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The money stock, consisting of private demand deposits and currency in the hands of the public, averaged $\$ 194.3$ billion in the four weeks ending April 2, up at a 2.5 per cent annual rate from three months ago (page 3). Money has grown at a 4.7 per cent annual rate in the past nine months, a somewhat more moderate rate than the 6.5 per cent in the previous year.

The demand deposit component of money has recently risen more slowly than money. Demand deposits have increased at a 1.6 per cent rate since December and at a 4.2 per cent rate in the past nine months, compared with about 6.4 per cent in the previous year (page 11).

The monetary base, which largely determines the trend growth of money, has increased at a 2.6 per cent rate in the last three months, and at a 5.7 per cent rate in the past nine months. By comparison the base rose 6.2 per cent in the previous year (page 2). Moderation in the growth of Federal Reserve credit, the largest source component of the base, has been the main cause of the slower growth of the base. Federal Reserve credit has increased at only a 0.4 per cent rate since late December (page 2).

[^0]Last week the Federal Reserve announced an increase of $1 / 2$ of 1 percentage point in the discount rate and in the ratio of reserves required on demand deposits at all member banks. The increase in the discount rate from $5-1 / 2$ per cent to 6 per cent brought this rate more in line with market rates.

## Market interest rates have remained

 very high relative to the lows last August (pages 8 and 9). Yields on three-month Treasury bills averaged 6.14 per cent in the three days ending April 9 compared with the peak of 6.20 per cent in late December and a low of about 5 per cent last August.Regulation $Q$ ceilings on rates banks are permitted to pay on time deposits are still low relative to market interest rates and as a result banks have continued to lose time deposits. Total time deposits at commercial banks have declined at a 6.7 per cent rate since December (page 7 ).

MONEY STOCK*


MONEY STOCK PLUS TIME DEPOSITS*
Averages of Daily Figures


[^1]MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

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Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures


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Averages of DailyRates Ended Friday



TOTALCREDIT
Large Commercial Banks



[^0]:    We would appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our mailing lists up to date. Within a few days you will receive a survey card. Please complete and return it promptly.

[^1]:    $\triangle$ Latest data preliminary
    $=$ Latest data plotted: April 2, 1969

