Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

FIFTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

FOR YEAR 1937

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND, VA., January 12, 1938.

To the Stockholders of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond:

There is submitted herein a comparative statement of the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond at the close of business December 31, 1937, and December 31, 1936, together with a comparative statement of profit and loss for the years 1937 and 1936, and other operating data.

Very truly yours,

Hugh Leach President.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	DECEMBER 31, 1937	DECEMBER 31, 1936
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	\$294,124,659.12	\$302,265,466.76
Redemption fund—Federal Reserve notes	921,390.00	339,550.00
Other cash	25,918,903.61	17,064,687.54
Total Reserves	320,964,952.73	319,669,704.30
BILLS DISCOUNTED:		
Secured by U. S. Government obligations direct or fully guar-		
anteed	340,000.00	150,000.00
Other bills discounted	255,000.00	13,200.00
Total bills discounted	595,000.00	163,200.00
Bills bought in open market	109,949.57	120,643.92
Industrial advances	1,768,154.13	2,654,793.15
U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES:		
Bonds	39,393,500.00	25,339,500.00
Treasury notes	60,540,500.00	69,254,000.00
Treasury bills	34,462,000.00	30,916,000.00
Total U. S. Government securities	134,396,000.00	125,509,500.00
Total bills and securities	136,869,103.70	128,448,137.07
Due from foreign banks	7,690.55	9,695.27
Federal Reserve notes of other banks	2,886,090.00	2,778,400.00
Uncollected items	53,627,481.75	62,144,952.63
Bank premises	2,700,314.99	2,809,547.61
All other assets	2,231,358.59	895,924.92
TOTAL ASSETS	519,286,992.31	516,756,361.80
LIABILITIES	•	
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	209,905,715.00	208,787,100.00
DEPOSITS:	, ,	•
Member bank—reserve accounts	220,565,844.10	215,791,325.25
U. S. Treasurer—general account	10,887,850.43	7,317,293.96
Foreign bank	7,459,936.46	4,356,703.16
Other deposits	3,599,658.69	4,963,169.26
Total deposits	242,513,289.68	232,428,491.63
Deferred availability items	51,996,286.40	60,836.649.38
Capital paid in	4,895,950.00	4,718,650.00
Surplus (Section 7)	4,963,636.05	4,869,417.78
Surplus (Section 13b)	3,408,665.77	3,422,086.01
Reserve for contingencies	1,544,549.84	1,575,151.24
All other liabilities	58,899.57	118,815.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES	519,286,992.31	516,756,361.80
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Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	72,946.69	
Commitments to make industrial advances	1,623,185.67	2,321,829.41

COMPARATIVE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Earnings:	1937	1936
Discount on bills discounted	\$ 9,053.72 885.30	\$ 1,777.56 1,158.80
Interest earned on Industrial Advances under Section 13b	122,824.09 17,640.53	211,203.57 $21,667.74$
Interest on United States securities	2,074,525.32 $25,056.00$	1,790,550.27 $29,795.11$
Total Current Earnings	2,249,984.96	2,056,153.05
Expenses:		
Operating expenses (including depreciation on bank premises) after deducting reimbursements received for certain Fiscal Agency and other expenses	1,559,889.71 75,053.89 94,828.81	1,570,988.20 $73,746.78$ $100,462.29$
Total Net Expenses	1,729,772.41	1,745,197.27
Current Net Earnings.	520,212.55	310,955.78
Additions to Current Net Earnings:		
Profits on sales of U. S. Government securities	127,632.95	296,981.70
Other additions	56,576.26	3,295.82
Total additions	$=\frac{184,209.21}{}$	$\frac{300,277.52}{}$
Deductions from Current Net Earnings: Assessments to apply on cost of building for the Board of Governors	60,953.09	88,122.55
Contributions to F. R. Retirement System on account of prior service. Reserves for losses on industrial advances	157,044.00 113,543.43	157,044.00 212,000.00
Other deductions	848.58	21,536.72
Total deductions	332,389.10	478,703.27
Net deduction	148,179.89	178,425.75
Available for dividends, payment to Treasurer of U.S. under Section 13b, reserves for contingencies, and surplus accounts	372,032.66	132,530.03
Dividends paid member banks	291,234.63	280,136.03
Payment to Treasurer of U. S. under Section 13b of F. R. Act	80,798.03	194,981.70 342,587.70*
SURPLUS ACCOUNT (Section 7)		
Balance at close of previous year	\$4,869,417.78	\$5,185,758.09
Deficit of year 1936 Credited from profits of year 1937	94,218.27	316,340.31
Balance at close of current year	4,963,636.05	4,869,417.78
SURPLUS ACCOUNT (Section 13b)		
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Balance at close of previous year	φ3,422,000.01	\$3,363,384.15
Section 13b of the Federal Reserve Act	13,420.24	84,949.25 26,247.39
Balance at close of current year	3,408,665.77	3,422,086.01
CAPITAL STOCK ACCOUNT		
(Representing amount paid in, which is 50% of amount	embecribed)	
Balance at close of previous year		\$4,589,600.00
Issued during the year.		225,800.00
Cancelled during the year	$\substack{4,927,450.00\\31,500.00}$	4,815,400.00 96,750.00
Balance at close of current year	4,895,950.00	4,718.650.00

^{*} Net deduction from surplus accounts.

VOLUME OF PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS

BILLS DISCOUNTED:	1937	1936		
Member Banks' own notes:	1001			
Secured by U.S. Government obligations	\$ 16,093,500.00	\$ 2,144,000.00		
Secured by customers' notes	2,129,345.44	683,398.08		
Secured by collateral authorized under Section 10b of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended	280,000.00			
Bills discounted for Individuals, Partnerships and Corporations, secured by U. S. Government obligations	4,000.00	5,000.00		
Total Bills Discounted	18,506,845.44	2,832,398.08		
BILLS PURCHASED:				
Bankers' Acceptances—Foreign business	29,395.48			
Bankers' Acceptances—Foreign currency	845,227.20	989,095.45		
Total Bills Purchased	874,622.68	989,095.45		
Total Bills Discounted and Purchased	19,381,468.12	3,821,493.53		
INDUSTRIAL LOANS (Under Section 13b of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended):				
Total amount of applications received-net	\$ 1,179,000.00	\$ 4,205,200.00		
Total amount of applications approved	220,000.00	805,500.00		
Total amount of applications rejected	892,000.00	3,582,950.00		
Total amount of applications still under consideration	135,000.00	103,000.00		
CURRENCY AND COIN HANDLED:				
Currency received (including new notes): Number of notes	203,565,388	100 450 004		
Amount	\$ 737,039,900	186,456,294 \$ 704,065,800		
Currency paid out (including notes returned for redemption:				
Number of notes	198,996,459 \$ 728,434,100	186,375,992 \$ 695,766,200		
Coin received (including new coin):				
Number of coins	206,150,672 \$ 16,820,900	202,903,207 \$ 16,697,800		
Coin paid out (including coin returned for redemption):				
Number of coins	\$ 16,607,800	203,294,634 \$ 16,775,000		

VOLUME OF PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS

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CHECKS II AND ED	Total HECKS HANDIED. Number of Total		Average Amount	Daily Averages Number		
CHECKS HANDLED:	Items	Amount	Per Item	of Items	Amount	
Year 1937 (301 days)	71 878 000	\$13,174,474,000	\$ 183	238,798	\$43,769,016	
Year 1936 (301 days)	69.683.000	11,897,385,000	171	231,505	39,526,196	
Year 1935 (301 days)	59,518,000	10,436,538,000	175	197,734	34,672,884	
Year 1934 (301 days)	55,643,000	9,638,415,000	173	184,860	32,021,312	
Year 1933 (301 days)	46,191,000	7,659,951,000	166	153,458	25,448,342	
Year 1932 (301 days) Year 1931 (301 days)	46,554,000	7,809,312,000 10,435,697,000	$\begin{array}{c} 168 \\ 198 \end{array}$	$154,664 \\ 174,923$	25,944,558 34,670,090	
Year 1930 (301 days)	54.109.000	12,795,015,000	236	179,764	42,508,355	
Year 1929 (302 days)	55,730,000	14,118,820,000	253	184,536	46,751,060	
Year 1928 (302 days)	54,570,000	13,990,057,000	256	180,695	46,324,692	
Year 1927 (302 days)	52,859,000	13,502,105,000	255	175,030	44,708,957	
Year 1926 (302 days)	50,430,000	13,924,751,000 14,038,542,000	$\begin{array}{c} 276 \\ 291 \end{array}$	166,987	46,108,447	
Year 1925 (302 days) Year 1924 (304 days)	46,171,077	13,254,632,000	$\begin{array}{c} 291 \\ 283 \end{array}$	$159,509 \\ 153,879$	46,485,238 43,600,763	
Year 1923 (301 days)	47.226.755	13,111,823,500	$\frac{200}{278}$	156,900	43,560,875	
Year 1922 (302 days)	42,884,054	8,762,818,547	204	142,000	29,015,955	
Year 1921 (303 days)	39,260,432	8,620,888,130	220	129,572	28,451,776	
Year 1920 (304 days)	33,731,801	11,505,945,224	341	110,960	37,848,504	
DIRECT ROUTED CASH LET			1937		1936	
Number Amount			206,9 490 220 0	46 00	201,309	
NON-CASH COLLECTION ITE			, 400, 220,0	υ υ φ2	2,189,190,000	
Number			909.0	0.4	007 110	
Amount		\$	302,0 $270,627,0$	00 \$	$\begin{array}{c} 295,110 \\ 316,267,000 \end{array}$	
COUPONS FROM DIRECT AS GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION		GUARANTEED				
Number			660,7	85	654,771	
Amount			18,549,0	00 \$		
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR						
Number			66,0	16	57,874	
Amount			,008,434,0	υυ ֆ 4	4,610,137,000	
INTERDISTRICT SETTLEMENT FUND DAILY TRANSIT CLEARINGS:						
Total received from F. R. Total paid to F. R. Banks	Banks and Br and Branches	ranches	,581,759,0 ,369,390,0		3,703,865,000 3,680,359,000	
PERSONNEL						
Number of officers and employ	ees at end of	year:				
Officers				18	18	
Employees			6	45	671	
Total				 8 6 3	689	
MEMBER BANKS						
Number of member banks at e	nd of year:					
National banks				38	338	
State banks				67	66	
Total			4	05	404	

EXPENSES FOR 1937

The expenses of Federal Reserve Banks are incurred in the exercise of functions prescribed by law, which involve the rendering of services directly to the United States Treasury, other Government Agencies, and to member banks; and through member banks indirectly to the entire business community—agricultural, industrial, and commercial.

Federal Reserve Banks—furnish an elastic currency; afford means of rediscounting commercial and agricultural paper; make loans to established industrial or commercial businesses, either direct or through financing institutions, for the purpose of providing working capital; act as fiscal agents of the U. S. Treasury Department, and other Government Agencies; pay checks and warrants drawn on the Treasury of the United States; exercise the functions of Sub-Treasuries in the supply, exchange and redemption of currency and coin; effect the par clearance of checks on a large majority of the banks of the country; collect for member banks maturing notes, drafts, etc.; effect the transfer of funds by telegraph and mail, and make daily settlement between all Federal Reserve Districts; and perform other public services.

The expenses of conducting the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for the year 1937, divided according to functions, were as follows:

Currency and Coin

The cost of receiving and handling 203,565,388 pieces of currency aggregating \$737,039,900 of which 129,229,548 pieces had been in circulation and had to
be sorted and counted; paying or shipping out 198,996,459 pieces of currency
aggregating \$728,434,100; receiving and handling 206,150,672 pieces of coin aggregating \$16,820,900; paying or shipping out 206,877,544 pieces of coin
aggregating \$16,607,800 was\$112,262.90
The shipping charges (postage, expressage and insurance) on currency and coin
to and from out-of-town members amounted to 145,063.30
Assessments by the Treasury Department to cover the cost of printing and main-
taining an adequate supply of new Federal Reserve Currency and the cost of redeeming and destroying Federal Reserve Notes and Federal Reserve Bank
Notes unfit for circulation, plus the shipping charges thereon between the
bank and Washington and the shipping charges on fit F. R. Notes between
the bank and other Federal Reserve Banks amounted to

Total Cost 352,155.01

Loans, Rediscounts and Investments

.....\$ 58,241.98

16,154,47 Total Cost 74,396.45

Transit and Collections

Handling and collecting 64,557,000 checks for member banks, aggregating \$12,586,498,000 cost\$174,239.08 Handling 898,661 checks aggregating \$41,622,144 returned unpaid for various 15.138.03 Handling 302,024 non-cash collection items (maturing notes, drafts, coupons, etc.), aggregating \$270,627,000 cost 42,420.61

231,797.72 Total Cost

Accounting

This function includes:

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The general books, capital stock records, issuing and recording official checks.
The member bank accounts—both reserve accounts and deferred accounts—and the calculation of deficiencies in reserve, if any, and the assessments of penalties for deficiencies as prescribed by law.

The accounts with other Federal Reserve Banks, and the operation of the Interdistrict Settlement Fund through which \$15,467,254,000 was received from and paid to other Federal Reserve Banks and Branches, the Treasurer of the United States, and the Federal Reserve Agent.

The transfers of funds for account of member banks of which there were 66,016 aggregating \$5,608,232,000.

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The accounting involved in making all the expenditures of the bank. Planning new accounting forms and systems and making changes in old forms as the need therefor arises.

108,445.03 Total Cost

Fiscal Agent, Custodian and Depositary of the United States			
Services rendered as Fiscal Agent, Custodian and Depositary of the United States Government:			
Receiving, proving and crediting to banks, preparing schedules, cancelling and shipping to Washington 366,063 Government (direct) coupons aggregating \$13,643,393; receiving, examining, paying, and listing according to Treasury regulations 7,321,000 Government checks (including 3,950,000 Work Relief checks) aggregating \$587,976,000 and shipping them to Washington; maintaining the general account of the Treasurer of the United States; the custody of securities held in safekeeping for Government officials; and securing foreign exchange data for the Secretary of the Treasury cost	·		
Fiscal Agency work for the U. S. Treasury Department principally relating to the issue of 21,498 pieces of direct government securities amounting to \$77,538,000; the redemption of 96,105 pieces amounting to \$68,403,000; the exchange and transfer of 8,746 pieces amounting to \$152,352,750; the redemption of war savings and thrift stamps, 44 pieces amounting to \$40; the receipt of subscriptions and payments for new issues, the handling of the war loan depositary accounts, the custody of a stock of securities ranging from \$234,272,000 to \$295,176,000 cost			
Total Cost	\$140,243.30		
Reimbursed by Treasury Department	87,313.42		
Net Cost to the Bank		\$	52,929.88
Services performed as Fiscal Agent, Depositary, and Custodian for Government Agencies: namely, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Farm Credit Administration, Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, and the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, cost			
Reimbursed by Government Agencies	174,835.30		
Net Cost to the Bank		\$	62 8.50
General Expenses—Not Allocated to the Above Functions			
General overhead and supervisory expenses	6,501.90 974.80		
Less amount charged Fiscal Agency function 24,259.82			
Reserves set aside for depreciation on banking houses	1,219.65		
The provision of personnel	22,317.82		
Legal expenses	11,619.35 30,654.03		
Work of the Federal Reserve Note Issues function, including issuance of Federal Reserve notes, custody of collateral therefor, and custody of the reserve stock of Federal Reserve notes	1,624.17		
The examinations of State member banks and incidental work in connection			
therewithPreparing and publishing the Monthly Review of Credit, Business and Agricul-	73,463.39		
tural Conditions, obtaining and assembling various statistical data, etc	23,132.84 23,319.05		
Handling incoming and outgoing ordinary and registered mail	21,481.65		
vices Other general services, including purchasing of supplies and equipment, operating the office supplies and stationery stock room, telephone service, filing and caring for old records, operating duplicating processes, salaries of general	91,426.71		
office boys, operation of automobile trucks, and repairs to equipment Postage on ordinary mail	67,009.45 92,171.66		
Insurance—Employees' fidelity, Bankers' blanket bond and burglary, Workmen's Compensation, Fire—equipment and supplies, automobile and special Contributions to Retirement System of Federal Reserve Banks	25,824.67		
Total Cost		\$	910,036.12
Total Net Expenses		\$]	1,730,388.71**

^{*}No deduction is made from this item for rent actually paid to us by commercial tenants for space, amounting to \$21,174.36.

**Total Net Expenses of the bank during 1937 were \$616.30 more than the total amount of expenditures charged to the Current Expense account of the bank during the year. The difference represents the excess of office supplies, printing and stationery and postage used during the year and charged to the proper functions in the above statement of expenses, over the amount of such supplies actually purchased during the year and charged to the Current Expense account.

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FOR YEAR 1938

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FOR YEAR 1938

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