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I. Japan: Money and Capital Markets in December-January

December and January were notable for a formal relaxation of Japan's tight money policy. On December 16 the reserve requirements against commercial bank deposit liabilities other than time deposits were reduced from 3.0 to 1.5 per cent for large banks. Exactly one year earlier the requirements had been increased from 1.5 to 3.0 per cent. On January 9 the Bank of Japan reduced its basic discount rate from 6.570 to 6.205 per cent, the first change since the rate was increased from 5.84 to 6.57 per cent on March 18, 1964. The authorities reportedly took these steps because of the general improvement in the balance of payments, the desire to provide some relief to financially-pressed concerns in view of the high number of bankruptcies, and the desire to stave off the onset of a depression movd.

Uncertainties regarding the British pound sterling had repercussions in Japan's foreign exchange and capital markets in December. Fear for the future of sterling led continental and other investors to shift their funds from sterling assets to the Euro-currency market. As a result, Japanese borrowing of Eurocurrencies rose moderately in December. Normally Japan experiences a decline in its Euro-currency loans in December. Normally Japan experiences a decline in its Euro-currency loans in December because European banks withdraw their loans temporarily over the year-end for window dressing purposes. In the foreign exchange quotations on December 26 because of the heavy offers of forward sterling by commercial interests and shifted their quotations to a negotiated basis. Early the following week, however, the normal quotation of rates was resumed. This confused action was the result of a selling spree of pound futures just before Christmas as traders and businessmen became apprehensive of a sterling devaluation.

The recommended rates that Japanese foreign exchange banks may pay on Euro-dollars were raised by the Ministry of Finance in November and early December as a result of a change in the United Kingdom's Bank rate and other interest rate changes. During the last half of December, however, the rates were lowered to approximately the level prevailing at mid-year.

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Table 1.	Japan: Maxim	um Authori:	zed Rates o	n Euro-doll.	ar Deposits	
		(in per	r cent per	annum)		
Term	Effective:	11/30/64	12/10/64	12/15/64	12/30/64	12/31/64
Less than 30 days		4.25	4.25	4,125	4.125	4.125
1 - 3 months		5.25	5.0	4.875	4.75	4.5
3 - 6 months		5.25	5,125	5.0	4.875	4.625
6 - 12 months		5.375	5.25	5,125	5.0	4.875
l year and over		5.4375	5.4375	5.25	5.125	5.0

Japanese short-term borrowing in the U.S. rose \$17 million in November and long-term borrowing increased \$19 million. (See Table 2). For October and November combined, however, total borrowings rose only \$20 million.

> Table 2. Japan: Short- and Long-term Borrowings in the U.S. (in millions of U.S. dollars)

					I	II	III	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Short-term claims $\frac{1}{2}$. Long-term claims $\frac{1}{2}$	482 3	722	212 50	431 <u>175</u>	229 61	69 <u>15</u>	24 26	21 <u>19</u>	$\frac{-14\frac{a}{a}}{-2}$	$\frac{17a}{19a}$
TOTAL	485	727	262	606	290	84	50	40	-16 ^{_a/}	36 ⁴ /
Securities $\frac{2}{}$	30	_58	<u>141</u>	200	0	_0	0	_0	0	_0
TOTAL	515	785	403	8 0 6	290	84	50	40	-16 ^{_a/}	36 ^{_8/}

1/ Bank-reported liabilities to the U.S.

 $\overline{2}$ / New security flotations.

a/ Preliminary.

NOTE: Data on short- and long-term claims since early 1962 have recently been revised substantially by the U.S. Treasury.

Japan placed two bond issues in Europe in December and January. A \$12 million Sumitomo Chemical issue was placed publicly in Luxembourg in early December, and in early January the Fuji Electric Company placed a DM 40 million (\$10 million) issue privately with the Duetsche Bank.

International reserves rose \$75 million in December and a further \$28 million (preliminary figure) in January to \$2,027 million. On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the balance of trade deficit widened in December to \$92 million compared to \$76 million in November. Since July-August, both the trade and current account, on a seasonally adjusted basis, have registered a moderate deterioration.

On the domestic side, money market conditions eased in January both as a result of seasonal factors and also because of a relaxation in the tight money policy. Bank credit in November rose at about the same rate as a year earlier.

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The average rate for bank loans and discounts remained steady at 7.99 per cent through October. Stock prices picked up moderately in January in response to the organization of a second stock buying agency, but eased slightly by February 1.

According to a recent study made by the Japan Development Bank, commercial banks were relatively less important in the supply of equipment funds in fiscal 1964. (See Table 3). Banks provided only 20 per cent of the funds as compared to 23 per cent a year earlier. Of moderately increased importance were stock issues, internal funds, and other (mainly governmental) sources.

Table 3. Japan: Estimated Sources of Capital Funds

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(in billions of yen)				
	<u>Fiscal 1963</u> 1/	Per Cent	Fiscal 1964	Per <u>Cent</u>	
Equipment Investment (A+B)	¥2,021.3		¥2,563.3		
A. <u>External Funds</u> Commercial Banks Stock Issues Bond Issues Other sources	465.0 262.3 148.4 139.3	23 13 7 10	510.6 387.0 147.7 286.8	20 15 6 11	
Sub-total	1,075.0	53	1,332.1	52	
B. Internal Funds	946.3	47	1,231.2	48	

1/ Fiscal 1963 is from April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964.

<u>Money market</u>. Money market conditions tightened in December as monetary developments exerted a net contractionary impact. Net Treasury payments of \$380 billion exceeded the \$13 billion reduction in Bank of Japan credit. However, the heavy demand for cash during December led to a currency expansion of \$410 billion which had the effect of reducing bank liquidity.

Interest rates. Call loan rates were higher in the first half of December than in November, but with the mid-December reduction in commercial bank reserve requirements, they fell back to the November levels. (See Table 4). After the end of the year, call loan rates fell sharply as banks and other financial institutions experienced the usual seasonal increase in liquidity. The January 9 reduction in the Bank of Japan's basic discount rate triggered a further decline in call loan rates ranging from 0.365 to 0.730 percentage points.

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	Table 4. J	apan: Average Call	l Loan Money Rates in To	kyo
		(in per ce	ent per annum)	
	<u>0</u>	vernight 1/	<u>Unconditional</u> <u>2</u> /	Over-month-end 3/
November 3		10.585	10.950	12.775
14		10.585	10,950	12.775
14 21		10.585	10,950	12.775
28		10,585	10.950	12.775
December 5		10.950	11.315	13.140
12		10.950	11.315	13.140
19		10.585	10.950	12.775
26		10.585	10.950	12.775
January 4		8.395	8.760	10.220
- 9		8.030	8.395	9.490
16		8.030	8.395	9.490
23		8.030	8.395	9.490

1/ For settlement on following day.

2/ Repayable at a day's notice.

3/ Repayable at a day's notice in the following month.

The average monthly interest rate on bank loans and discounts remained at 7.99 per cent during the July-October period. This leveling-off followed a gradual rise since February 1964 when the rate was 7.67 per cent.

Bank loans and discounts. Bank credit rose 2.2 per cent in November, about the same as the 2.3 per cent increase a year earlier. Loans and discounts were up 1.9 and 1.0 per cent as against 2.1 and 2.0 per cent a year earlier, respectively. Holdings of securities jumped 5.5 per cent in November compared to 3.6 per cent a year earlier.

The proportion of bank loans and discounts extended for purchases of equipment was 17.2 per cent in November, down slightly from the October level, but still well above the cyclical low of 16.3 per cent in March of 1963.

Bank of Japan loans decreased ± 222 billion in December, more than offsetting the expansionary impact from its purchases of ± 209 billion in securities.

Japan: Changes in Bar	nk of Japan Loans and Ho	ldings of Securities
	(in billions of yen)	
(1)		
(2) + (3)	(2)	(3)
Net increase (+)	Loans: increase (+)	Net purchases (+) or
<u>or decrease (-)</u>	or decrease (-)	sales (-) of securities
+ 158.2	+ 59.1	+ 99.1
- 109.2	-198.7	+ 89.2
+ 202.4	+ 91.3	+129.1
+ 18.0	- 81.2	+ 99.2
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TABLE 5 (Cont.)

Period	(1) (2) + (3) Net increase (+) or decrease (-)	(2) Loans: increase (+) or decrease (-)	(3) Net purchases (+) or <u>sales (-) of securities</u>
1964			•
I Quarter	+203.3	+ 36.7	+166.6
II Quarter	- 75.7	+121.0	-196.7
III Quarter	+106.1	+ 97.5	+ 8.6
IV Quarter	-329.6	- 300.5	- 29.1
September	- 83.8	+ 26.2	-110.0
October	- 60.2	+ 48.8	-109.0
November	-256.2	-126.9	-129.3
December	- 13.2	-222.4	+209.2

Bond market. New bond issues in November totaled ¥148 billion, second only to the year's high of ¥175 billion in March and ¥12 billion higher than in October. New issues of bank debentures were ¥98 billion, up ¥11 billion from the October level. Public corporation bond issues were ¥27 billion, off ¥2 billion from October and industrial debenture issues were ¥23 billion, up ¥3 billion from the October level.

Average yields in November on local government securities, public corporation bonds and one-year bank debentures remained the same as earlier in the year at 7.354, 7.053 and 6.224 per cent, respectively. The yield on long-term bank debentures was 7.285 per cent in November, the same as in October. The yield on industrial bonds rose slightly to 7.488 per cent in November.

Stock market. Stock prices remained at low levels during December. Substantial stock price support operations by the Japan Joint Securities Company kept the Dow Jones average from falling below #1,200 during the month. Earlyin January stock prices rose in response to the organization of a new stock-buying agency partly financed by the Bank of Japan, and the reduction in the Bank of Japan's basic discount rate. From a low of #1,227 on January 4, the average rose 5 per cent to #1,290 on January 11. By February 1 the average had eased to #1,243.

Table 6.	Japan:	Dow Jones	Average of	225	Stocks, First	Section of	Tokyo	Exchange
November	30	¥1,209	January	4	¥1,227	1964	High	¥1,369
				11	1,290		Low	¥1,203
December	7	1,207		18	1,272			
	14	1,219		25	1,250	1965	High	¥1,290
	21	1,218					Low	¥1,227
	28	1,217	February	1	1,243			

Although the Japan Joint Securities Company succeeded in keeping the Dow Jones average above $\frac{1}{21,200}$ in 1964 by purchasing $\frac{1}{2100}$ billion in stock, its operations were confined to the 225 stocks included in the average with the result that

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the prices of other stocks continued to decline during the year. In order to bolster the prices of these other stocks, the Japan Securities Holding Association (J.S.H.A.) was set up on January 1° by the member securities companies of the stock exchange. Aided by a ¥100 billion loan from the Bank of Japan, the J.S.H.A. began operations on January 21 and reportedly purchased ¥80 billion in stock from various investment trusts. Further purchases of ¥50 billion are projected for February.

Foreign trade. The seasonally adjusted trade gap tended to widen during the fourth quarter as exports declined faster than imports. In December, imports were off one per cent, but exports were down 4 per cent. This had the effect of increasing the seasonally adjusted trade deficit from \$76 million in November to \$92 million in December. This contrasts with an average monthly deficit of \$50 million in July-August. The trade figures in Table 7 are monthly, or monthly averages, on a customs basis, seasonally adjusted.

Table 7. Japan: Seasonally Adjusted Foreign Trade (in millions of dollars) (in millions of dollars)

		19	63					1	964			
	I	11	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Imports	492	540	573	644	665	657	628	702	650	707	704	694
Exports	<u>417</u>	414	463	486	482	<u>583</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>624</u>	558	642	628	602
Balance	- 75	- 99	-110	- 158	-183	-119	- 64	- 78	- 92	- 65	- 76	- 92

<u>Foreign veserves and capital flows</u>. International reserves rose \$75 million in December and a further \$28 million (preliminary figure) in January to a level of \$2,027 million. Since the 1964 low in October, reserves have risen \$121 million.

The ratio of Japan's gold and foreign exchange holdings to note issues by the Bank of Japan continued to decline in December, dropping to 31.3 per cent compared to 36.0 per cent a year earlier. The ratio is seasonally low in December because of the large expansion in note issue at that time of the year. As indicated in Table 8 below, the general trend in the ratio has been down in recent years.

Table 8. Japan: Rates of Reserve to Bank Notes

End of Period	International	Bank Notes	Reserves/
	Reserves	Issued	Bank Notes
1959	¥520.9 billion	¥1,029.4 billion	50.6 per cent
1960	701.6 billion	1,234.1 billion	56.9 per cent
1961	599.8 billion	1,480.1 billion	40.5 per cent
1962	727.9 billion	1,745.9 billion	41.7 per cent
1963	740.9 billion	2,057.4 billion	36.0 per cent

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TABLE 8 (Cont.)

	International	Bank Notes	Reserves/
	Reserves	Issued	Bank Notes
1964 March	686.2 billion	1,774.8 billion	40.5 per cent
June		1,860.6 billion	37.5 per cent
Septembe		1,836.1 billion	38.0 per cent
October		1,847.6 billion	37 1 per cent
November	692 6 billion	1,889.3 billion	36.7 per cent
December	719.6 billion	2,298.8 billion	31.3 per cent,

Official reserves increased \$75 million in December reflecting the following changes in the balance of payments as measured on an exchange transactions basis.

Trade account Services	\$131 million - 47 million
Current account	\$ 84 million
Net long-term capital receipts Net short-term capital payments	\$32 million -54 million
Net balance on capital account	-\$22 million
Errors and omissions	- 7 million
Over-all balance of payments	\$ 55 million

As a result of the recent U.K. drawing on the IMF, Japan's gold tranche with the IMF rose \$20 million in December, bringing the total gain in official reserves to \$75 million, or \$20 million more than the over-all exchange transactions indicated above.

Preliminary data indicate that Japanese short-term liabilities to the U.S. (as reported by U.S. banks) increased \$17 million in November to \$2,496 million. (See Table 9). This represents a new high for the year and is \$479 million above the level a year earlier.

Table 9.	Short-term	Claims	on Jaj	pan	Repor	ted	by	U.S.	Banks
		(in mil	lions	of	U.S	doll	lars)	

	Jan.	Feb.	<u>Mar</u> .	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1959	168	175	204	224	242	260	256	269	262	262	275	324
1960	362	372	420	456	488	497	586	628	660	693	711	806
1961	875	952	1,069	1,159	1,196	1,272	1,341	1,335	1,288	1,281	1,292	1,528
1 962	1,601	1,685	1,778	1,775	1,762	1,758	1,765	1,767	1,711	1,710	1,662	1,740
1963	1,697	1,691	1,751	1,876	1,898	1,872	1,877	1,798	1,890	1,904	,2,017	,2,171
1964	2,247	2,340	2,400	2,394	2,421	2,469	2,416	2,472	2,493	2,479 ^a	2,496	/

NOTE: Data for 1962, 1963 and 1964 have been revised and include \$52 million reported by banks initially as of December 31, 1964.

a/ Preliminary.

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Japan placed two bond issues in Europe in December and January. Early in December a \$12 million, 15-year, 6-3/4 per cent bond issue was placed in Luxembourg by the Sumitomo Chemical Company. This issue has also been listed on the American Stock Exchange for publicity and other reasons, but it will not be sold in the United States. The issue price was \$96 per share for a yield to investors of 7.119 per cent or 6.49 per cent after the 10 per cent withholding tax in Japan. Early in January the Fuji Electric Company placed a \$10 million (DM 40 million), 6-1/4 per cent, 15-year convertible debenture issue privately with the Deutsche Bank in Germany. At this time there is no intention to offer the issue to the public.

<u>Foreign exchange</u>. The yen strengthened in the spot market during the first half of December, then weakened slightly, but remained at relatively appreciated levels through mid-January. In the three-month forward market the rate strengthened after December 21, but depreciated sharply on December 31. Around mid-January the rate strengthened again slightly. These changes caused a widening in the forward discount during the first half of December and then a narrowing through December 30. From December 31 through mid-January the discount decreased moderately.

	Yen-dollar	Three-month	Forward discount
	spot middle	forward middle	in per cent
	rate	rate	per annum
November 30	360.30	362.00	1.89
December 7	360.00	361.70	1.89
14	358.65	361.45	3.12
21	359.30	361.45	2.39
28	359.20	359.85	.72
31	359.10	361.20	2.34
January 4	359.10	361.20	2.34
11	359.70	361.20	1.66
14	359.85	360.90	1.16

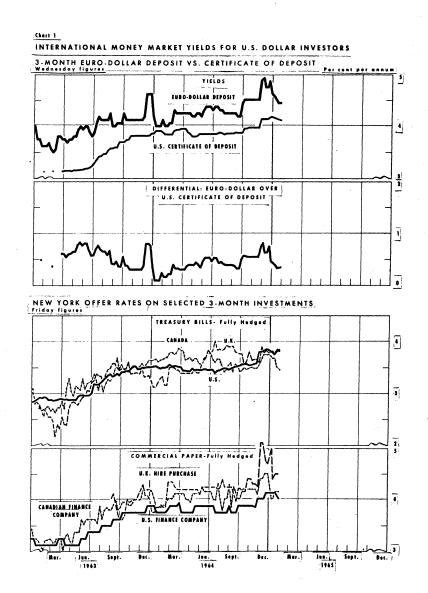
Table 9. Japan: Customer's T.T. Exchange Rate of Bank of Tokyo in Tokyo

Japanese foreign exchange markets in late December reflected some of the recent concern regarding the future of the pound sterling. On December 25, three major foreign exchange banks refused to quote rates for forward sterling because of uncertainties regarding the pound sterling and heavy sales of sterling. During the following week, however, normal rate quotations were resumed.

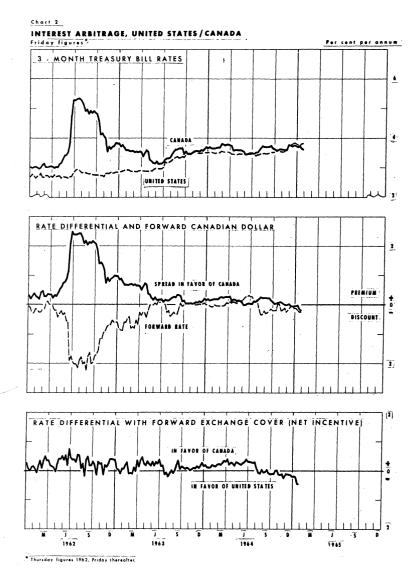
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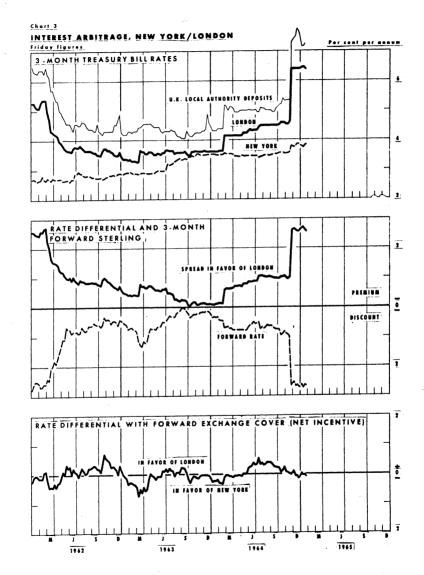
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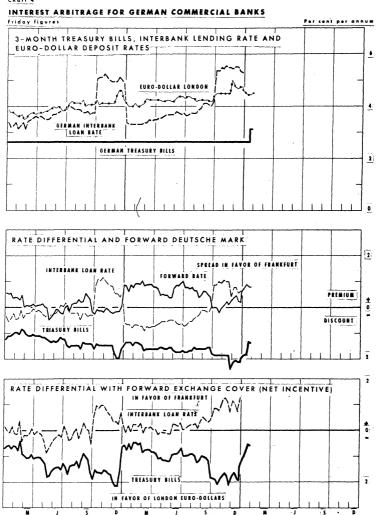
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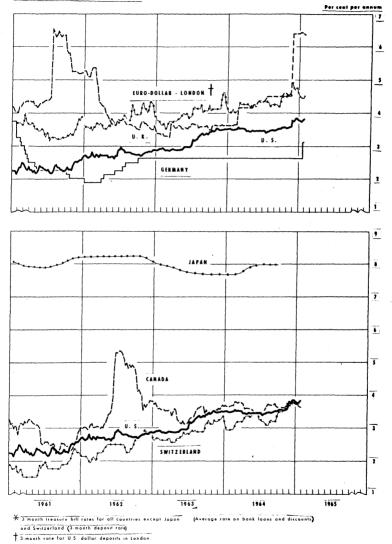
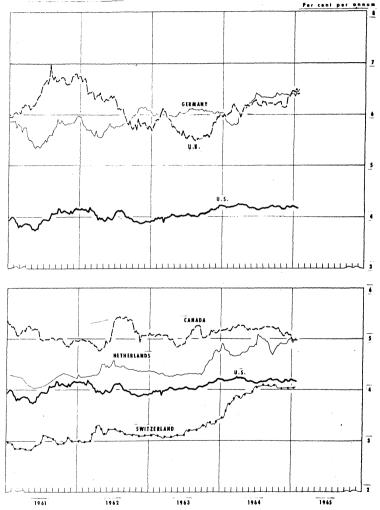
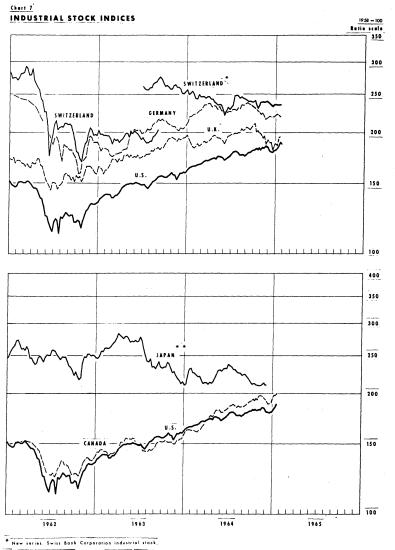


Chart 6 LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

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** Japan, index of 225 industrial and other stacks traded on the Takya exchange

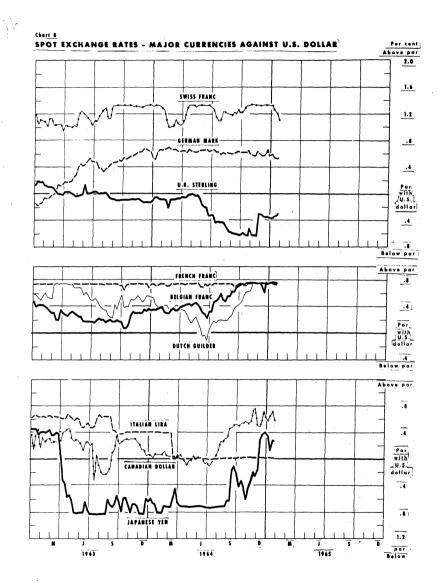
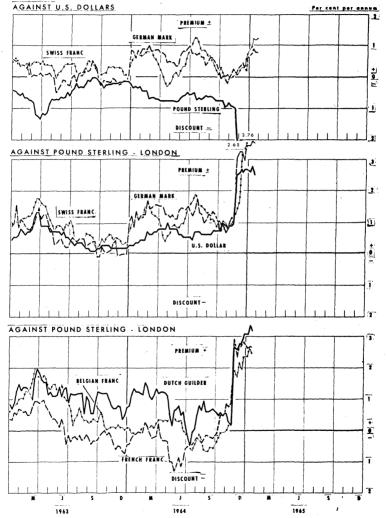


Chart 9 3-MONTH FORWARD EXCHANGE RATES Friday figures



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<u>Chart 1</u>	Per cent per annum	Chart 5	Per cent per annum				
Upper panel		(Friday, <u>Jan, 29</u> , except as noted)					
(Wednesday, Jan. 27)		-					
Euro-\$ deposit	4.44	Treasury bills:					
U.S. certif. of deposit	4.10	U. S.	<u>3.83</u>				
Lower panels		U. K.	<u>6.38</u>				
(Friday, Jan. 29)		Germany	<u>3.12</u> 1/				
Treasury bills: U.S.	3.83	Canada	3.62				
U. K.	3.79	Swiss 3-month deposits (Date:Jan. 15)	<u>3.25</u> <u>2</u> /				
Canada	3.45	Euro-\$ deposit (London)	4.50				
Finance Co. paper: U.S.	4.00	Japan: composite rate (Date:Sept, 25_)	7.986				
Canada	4.15	Chart 6					
Hire-purchase paper, U.K.	4.50						
Chart 2		Bonds:					
(Friday, Jan. 29)		U.S. govt. (Wed.,Jan. 27)	4.16				
Treasury bills: Canada	3.62	U.K. war loan (Thurs., Jan. 28)	6.40 3/				
U. S.	3.83	· · ·					
Spread favor Canada	-0.21	German Fed. Railway (Fri.,Jan. 29)	6.49				
Forward Canadian dollar	-0.27	Swiss Confederation (Fri.,Jan. 22)	4.05				
Net incentive (Canada +)	-0.48						
Chart 3		Canadian govt. (Wed., Jan. 27)	4.97				
(Friday, Jan. 29)		Netherlands government					
Treasury bills: U.K.	6.38	perpetual (Fri., <u>Jan. 22</u>)	5.03				
U.S.	3.83		2.10				
Spread favor U.K.	+2.55	1/ (Fri., Jan. 22) 2/ (Wed., Dec. 23) (Thurs., Dec. 31)	<u>3.75</u> 3.70				
Forward pound	-2.65	(Thurs., Jan. 7) 3/ (Thurs., Jan. 21)	3.31				
Net incentive (U.K. +)	-0.10	J (maios joans 21)					

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