## Week ending June 5, 1968

## MEMBER BANK BORROWINGS (Page 8)

Member bank borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks averaged about $\$ 726$ million in the four weeks ending June 5. This was little change from the March level of $\$ 671$ million, but from November to March there was rather a sharp increase in the amount of borrowings. Some analysts consider the increased borrowing from the Fed to be an indicator of restrictive monetary policy. th greater indebtedness, it is felt, that banks may more reluctant to extend credit. However, borrowing from the Fed may merely be an alternative to other borrowing. Banks can borrow from other U.S. banks (Federal funds) or from foreign banks (Eurodollars). Thus, increased borrowing from the Fed may simply reflect that the Federal funds rate has generally been significantly higher than the discount rate from the middle of December to the present time. The slower rate of growth of borrowings beginning in March probably reflects in part the raising of the discount rate both in March and in April.

## MONEY STOCK (page 5)

The money stock averaged $\$ 186.2$ billion in the four weeks ending May 29, up at an annual rate of 8.1 per Nent since February. This rate of growth is ster than growth rate of 6.4 per cent in the preceding year. In comparison, money grew at an average rate of 2.6 between 1957 and 1967.

## BANK LIQUIDITY

Despite strong demand for credit and relatively high interest rates, banks generally appear more liquid now than during the so-called "credit crunch" of September 1966. The following table derived from the weekly reports of large commercial banks shows that banks hold a greater percentage of cash and other liquid assets as of May 29 than in late September 1966:

ASSETS AS A PER CENT OF TOTAL RESOURCES

|  | Sept. 28 | 1966 | May 29, 1968 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans | 58.4 | \% | 56.1 | \% |
| Government Securities |  |  |  |  |
| within 1 year | 3.1 |  | 2.6 |  |
| 1-to-5 years | 4.0 |  | 5.1 |  |
| 5 years and over | 2.9 |  | 2.3 |  |
| Other Securities | 11.9 |  | 13.1 |  |
| Cash Assets | 16.3 |  | 17.1 |  |
| Other | 3.4 |  | 3.7 |  |
| Total Assets | 100.0 | \% | 100.0 | \% |

> 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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## Averages of Daily Figures













