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COMMUNITY CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT IN 1964 SETS RECORD

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18 -- The 1964 crude steel output in the six member states of the European Coal and Steel Community will total between 82 and 83 million metric tons (metric ton = 2200 lbs.), a new record for the Community, according to ECSC estimates released today in Luxembourg.

The 1964 crude steel production will be 12 per cent above the previous record set in 1961, according to Community estimates. Production this year will be 97 per cent above output in 1952, when the ECSC was established and 13 per cent above last year.

The Federal Republic of Germany had the most spectacular increase of crude steel production of any Community country in 1964. Production totaled 37 million metric tons, approximately 18 per cent over last year.

Italy is the only Community country not to share in this record increase. Italian output in 1964 was 5 per cent below the 1963 level.

For other member countries, France and Benelux, the output increase varies between 12 and 16 per cent.

Here are the detailed figures (in thousand metric tons):

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>Change 1963/64</u>
Germany	18,629	31,597	37,400	+18.4%
France	10,867	17,554	19,800	+12.8%
Italy	3,635	10,157	9,600	- 5.5%
Netherlands	693	2,342	2,700	+15.3%
Belgium	5,170	7,525	8,700	+15.6%
Luxembourg	3,002	4,032	4,500	+11.6%
ECSC	41,996	73,206	82,700	+13.0%