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OF RICHMOND

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES
(Based on Dollar Amounts)

Federal Reserve district and city		Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago 1/						
		Jan.- Feb.	Month of March	Apr. 23	Apr. 30	May 7	May 14	May 21
UNITED STATES		- 4	-11	-10	- 4	+ 2	- 3	- 5
<u>Boston District</u>		+ 2	-16	- 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3
New Haven	Conn.	- 3	- 9	-18	- 7	- 3	-10	- 5
Boston	Mass.	+ 5	-14	- 3	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4
Springfield	"	+ 2	-15	-22	- 1	- 3	- 7	- 5
Providence	R. I.	- 3	-17	- 5	- 3	- 5	- 8	- 4
<u>New York District</u>		- 4	-11	-10	- 8	- 4	- 9	-10
Newark	N. J.	- 6	-11	-13	- 5	- 3	-11	-16
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	- 8	- 8	- 2	+ 3	r 0	+ 2
New York	"	- 6	-11	-11	- 9	- 6	-11	-12
Rochester	"	- 4	-16	- 7	-13	+ 4	- 6	+ 1
Syracuse	"	-13	- 8	- 9	- 1	+ 2	r+ 3	- 1
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		- 5	-12	-10	+ 1	+10	- 5	- 4
Philadelphia	Pa.	- 8	-12	-11	0	+ 9	- 4	- 4
<u>Cleveland District</u>		0	-10	- 7	- 4	+ 3	- 3	+ 2
Akron	Ohio	- 2	- 7	- 7	-12	0	- 1	+ 2
Cincinnati	"	- 3	-14	- 1	-13	+ 7	r- 1	- 1
Cleveland	"	- 1	-10	-11	- 5	+ 4	- 3	+ 1
Columbus	"	+ 4	- 8	- 7	- 9	+ 6	- 3	- 4
Toledo	"	- 1	- 9	-12	+ 8	+ 5	- 1	0
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+ 4	-10	0	0	+ 1	- 5	- 4
<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 3	-13	-15	+ 2	+ 8	r- 7	0
Washington	D. C.	+ 5	- 3	-25	+ 4	+16	- 1	+ 2
Baltimore	Md.	- 3	-14	- 6	- 4	+ 1	-10	- 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 2	-12	-12	+ 7	+14	+ 3	+ 3
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 4	-13	-11	-14	- 6	+ 4	+ 7
Miami	Fla.	+ 8	- 9	- 3	+11	0	0	0
Atlanta	Ga.	- 3	-15	- 9	+11	+19	-13	-11
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	- 7	- 8	+36	+12	+ 9	0
Nashville	Tenn.	- 2	-20	-19	-11	- 4	-12	- 3
<u>Chicago District</u>		- 6	- 9	- 8	- 7	+ 2	0	- 6
Chicago	Ill.	- 2	- 7	- 9	- 6	+ 3	- 2	- 7
Indianapolis	Ind.	- 1	- 7	+ 2	- 2	+ 8	+ 3	- 4
Detroit	Mich.	- 2	-10	-11	-11	+ 1	+ 3	- 3
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 5	-11	- 3	- 8	- 6	- 2	- 8

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES (Continued)

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		Jan. Feb.	Month of March	Apr. 23	Apr. 30	May 7	May 14	May 21
<u>St. Louis District</u>		- 2	-10	-11	+ 2	+ 5	r+ 2	- 5
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 9	-14	-16	+ 2	+ 8	+ 1	+ 4
Louisville	Ky.	- 3	- 7	- 5	+15	+ 9	+ 5	- 7
St. Louis	Mo.	- 5	-10	- 9	- 9	+ 1	+ 2	- 6
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 8	- 8	-20	+ 2	+ 8	- 4	- 3
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		- 5	- 8					
Minneapolis	Minn.	- 3	- 6					
St. Paul	"	-10	-13	(Not available for publication)				
Duluth-Superior	"&Wis.	0	- 7					
<u>Kansas City District</u>		- 8	- 7	-14	- 9	- 1	r- 3	- 8
Denver	Colo.	-4	- 9	-10	-15	- 2	- 1	- 7
Wichita	Kans.	+ 2	- 1	-14	+11	+ 3	- 2	- 4
Kansas City	Mo.	- 9	-11	-17	-12	- 5	- 3	- 7
St. Joseph	"	-12	- 5	-15	- 6	- 6	- 8	-17
Oklahoma City	Okla.	-13	- 8	-21	-12	0	0	-13
Tulsa	"	- 8	- 6	-10	- 3	- 4	-14	-16
<u>Dallas District</u>		- 5	- 8	-18	-11	0	r+ 6	-10
Dallas	Tex.	- 6	- 8	-16	-14	- 5	+ 5	-12
Fort Worth	"	- 4	-10	-18	- 5	r+ 4	r+20	-20
Houston	"	- 1	-11	-19	-17	+ 5	+ 8	- 6
San Antonio	"	-11	- 5	-23	-15	0	+ 6	- 6
<u>San Francisco District</u>		- 9	-12	-11	- 5	- 4	r- 4	- 5
Los Angeles Area	Calif.	- 8	-16	-14	- 8	-10	- 9	- 9
Oakland	"	- 3	-10	- 8	0	+ 3	- 8	- 4
San Francisco	"	0	- 7	- 5	- 1	+ 5	- 8	- 2
Portland	Ore.	-13	-10	-12	- 7	0	0	- 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	-14	- 2	- 7	- 6	-10	+12	+ 8
Seattle	Wash.	- 7	- 4	- 2	- 8	+ 1	+13	+ 1

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1/ During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on March 28 while this year it was on April 17. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 6 per cent for the month of March as a whole and for a corresponding increase for the month of April as a whole.