# CONDITION OF MEMBER BANKS, OCTOBER 10, 1951 ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT 

## To the Member Banks of the

Eleventh Federal Reserve District:

The condition statement of all member banks in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District as of October 10, 1951, with the comparable figures for October 4, 1950, and June 30, 1951, is presented on the reverse of this letter. This statement shows that most major asset and liability accounts increased during both the 12 -month period and the latest reporting period.

During the latest reporting period (June 30, 1951, to October 10, 1951), member bank loans rose $\$ 27,703,000$ to a new record total of $\$ 2,447,940,000$. This increase is substantially less, however, than the unusually large loan expansion- $\$ 157,272,000$-that occurred between June 30 , 1950, and October 4, 1950, and, in fact, is well below increases in comparable periods of other postwar years. The moderate increase in loans during the latest reporting period is attributable largely to seasonal requirements associated with the harvesting, marketing, and processing of the District's agricultural production.

During recent months, relatively high, but comparatively stable, levels of business activity, production, and employment have prevailed, together with a reported strong demand for bank credit. The trend of loans during this period seems to suggest that efforts to restrict the growth of bank credit to essential requirements have resulted in a notable measure of success. Within the framework of a moderately restrictive credit policy, the Voluntary Credit Restraint Program, in particular, has made a valuable contribution. Recognizing the harmful and unstabilizing effects of an excessive growth of bank credit during defense mobilization, bankers, businessmen, and others in the District have displayed commendable cooperation in furthering the objectives of this voluntary effort.

Investments in United States Government securities declined $\$ 15,981,000$ between October 4, 1950, and October 10, 1951, although member banks increased their holdings of these securities in the amount of $\$ 138,798,000$ during the latest reporting period. Investments in obligations of states and political subdivisions and other securities rose $\$ 40,224,000$ during the 12 months. Total investments of the member banks amounted to $\$ 2,583,857,000$ on October 10,1951 , as compared with $\$ 2,559,614,000$ on October 4, 1950.

Deposits of the District's member banks rose $\$ 608,135,000$ during the 12 months, with somewhat more than one-half of the increase occurring between June 30, 1951, and October 10, 1951. Expansion in individual demand deposits during the latter period is particularly notable. The harvesting and marketing of crops, the growth of loans and investments, and the rather large amount of Treasury net expenditures in the District between mid-1951 and October 10 were the principal factors that contributed to the growth in individual and business deposit accounts. On the latter date, total deposits amounted to $\$ 6,995,655,000$.

During the 12 months ended October 10,1951 , member bank capital accounts rose $\$ 44,885,000$ to a total of $\$ 467,158,000$. This increase of 10.6 percent in capital accounts compares with a 10.4 -percent increase in earning assets, exclusive of Governments, and a 9.5 -percent increase in total deposits.

Yours very truly,

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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF MEMBER BANKS ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT 



## PRINCIPAL ASSET AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF MEMBER BANKS AS OF SELECTED CALL DATES ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

| Date | Total <br> Deposits | Total Loans | Total <br> Investments | Total Loans and Investments | Total U. S. Gov. Secs. | Total Capital Accounts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { October } 2, \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ | 1,518,754 | 476,136 | 419,638 | 895,774 | 275,784 | 168,364 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } 24, \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ | 1,872,673 | 617,892 | 494,460 | 1,112,352 | 336,806 | 185,470 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { October } 18, \\ 1943 \end{gathered}$ | 3,544,018 | 636,216 | 1,753,077 | 2,389,293 | 1,613,767 | 200,876 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { September 30, } \\ & 1946 \end{aligned}$ | 5,349,713 | 1,215,435 | 2,704,627 | 3,920,062 | 2,493,675 | 292,813 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { October 6, } \\ & 1947 \end{aligned}$ | 5,545,858 | 1,427,525 | 2,526,407 | 3,953,932 | 2,257,746 | 320,737 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { November 1, } \\ & 1949 \end{aligned}$ | 6,032,004 | 1,884,196 | 2,550,004 | 4,434,200 | 2,235,172 | 378,110 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 1950^{\mathrm{r}} \end{gathered}$ | 6,378,520 | 2,219,433 | 2,559,614 | 4,779,047 | 2,200,162 | 422,273 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } 10, \\ & 19511^{p} \end{aligned}$ | 6,995,655 | 2,447,940 | 2,583,857 | 5,031,797 | 2,184,181 | 467,158 |
| r-Revised. p-Preliminary. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

