## MEMBER BANK RESERVES

Total reserves of member banks (page 3 ) averaged $\$ 24.5$ billion during the four weeks ended December 27, up at a 6 per cent annual rate in the three months since September, and 10 per cent since a year ago. Federal Reserve actions, chiefly purchases of Government securities, have been the major factor in the growth of total reserves during 1967. By way of comparison these reserves rose at an average 3 per cent rate from 1957 to 1964, and at a 4.5 per cent rate from 1964 to 1966.

Reserves available for private demand deposits (total reserves less reserves required for Government, time, and net interbank deposits) have risen at a 4 per cent rate since September, and 6 per cent since a year ago. These reserves, which provide a base for the expansion of money, rose at a 1 per cent trend from 1957 to 1964, and at a 3 per cent rate from 1964 to 1966.

## MONEY STOCK

The nation's money stock (page 5), consisting of private checking accounts and currency in the hands of the public, averaged $\$ 181.1$ billion during the four weeks ended December 20, up at a 4 per cent annual rate since early September, and 6.4

## MONEY STOCK (Continued)

per cent since a year ago. By comparison, money rose at a 2 per cent trend from 1957 to 1964, and at an accelerated 4 per cent rate from 1964 to 1966.

A broader measure of money (page 4), which includes time deposits at commercial banks, has risen at an 8 per cent rate since early September, and 11 per cent since a year ago. The somewhat slower rate of growth of this measure in recent weeks reflects the slower rate of growth of money. Money plus time deposits rose at a 5 per cent trend from 1957 to 1964 and at an 8 per cent rate from 1964 to 1966.

## BUSINESS LOANS

Business loans at large commercial banks (page 9) averaged $\$ 64.3$ billion during the four weeks ended December 20, up at an 8 per cent annual rate since early September, and 6.5 per cent since a year ago. Heavy corporate demands in the capital market, as well as reliance on commercial paper as a source of funds, have dampened the demand for business loans at banks during most of this year. In contrast to recent rates of growth, these loans rose at a 10 per cent trend rate from 1960 to 1966.

> Rates of change reported in this release are intended to serve as summaries which may be useful in analyzing recent developments.

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Wednesday Figures



## All Member Banks in the Nation





Weekly Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday


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