

Manila Stock Market

May 15 to June 17, 1948

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MINING SHARES

AN easier trend developed until the end of May, by which time prices had again receded into the area of the year's lows. Activity tended to dry up as the decline proceeded, thereby indicating lack of selling pressure.

As on previous occasions, the market again has displayed ability to rebound from this level, and the rally since early June has recovered earlier losses.

Individual issues were mixed. Atok-Big Wedge and Mindanao Mother Lode were the principal losers on the decline, with the latter issue off as much as 21 points at one time under some distressed liquidation in an empty market. Lepanto Consolidated has been independently strong throughout the period, while Acoje and Surigao have also been better than average performers.

Examination of the price-pattern around the year's lows, shows every indication that the secondary decline which set in shortly after the New Year has terminated, and the market is now in the process of resuming the major uptrend.

The changed outlook reflects an improving financial foundation, also discounts better news in the months to come from the mining companies.

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHANGE	TOTAL SALES
Manila Stock Exchange Average	104 60	94 60	103 47	Off .53	
Acoje Mining Co.	355	32	35	Off .03	350,000
Antamok Goldfields	.025	.025	.025a	Unchanged	100,000
Atok-Big Wedge Mining Co.	.79	.70	.72	Off .08	133,250
Baguio Gold Mining Co.	.04	.04	.04b	—	145,000
Batong Buhay Gold Mines, Inc.	.006	.0058	.0058	Off .0002	1,100,000
Coco Grove, Inc.	.023	.023	.023	—	50,000
Consolidated Mines, Inc.	.0135	.0125	.013	Unchanged	7,590,000
Itoon Mining Co.	.07	.07	.07	Up .005	50,000
I.X.L. Mining Co.	.0725	.06	.07a	—	115,000
Lepanto Consolidated	.79	.65	.79	Up .10	599,000
Masbate Consolidated	.04	.04	.04	Unchanged	55,000
Mindanao Mother Lode Mines	.90	.69	.81	Off .08	418,000
Paracale Gumaus Cons.	.10	.10	.10b	—	55,000
Suyoc Consolidated Mining Co.	.03	.03	.03	—	20,000
San Mauricio Mining Co.	.185	.175	.185	Up .01	135,500
Surigao Consolidated	.36	.30	.36	Up .04	475,000
United Paracale Mining Co.	.08	.0775	.0775	Off .0025	60,000

In addition to the foregoing, unlisted mining issues traded as follows: Antipolo Mining, small business at 18 and 20 centavos; Balatoc, 4,000 shares at P3.50; Benguet Consolidated, 16,000 shares from P4.15 to P3.80; Misamis Chromite, 166,000 shares from 22 to 27 centavos.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

The feature of this section has been renewed activity in Philippine Oil Development shares which have responded to reports that the Company will be granted additional leases by the Government. San Miguel advanced on reports of higher earnings this year as compared to last.

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHANGE	TOTAL SALES
Bank of the Philippine Islands	P56.00	P56.00	P56.00	Off P4.00	51
Central Azucarera de Bais	500.00	500.00	500.00	Off 35.00	4
Central Azucarera de la Carlota	105.00	105.00	105.00	Unchanged	65
China Banking Corporation	173.00	173.00	170.00b	—	20
Marsman and Co. Pfd.	.40	.40	.40	—	10,000
Peoples Bank and Trust Co.	55.00	55.00	55.00	—	148
Philippine Oil Development Co.	245	175	23	Up .045	1,703,235
Philippine Racing Club	1.30	1.20	1.20	Off .10	31,500
San Miguel Brewery	74.00	66.00	74.00	Up 4.00	3,377
Victorias Milling Co., Inc.	120.00	120.00	120.00	Unchanged	334
Williams Equipment Co. Pfd.	—	—	95.00a	—	—
Williams Equipment Co. Com.	9.50	9.50	9.50	Off .50	1,600

In addition to the foregoing, unlisted Commercial were traded as follows: Jai Alai, 1,900 shares at P22, and Manila Jockey Club, 11,300 shares at P2.26.

American Stock and Commodity Markets

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FOR the past month, the New York stock market has been firm, but lacking the aggressive strength it demonstrated in May. The period under review opened with the Dow Jones Industrial Average at 190.97 and advanced steadily to a new high since August, 1946, of 193.16 on June 15. Moderate declines followed, sending the senior average back to 190.00 at present writing. The Rail Average, on the other hand, which lagged in late May and early June, broke into new high ground on June 23 and is now 62.82.

Oils continued to be an outstanding feature of the market, and again recorded all time highs, reflecting additional highly favorable reports as, for example, Standard Oil of New Jersey's indicated earnings for this year of \$16 a share. Other industrials which were favored included motors, chemicals, and aircrafts. Continued satisfactory earnings and dividend reports aided buying sentiment, and practically all business indices supported the optimism of the market. Overall profits exceeded last year records, United States employment now at record levels was still on the increase, retail sales are considerably up from last year, and many industries' backlogs were building up faster than they could produce. A factor in the recent weakness has been the collapse of negotiations between management and labor in the soft-coal dispute and the possibility of generally worsening labor relations.

According to the Dow Theory, the present decline is neither surprising nor disturbing, and will probably turn out to be only a normal secondary correction. The current bull move started in the middle of March with the Industrial Average at approximately 165 and the Rails around 49. A secondary reaction is to be expected after a move of this size and duration, and some traders are of the opinion that buying should be deferred until a correction occurs. At present writing, it appears that these will be rewarded for their patience by a buying-spot possibly around the 180-185 level.