issues and leading blue chips, the stock market carved out a respectable gain yesterday. Volume, however, remained at a hot-dog-and sauerkraut pace, rather than giving brokers any visions of caviar and toast. Turnover was only 8.87 million shares.

The Dow-Jones industrial average, finishing at its best level of the session, rose 8.01 points to 712.69.

This placed the blue-chip indicator within striking distance of its recovery high of 713.86 on June 3, following on the

Market Summary

Thursday, June 18, 1970

N.Y. Times Industrials	712.11	+8.35
N.Y. Times Railroads	91.54	+0.26
N.Y. Times Combined	401.82	+4.30
N.Y.S.E. Composite	41.75	+0.26
Standard & Poor's Cmp.	76.51	+0.51
Dow-Jones Industrials	712.69	+8.01

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Volume 8,870,000 shares)

	Thursday	Wednesday
Total Issues	1,530	1,559
Advances	661	639
Declines	574	643
Unchanged	295	277
New Highs	4	6
New Lows	53	45

ODD-Lot Transactions

Wednesday, June 17, 1970

Purchase	335,931	Short Sales	7,095	Total Sales	284,046
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heels of the seven-and-a-half-year low of 631.16 on May 26. "If the market moves above that recovery high on good volume," declared a Wall Street broker, crossing his fingers, "it could mean a favorable sign for chart technicians." The New York Times combined average moved ahead 4.30 points to 401.82.

Market Down at the Start

At the opening, the market displayed a bit of softness, with the Dow industrials down more than 3 points at 10:30 A. M. As one broker phrased it, "Investors took a second look at President Nixon's midday economic message on Wednesday and it didn't stir anyone particularly."

What did stir the market apparently was a late-morning report out of Washington showing a slowdown in consumer-price increases during May. Brokers and their clients translated this set of statistics — "Hard news, rather than a mere jawbone speech," as one Wall Street official observed — to mean that the rising rate of inflation might be on the wane.

The lingering impact of a rapid inflationary pace, coming in the face of a business recession, has proved a real stumbling block to stock-market progress in recent months.

By noon, the Dow indicator

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rose out of minus territory and was ahead by nearly 5 points. During the afternoon, it continued to improve steadily.

Du Pont, after equaling its previous 1970 high, climbed 2½ to 119¾.

General Electric, buoyed by an advisory service "buy" recommendation, gained 1⅞ to 68½. Also improving was Westinghouse Electric, up 1¼ to 65¾.

Aluminum Company of America rose 2⅞ to 55. Advances of more than a point appeared in United Aircraft, American Can, Procter & Gamble and International Nickel. Eastman Kodak added a point to 66¾.

This progress by investment-grade stalwarts seemed in line with the current strategy of a major mutual fund that stated, "We are shifting the portfolio toward larger positions in the so-called blue-chip segment of the market where the initial improvement is expected."

Meanwhile, not all of the leading blue chips went up in price. American Telephone and Telegraph eased ¼ to 42⅝ and General Motors stood unchanged at 64⅞.

Natomas Climbs 2¼ Points

Glamour issues produced the largest point gains. On the active list, Natomas rose 2¼ to 30¾.

Brokers said that the oil-ex-

ploration issue benefited from short covering by traders who earlier had sold the stock short and were busily buying it back on Thursday.

Similar short covering was cited as a key factor in these other gains: International Business Machines, up 6¼ to 27½; Corning Glass, up 6¼ to 190½; Memorex, up 3 to 86¼; Disney, up 4¾ to 128¾, and Boise Cascade, up 2¼ to 51½.

There is the general feeling among Wall Street houses that the over-all short interest has climbed during the latest month.

Meanwhile, the Big Board reported that delays in receiving figures from its member firms prevented the release of the latest short interest figures on schedule yesterday. The exchange said it hoped to announce this data after the close of trading today.

International Telephone and Telegraph, up ¾ to 37, paced the active list. The company announced that its acquisition of Hartford Fire Insurance was effective. The exchange of stock valued at \$1.5-billion will produce the largest corporate merger in the nation's history.

Elsewhere on the active roster, Xerox rose 1½ to 78⅞, while Polaroid dropped 1⅞ to 65¾. The financially pressed Penn Central, which announced the resignation of three additional directors of its subsidiary, the Penn Central Transportation Company, after the close

of trading, eased $\frac{5}{8}$ to $11\frac{1}{8}$.
Singer fell 3 to $63\frac{3}{4}$. The
company said that, "due to
continued worsening of eco-
nomic conditions in the United
States," it now expected "a
modest decline" in second-
quarter earnings.

H. J. Heinz rose $2\frac{3}{8}$ to $33\frac{1}{4}$
after reporting a record profit
for its latest fiscal year.

J. I. Case climbed $2\frac{3}{8}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$
on the report that Tenneco
plans to acquire the 9 per cent
of Case shares not presently
owned by Tenneco subsidiaries.

Sheller-Globe slipped $\frac{1}{2}$ to
 $13\frac{1}{4}$ after officials disclosed
that earnings for the current
quarter were expected to fall
sharply from year-ago levels.
One adverse factor was a pro-
duction decline by the automo-
bile industry, for which Sheller-
Globe is a supplier.

There were 661 advances and
574 declines on the exchange.
The reading of four new highs
compared with 53 new lows.

The three common stocks
posting new highs—in addition
to a single preferred issue—in-
cluded Pittston. On the active
list, the coal producer added $\frac{1}{8}$
to $32\frac{1}{4}$.

Also posting highs were a
soft-drink issue and a cigar
stock. Coca-Cola Bottling of
New York, apparently benefit-
ing from its newly distributed
line of Dr. Pepper soft drinks,
rose $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $39\frac{3}{4}$. General Cigar,
after reaching a high of $38\frac{3}{4}$,
eased $\frac{1}{4}$ to finish at $37\frac{5}{8}$.