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COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION CLIMBS

WASHINGTON, February 24 -- Industrial production in the European Community in the 3rd quarter of 1959 increased some 49 percent over the corresponding 1953 level, it was reported in Brussels today. This was one of the main conclusions of a series of indices for the Community's industrial production just published by the European Community Statistical Office.

Taking 1953 production as 100, the corresponding figure for the 3rd quarter of 1958 was 138, and for 1959, 149. The breakdown by countries was as follows:

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Germany (FR)	100	149	162
France	100	133	139
Italy	100	138	152
Netherlands	100	126	140
Belgium	100	109	113
Luxembourg	100	117	124

Output indices for the 3rd quarter 1959 (as compared to 1953) were 158 in the metal processing industry, 195 in the chemical industry, and 110 in the textile industry. These indices compared with 148, 165 and 104, respectively, for the corresponding period of 1958.