## Week ending: February 5, 1969

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The monetary base has risen at a 10 per cent annual rate in the last three months, compared with 7 per cent in the past year and a 3.3 per cent rate from 1957 to 1967 (page 2). Since the week ending December 18 the base has increased from $\$ 75.8$ billion to $\$ 76.0$ billion.

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Total member bank reserves have grown at a per cent annual rate in the last three months, 8 cent in the past year, and at a 3.4 per cent rate from 1957 to 1967. Since the week ending December 18 these reserves have increased from $\$ 26.5$ billion to \$27.4 billion.

The money stock has increased at a 7.6 per cent annual rate in the last three months and 6.2 per cent in the past year, compared with a 2.6 per cent rate from 1957 to 1967 (page 3). Since the week ending December 18 money has declined from $\$ 192.7$ billion to $\$ 191.8$ billion. Growth of the money stock in the past two weeks has been restrained by an exceptional increase of Treasury balances at commercial banks, deposits which are not included in the money stock.

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Time deposits at commercial banks have deined to $\$ 201.5$ billion from $\$ 204.6$ billion in the week ending December 25 (page 7) in response to high market rates in relation to maximum rates banks are
permitted to pay on time deposits. Consequently, money plus time deposits has declined to $\$ 393.3$ billion from $\$ 397.2$ billion in the week ending December 18 (page 4). This broad measure of money has increased at a 6.7 per cent annual rate in the past three months, compared with 8 per cent in the past year and a 6.2 per cent rate from 1957 to 1967.

Borrowing from the Federal Reserve has averaged $\$ 806$ million in the past three weeks, up from $\$ 513$ million in the three weeks ending December 18 (page 10). This increase in borrowing has added to bank reserves and the monetary base and probably reflects the large margin of market rates over the discount rate, the high demand for bank loans, and disintermediation caused by high market rates relative to rates banks are permitted to pay on time deposits.

Market interest rates have been about unchanged since late December after rising greatly from August (pages 8 and 9). Three-month Treasury bill rates averaged 6.20 per cent in the first three days of this week, the same as in the week ending December 27 , compared with 5.08 per cent in August. In the past three weeks bill rates have been .65 percentage points above the discount rate. Since 1961 the bill rates have averaged . 06 percentage points below the discount rate.

> 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
Billions of Dollars




## Wednesday Figures

Billions of Dollars


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