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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION UP

58 PER CENT IN SIX YEARS

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 30 -- Using 1953 as the base year of 100, the industrial production of the six member countries of the European Community reached an index of 158 for 1959, it was announced today by the Community's Statistical Office in Brussels. By way of comparison, corresponding figures showed Great Britain's industrial production moving from 100 in 1953 to 120 in 1959 and that of the United States from 100 to 111 (based on the first 10 months of 1959).

The index of industrial production for each of the six countries (1953 = 100):

German Federal Republic - 166	The Netherlands - 144
Italy - 160	Luxembourg - 126
France - 158	Belgium - 119

Industrial-production indices by industry and country (1953 = 100):

	<u>Belgium</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>German Federal Republic</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Luxembourg</u>	<u>Netherlands</u>
Chemicals	-	221	192	204	114	146
Food Production, Beverages and Tobacco	115	-	145	135	171	-
Leather	97	105	118	140	86	-
Manufacturing *	129	160	171	163	130	145
Metalworking	132	170	190	155	-	165
Mining and Quarrying	79	126	115	171	89	113
Paper and Pulp	149	170	151	156	-	144
Textiles	112	109	125	115	60	113

* Excluding food production, beverage and tobacco industries.

- Indicates figures not available.

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