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## MCNEY MAPKET AND RESERVE RELATIOA jHIPS

## Recent deve1opments

(1) Interest rates generally rose markedly during the past few weeks, reflecting the very tight conditions in the market for day-to-day finance, sizable corporate and municipal bond offerings on top of the Treasury refunding, and the dimming in near-term peace hopes. Since the last meeting of the Committee, yields on municipal bonds have jumped by around 25 basis points, while yields on corporate bonds and U.S. Government coupon issues have risen by 10-20 basis points. Short-term market rates, apart from Treasury bills, have adjusted up by as much as 50 basis points. In the first three weeks of May, Treasuzy bill rates rose from their recent lows at the time of the last Committee meeting, but in the last few days bill rates have dropped back. The latest quote on the 3 -month bill was around 6 per cent bid, down 12 basis points from its high during the month, but still a few basis points above the April 29 level. The recent decline reflects a scarce market supply of short-bills in part growing out of the heavy foreign official purchases related to recent speculative flows into the German maxk.
(2) The very tight conditions in the money market have been expressed in a sharp further rise of the Federal funds rate in the past three statement weeks to trading levels frequently in an $8-9$ per cent range, with an average effective rate over the past three weeks close to $8-1 / 2$ per cent. Dealer finance rates have risen commensurately
financial market relationships in perspective
(Monthly averages and, where available, weekly averages of daily figures)


Average of -otal number if days in period

3/ Time deposits adju, ed at all commercial banks.
4/ Base is change for month preceding specified period or in case of veekly periods, the first week shown.
to an 8-1/2-9-1/2 per cent range. In each case, rates have ranged $50-100$ basis points above levels in the few weeks just before the previous FOMC meeting. These taut conditions in money centers have reflected market churning, including constricted Euro-dollar availabilities connected with mark speculation; financing demands arising out of the Treasury refunding; and Desk action to maintain pressure on short-term markets in an environment in which the 3 -month bill rate was otherwise tending to move toward or below the $10 w$ end of recent ranges. Money market conditions were exacerbated as major banks, in the face of large and unpredicted fund flows, managed money positions rather conservatively and accumulated large reserve surpluses in a couple of weeks around mid-May.
(3) The bank credit proxy is showing somewhat less weakness in May than anticipated earlier, mainly because of stronger interbank deposits, and is now projected to change little on average for the month. The money supply is also expected to change little on average from April to May, close to earlier projections, with an increase in currency offsetting a small decline on average in private demand deposits. Total time and savings deposit behavior has also been about as anticipated. These deposits are now projected to decline in May at around a 2 per cent annual rate, with outstanding $C D$ 's dropping $\$ 400$ \$500 million and with only a sluggish recovery in consumer-type time and savings deposits following sizable net outflows in the first half of April.
(4) Net borrowed reserves at all member banks have averaged \$1.1 billion in the last four statement weeks, up $\$ 300 \mathrm{million}$ from the preceding four weeks. Member bank borrowings have shown a similar rise on average to $\$ 1.3$ billion, with demands on the discount window increasing at both reserve city and country banks. Banks have turned increasingly to the discount window as they have encountered adverse fund flows and constrictions in the availability of day-to-day financing from other sources.
(5) The following table summarizes changes in major reserve aggregates and deposits for several recent periods:

> | $\begin{array}{c}\text { July '68- } \\ > \text { Dec. '68 }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Jan. '69- }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { April- } \\ > \text { Mar. } 69\end{array}$ | $\frac{\text { May 169p }}{}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| > |  | -1.3 | 4.5 |
| > 9.9 | -5.0 | -5.5 > |  |

Total reserves
Nonborrowed reserves
Bank credit, as indicated by:

## Proxy

Proxy plus Euro-dollars
Total loans and investments (as of last Wednesday of month)

Money supply
Time and savings deposits
Savings accounts at thrift institutions
12.8
-5.4
2.9
13.0
$-2.4$
3.0
15.0
2.3
5.6
6.1
1.9
5.3
17.1
$-6.5$
$-1.8$
6.4
6.1
$1.8^{1 /}$

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## Prospective developments

(6) The relationships among Treasury bill rates, marginal reserve measures, and day-to-day money rates will be subject to widely variable influencesin coming weeks. For example, potentially heavy tax period borrowing around mid-June will be shortly followed by Treasury cash debt repayment of $\$ 1$ billion in maturing June 15 bonds not exchanged in the recent refinancing and an estimated $\$ 4$ billion of June tax bills that may not be turned in for taxes. Meanwhile, the recent ebbing of tensions affecting foreign exchange and Euro-dollar markets may lead to an improved availability of Euro-dollars to U.S. banks during the next few weeks that could possibly moderate pressures in day-to-day money markets. On the other hand, mid-year window dressing by banks abroad may tend to withdraw some funds from the Euro-dollar market later in June.
(7) Assuming no change in monetary policy, and recognizing the probability of large and varying money market flows apart from System operations, money market conditions may encompass a Federal funds rate continuing to average around $8-1 / 2$ per cent, member bank borrowing in a $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1-1 / 2$ billion range, and net borrowed reserves generally a little over $\$ 1$ billion. The 3-month Treasury bill rate could fluctuate widely, but may generally continue to be in a $5.90-6.20$ per cent range. An increase in the bank prime loan rate would enhance the likelihood of the bill rate moving \{oward or above the upper end of this range.
(8) The estimated $\$ 9.3$ billion of corporate income tax payments due for payment in June--some three-fourths larger than payments in March and in April--together with increased Federal agency debt financing are expected to exert heavy general pressure on commercial banks and money and securities markets during the first part of June. These pressures are likely to be reflected in a large further run-off of large-denomination $C D$ 's at banks-running to perhaps $\$ 1$ billion or a little more for the full month of June out of an estimated \$4-1/2\$5 billion of maturities. Such a CD attrition, however, would be no worse than May, and probably somewhat better, after adjusting for seasonal factors. Nevertheless, with commercial bank liquidity already greatly reduced by the cumulative effects of continued monetary restraint, banks' resources are likely to be brought under severe pressure, particularly if the need to finance tax payments leads to another large bulge in loans. As a result, in addition to continuing to borrow abroad, major banks are likely to continue to press to expand the new domestic financial arrangements that have been developed recently to augment their flows of funds. In particular, bank holding company gelles of commercial paper and other similar transactions should grow further and could become a significant source of upward interest rate pressure in short-term markets.
(9) The large Treasury cash debt repayment noted earlier represents a potential offset to these various June short-term market pressures. Any reflows of foreign funds into Euro-dollars could have a similar effect. In terms of the technical condition of the bill
market, the existing short supply of bills provides some short-run leeway for dealers to absorb bills during the tax period, although their willingness may be limited by the tightness in the market for dealer financing.
(10) Given the short-term market conditions noted in paragraphs (6) and (7), the change in the bank credit proxy in June is expected to be in $a-1$ to +3 per cent, annual rate, range-with Euro-dollar borrowings possibly adding another percentage point or two on average. There is little basis for judging the likely increase in domestic nondeposit sources of funds to banks, through holding company affiliates or otherwise. Nor is it clear what proportion of funds raised through these devices should be considered to be "bank credit" in light of the similarity of various of the instruments to conventianal commercial or finance company paper. However that may be, it might be noted that each $\$ 250$ million of such instruments issued during the month, on average, would be the equivilent of about 1 ' percentage point annual rate of increase in the bank credit proxy. (11) Total demand deposits are expected to be an enlarged source of funds to banks in June, and time and savings deposits are also likely to be stronger on average than in May. A sharp rise in the average level of private demand deposits is anticipated partly in consequence of a decline in the average level of U.S. Government deposits as Treasury debt is repaid. In addition, however, strong loan demand, enhanced by tax payment needs, will probably lead to further private deposit expansion. With currency outstanding also continuing to rise, the money supply is expected to expand in a
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7 - 10 per cent, annual rate, range in June. This would represent an experience similar to April, when large tax payments also caused credit demand and money to rise temporarily. Time deposits are likely to rise in a 2 - 5 per cent, annual rate, range, as some recovery in consumer-type time deposits continues, at least until the mid-year interest-crediting period.
(12) Despite the projected rise in bank credit and money for June, long-term interest rates are still likely to move up further, particularly if concern about a credit crunch should spread. Banks will be very limited in their ability to buy municipal securities, and they, as well as insurance companies, now appear to be cutting back on real estate loans. But so long as prospects for a cooling in economic activity remain and investors and borrowers look toward a tapering of interest rate pressures later in the year, a further upward movement in long-term rates could be of limited proportions.

Chart 1

## MEMBER BANK RESERVES

MONTHLY AVERAGES OF DAlLY FIGURES



Char 2
MEMBER BANK DEPOSITS AND LIABILITIES TO OVERSEAS BRANCHES
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS



## Chart 3

## MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK DEPOSITS



Chart 4

## DEMAND DEPOSITS AND CURRENCY

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED WEEKLY AVERAGES OF DAlly FIGURES


Table 1
MARGINAL RESERVE MEASURES
(Dollar amounts in millions, based on period averages of daily figures)

| Period | $\begin{gathered} \text { Free } \\ \text { reserves } \end{gathered}$ | Excess reserves | Member Banks Borrowing s |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | R | erve $C$ |  | Country |
|  |  |  |  | Major banks |  | Other |  |
|  |  |  |  | 8 N.Y. | Outside N.Y. |  |  |
| Monthly (reserves weeks ending in): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1968--Apri1 | - 341 | 348 | 689 | 56 | 262 | 148 | 223 |
| May | - 374 | 354 | 728 | 65 | 155 | 186 | 322 |
| June | - 386 | 341 | 727 | 72 | 168 | 141 | 346 |
| Ju1y | - 192 | 331 | 523 | 13 | 140 | 102 | 268 |
| August | - 240 | 337 | 577 | 195 | 65 | 101 | 215 |
| September | - 146 | 346 | 492 | 125 | 158 | 73 | 136 |
| October | - 192 | 267 | 458 | 81 | 88 | 117 | 172 |
| November | - 255 | 286 | 541 | 65 | 171 | 93 | 212 |
| December | - 327 | 330 | 743 | 134 | 223 | 67 | 177 |
| 1969--January | - 491 | 359 | 715 | 131 | 302 | 149 | 253 |
| February | - 580 | 256 | 836 | 62 | 280 | 215 | 304 |
| March | - 635 | 202 | 837 | 58 | 233 | 254 | 293 |
| April | - 844 | 187 | 1,031 | 85 | 411 | 260 | 275 |
| 1969--Mar. 5 | - 527 | 207 | 734 | 104 | 112 | 184 | 334 |
| 12 | - 627 | 248 | 875 | -- | 342 | 265 | 268 |
| 19 | - 691 | 85 | 776 | 84 | 168 | 247 | 277 |
| 26 | - 696 | 268 | 964 | 43 | 309 | 320 | 292 |
| Apr . 2 | - 886 | 309 | 1,195 | -- | 489 | 335 | 371 |
| 9 | - 722 | 225 | 947 | 75 | 486 | 144 | 242 |
| 16 | - 615 | 144 | 759 | 84 | 361 | 140 | 174 |
| 23 | - 963 | 172 | 1,135 | 201 | 428 | 281 | 225 |
| 30 | -1,033 | 85 | 1,118 | 63 | 290 | 401 | 364 |
| May 7 p | -1, 142 | 461 | 1,603 | 146 | 463 | 486 | 507 |
| 14 p | - 943 | 227 | 1,170 | 121 | 243 | 421 | 385 |
| 21 p | -1,295 | 63 | 1,158 | 165 | 378 | 359 | 456 |

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Table 2
agGregate reserves and monetary variables
Retrospective Changes, Sedsonally Adjusted
(In per cent, annual rates based on monthly averages of daily figures)

| Period | Restrye Aggregates |  |  | Monetary Valiables |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Reserve | Nonbor rowed Reserves | Required Reserves | Total <br> Mk mber Bank Deposits | Money Supply |  |  | ```Commercial bank time deposits adjusted``` | ```Credit Proxy (Incl. Euro- dollar borrowings)``` |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | Currency | Private Demand Deposits |  |  |
| Annually | ( R E | D S ER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1967 | $+102$ | +11.8 | $+102$ | +11.7 | $+64$ | $+5.5$ | + 6.7 | +16.1 | +11.6 |
| 1968 | $+71$ | $+5.6$ | $+7.1$ | $+8.6$ | $+6.5$ | $+7.4$ | $+6.2$ | +11.3 | +9.5 |
| Quarterly: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Quarter 1968 | + 72 | $+0.6$ | $+71$ | $+7.0$ | $+4.6$ | $+6.9$ | + 3.7 | $+7.0$ | $+7.4$ |
| 2nd Quarter 1968 | + 1.2 | +1.7 | $+1.4$ | + 1.2 | $+8.7$ | $+8.8$ | $+9.0$ | + 3.2 | $+3.5$ |
| 3 rd Quarter 1968 | +10.2 | +13.6 | +10.4 | +13.1 | $+4.5$ | + 6.7 | + 3.6 | +17.9 | +14.0 |
| 4th Ouarter 1968 | + 9.2 | $+6.0$ | + 8.8 | +12.2 | $+7.6$ | $+6.6$ | + 7.9 | +15.7 | +11.7 |
| lat Quarter 1969 | - 1.3 | - 5.0 | $+0.6$ | - 5.4 | +1.9 | + 7.4 | $+05$ | - 6.5 | - 2.4 |
| Monthly: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1968-April | - 6.2 | - 6.5 | - 56 | - 4.7 | $+5.9$ | $+8.8$ | $+6.8$ | + 2.6 | - 3.8 |
| May | $+2.0$ | - 0.8 | - 0.6 | $+1.7$ | +11.7 | $+5.8$ | +126 | + 3.2 | $+5.1$ |
| June | $+8.0$ | +12.5 | +10.4 | $+6.5$ | $+8.4$ | +11.5 | $+7.5$ | + 3.8 | + 9.3 |
| July | $+6.5$ | +13.3 | +83 | $+9.0$ | +12.8 | $+5.7$ | +14.9 | +14.0 | +10.1 |
| August | +214 | +21.2 | $+214$ | +21.4 | + 5.7 | +11.4 | + 3.3 | +21.4 | +22.1 |
| September | + 2.5 | $+6.1$ | $+1.4$ | + 8.4 | - 5.0 | + 2.8 | - 7.3 | +17.3 | + 9.4 |
| October | +77 | $+8.6$ | +96 | +12.5 | $+4.4$ | $+2.8$ | + 5.7 | +17.7 | +11.8 |
| November | $+7.9$ | $+1.5$ | $+75$ | +11.1 | +10.7 | +11.2 | +10.6 | +14.4 | +11.3 |
| December | +11.8 | $+7.8$ | +92 | +12.7 | $+7.5$ | + 5.6 | $+7.3$ | +14 3 | +11.6 |
| 1969--January | $+4.7$ | - 1.4 | +113 | - 49 | + 3.7 | $+5.5$ | $+4.0$ | -10.6 | - 2.0 |
| February | - 4.5 | -6.3 | - 4.6 | - 1.2 | $+0.6$ | $+8.3$ | - 1.6 | -8.9 | $+2.0$ |
| March | - 4.0 | - 7.5 | -47 | -10.2 | $+1.2$ | $+8.2$ | -0.8 | -- | $-7.1$ |
| April | - 5.8 | -9.7 | - 3.1 | + 5.3 | +10.5 |  | +13.6 | - 1.2 | $+6.0$ |
| May $\mathbf{p}$ | +14.5 | - 1.3 | +10.4 | + 0.4 | -- | $+8.1$ | - 2.4 | - 2.4 | -- |

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Table 3
agGregate reserves and monetary variables
Seasonally Adjusted
(Based on monthly averages of dally figures)


[^2]agGrfgate reserves and monetary variables Seasondly Adjusted
(Based on weekly averages of daly figures)


[^3]MAJOR SOURCES AND USES OF RESFRVES
Retrospective and Prospective Changes
(Dollar amounts in millions, based on weekly averages of daily figures)


1/ For retrospective details, see Table 6.
2/ See reverse side for explanation.
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Table 6
SOIRCE OF FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT
Retrospective Changes
(Dollar amounts in millions of dollars, based on weekly averages of daly figures)

| Period | Total Federal Reserve credit (Excl. float) | U.S. Government securities |  |  |  | Federal Agency Securities | Bankers' acceptances | Member banks borrowings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total holdings | Bu11s $1 /$ | Other | Repurchase agreements |  |  |  |
| Year. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1967 (12/28/66-12/27/67) | +4,718 | +5,009 | +4,433 ( -- ) | +1,153 | - 577 | - 19 | - 69 | - 203 |
| 1968 (12/27/67-12/26/68) | $+3,757$ | +3,298 | +2,143 ( -l | +1,176 | - 21 | 3 | - 52 | + 514 |
| Weekly |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1969-Feb. 5 | - 69 | + 77 | + $69(+307)$ | -- | + 8 | -- | $+1$ | - 147 |
| 12 | + 242 | + 146 | -- (+ 50) | -- | + 146 | + 13 | + 28 | + 55 |
| 19 | + 631 | + 306 | +55 (-68) | -- | + 251 | + 15 | + 65 | + 245 |
| 26 | - 638 | - 292 | - $69(+54)$ | + 85 | - 308 | - 20 | - 39 | - 287 |
| Mar 5 | - 120 | - 63 | - 69 ( -- ) | -- | + 6 | + 2 | - 36 | - 23 |
| 12 | + 34 | - 87 | - 89 ( -- ) | + 74 | - 72 | 7 | - 13 | + 141 |
| 19 | + 45 | + 105 | - 123 ( -- ) | + 82 | + 146 | + 9 | + 30 | - 99 |
| 26 | +70 | - 109 | - 109 ( -- ) | $+11$ | - 11 | + 2 | - 11 | + 188 |
| Apr $\quad 2$ | + 357 | $+103$ | + 51 ( -- ) | -- | + 52 | + 10 | + 13 | + 231 |
| 9 | - 113 | + 146* | $+57(-7)$ | -- | - 7 | - 9 | 2 | - 248 |
| 16 | - 380 | - 143* | - 559 (-533) | -- | - 211 | - 15 | - 34 | - 188 |
| 23 | $+\quad 773$ | + 319* | + 819 (+ 460) | -- | + 223 | + 20 | + 58 | + 376 |
| 30 | $+\quad 347$ | + 284 | + 280 ( +80 ) | -- | + 4 | + 56 | + 24 | - 17 |
| May $7 p$ | + 794 | + 345 | + 41 ( - - ) | -- | + 304 | - 25 | - 11 | + 485 |
| 14 p | - 294 | 118 | $+66(-156)$ | -- | + 52 | + 18 | + 3 | - 433 |
| $21 p$ | + 150 | - 39 | + 190 (+ 156) | + 27 | - 256 | + 9 | - 8 | + 188 |

1/ Figures in parenthesis reflect reserve effect of match sale-purchase agreement.
$*$ - Includes effect of changes in special certificates of $\$+96$ million of the week of Apri1 9 , $\$+627$ million of the week of April 16 , and \$-723 million of the week of April 23.

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1. Changes in Federal Reserve credit indicate reserves needed to offset projected changes in required reserves and factors affecting the supply of reserves.
2. Projected changes in currency outside banks reflect seasonal movements plus an allowance for growth of about $\$ 50$ million per week.
3. Projected effects of Treasury operations, included in "technical factors," reflect scheduled and assumed calls in current two weeks and maintenance of Treasury balances with Federal Reserve at $\$ 0.5$ billion, thereafter.
4. Projected changes in required reserves assume the existing net reserve position of banks and the structure of interest rates in the market, as well as the current economic outlook. On the basis of these assumptions, projections reflect expected movements in bank credit and money in the period ahead, including the effects of such elements as the public's loan demand, repayments of previous loans, banks' investment preferences and willingness to supply loans, banks' desires and abilities to obtain time and savings deposits, and the Government's financing needs. The projections thus encompass normal seasonal developments, temporary bursts of loans demand and expected associated repayments not currently reflected by the seasonals, and whatever cyclical and growth demands for money and credit are expected in the projection period. Assumed Treasury financing operations include: $\$ \mathbf{\$} \mathbf{- 6}$ billion, June $16 ; \$-4.2$ billion, June 23.

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[^1]:    NOTE: Dates are inclusive. p--partly projected.
    1/ April 1969.

[^2]:    1/ Private demand deposits include demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and net interbank deposits.
    $\frac{2}{3} /$ Includes currency outside the Treasury, the Federal Reserve, and the vaults of all commercial banks.
     process of collection and Federal Reserve float; and (2) foreign demand balances at Federal Reserve Banks.
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