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## Bendix Net Shows Big Third Quarter Jump

Bendix Corp. of Southfield has reported that its net income for the third fiscal quarter, ending June 30, increased 48 per cent with revenues 14 per cent higher than the same period last year.

Net income in the quarter ending June 30, 1972, totaled \$15 million or 90 cents per

share on sales, royalties, and other operating income of \$477.4 million.

In the third quarter of 1971, Bendix reported net income of \$10.1 million or 62 cents per share on revenues of \$418.9 million.

W. MICHAEL Blumenthal, Bendix chairman, president and chief executive officer, says the results represent "highly encouraging progress in our continuing program to increase profitability and growth."

The firm is a worldwide manufacturer of electronic, automotive, aerospace, industrial, and forest products.

For the first nine months of fiscal year 1972, Bendix's earnings were \$28.6 million, or \$2.33 per share, before taking into account a previously reported nonrecurring income credit and a partially offsetting extraordinary charge, both in the second quarter.

The two special items together had the net effect of benefiting earnings by an additional \$874,000 or five cents per share, to raise the net income for the nine months to \$39.5 million or \$2.38 per share.

Another special item was receipt of a price adjustment

of \$7.6 million on a multi-year, fixed price contract with the U.S. Navy for radio equipment. Because of this adjustment, earnings for the nine months ending June 30, 1972, were benefited by \$3.1 million.

In addition, Bendix disposed of two minor plants and discontinued six minor products lines for a total worth of almost \$2.3 million, or an after-income tax benefit of just over \$1.8 million.

In the first nine months of 1971, Bendix reported net income of \$28.1 million or \$1.71 per share.

Sales, royalties, and other operating income in the first nine months of 1972 were \$1.3 billion compared to \$1.2 billion in the same period last year.

BLUMENTHAL reports operations in all major lines of business demonstrated significant improvement during the past quarter.

"While demand in most of our product lines was brisk, we attribute our performance in achieving better results in profits to tighter internal controls and our continued efforts to assure that every segment of our business contributes its share to the overall profitability of the company."



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Sept. 16 for the Jaycees-sponsored "Rescue the Rouge" project that will help clear the stream's current. (Observer photo)

### HRP Sets Caucuses In 2 Counties

The Human Rights Party will hold county caucuses to nominate candidates for Wayne and Oakland county offices.

The Wayne County caucus will be Monday, Aug. 21, at 8 p.m. in the First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 4605 Cass, Detroit.

Oakland County's caucus will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m. in the commissioners' auditorium in Pontiac.

HRP meetings are open to all interested persons -- meaning those who feel "real social change is impossible working within the two establishment parties," in the words of Zolton Ferency, a party leader.

A state convention is set for the weekend of Aug. 25-27. HRP put itself on the political map in April by electing two radical candidates to the Ann Arbor city council.



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