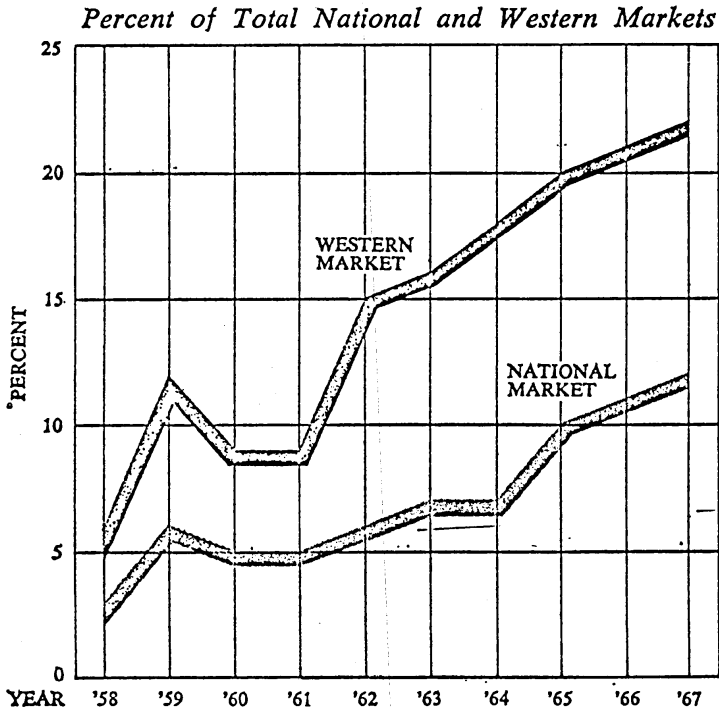


Steel Imports



The western states disproportionate share of imports in 1967 (22 percent versus 12 percent nationally) is even more pronounced with respect to specific products. Percentages by products are shown in the following table (Source: "Western Steel Market 1967," recently published by Kaiser Steel Corporation).

PACIFIC COAST IMPORTS

Product group	1966		1967	
	Total	Percent of market	Total	Percent of market
Plates.....	199	18	191	20
Structurals.....	121	16	170	23
Hot rolled bars.....	89	13	105	16
Reinforcing bars.....	63	6	61	7
Hot rolled sheet and strip.....	281	33	282	28
Cold rolled sheet and strip.....	226	40	212	42
Galvanized sheet.....	143	28	134	28
Tin mill products.....	62	5	80	6
Standard and line pipe.....	319	36	274	39
All other steel mill products ¹	387	28	314	26
Total.....	1,890	21	1,823	22

¹ Includes in 1967 241,000 tons and in 1966 313,000 tons of wire and wire products.

The rate of increase is continuing into 1968. During the first two months of this year imported steel consumed in the western states increased 45 percent over the same two month period in 1967, representing approximately 25 percent of the total consumption in these states.

In the last ten years over 96 percent of the market increase has been pre-empted by foreign imported products. A continuation of the present situation can only lead to the stagnation of domestic steel production and the loss of many independent mills. These mills will be forced to go out of business or at best