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The money stock has increased slightly, at a 0.7 per cent annual rate since early June and at a 1 per cent rate since early August. Private demand deposits, the component of money which is most responsive to current policy actions, have declined at a 0.7 per cent annual rate since early June and at a 0.3 per cent

$\rightarrow$ate in the last three months (page 4). Currency, he component which is more responsive to private decisions than to current public actions, has continued to increase rapidly, at a 5.3 per cent rate in the last three months. During 1968 both demand deposits and money rose about 7 per cent.

The monetary base has risen at a 0.5 per cent annual rate since early June, following growth at a 6 per cent rate in the first part of the year and 6.5 per cent in 1968. In the last three months the base has increased at a 3 per cent rate, more rapidly than since June. Federal Reserve credit, the policy-controlled source of the base, has risen at a 5.5 per cent annual rate in the last three nths, faster than the 1 per cent rate in the previous three months, but much slower than the 10 per cent rise in 1968 (page 2).

Recent increases in Federal Reserve credit and in the monetary base have not caused parallel increases in demand deposits and the
money stock, partly because regulation changes since mid-October and shifts in deposits have raised the amount of required reserves. In addition, time deposits (page 6) have declined at only a 3 per cent annual rate in the last three months, compared with a 14 per cent rate of decline in the previous three months. Consequently, fewer reserves which could be used to support demand deposits have been released from support of the financial intermediary role of the commercial banks than in the previous three months.

Most market interest rates have recently been at new highs after showing relatively little net change from July to October (pages 10 and 11). Yields on three-month Treasury bills averaged 7.55 per cent during the three days ending December 3 , up from a 6.43 per cent average for June, and 5.94 per cent last December. Rates on seasoned Corporate Aaa bonds averaged 7.58 per cent during the three days ending December 3 , up from 6.98 per cent in June and 6.45 last December. Yields on prime four- to six-month commercial paper, not quite so high as peaks in July and October, averaged 8.63 per cent in the first half of this week, up from 8.23 per cent in June and 6.17 per cent last December.

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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