The money stock increased at a 5 per cent annual rate from the four weeks ending February 4 to the four weeks ending May 6, compared with about no change from June to February (page 5). Money rose at a 4 per cent rate in the first half of 1969 , and increased at an average 7 per cent rate in 1967 and 1968. Much of the recent rise in money was in the currency component. Demand deposits, which determine the basic trend of money, increased at a 3.9 per cent rate from the four weeks ending February 4 to the four weeks ending May 6 (page 4).

Federal Reserve credit and the monetary base, which underlie private demand deposits and the money stock, have also increased substantially, rising at an 8.9 per cent rate and 7.4 per cent rate, respectively, in the past three months (page 2). Both measures grew at about a 3 per cent rate in 1969.

Long-term interest rates have changed little on balance since early in the year (page 10). The yield
on seasoned corporate Aaa bonds averaged about 8 per cent in the first half of May, up slightly from an average of 7.90 per cent in early January. The high level of long-term rates suggests a continued strong demand for long-term funds, probably bolstered by inflationary expectations.

Short-term interest rates rose in late April and early May, following a period of decline earlier in the year (pages 10 and 11). The yield on three-month Treasury bills averaged 6.80 per cent in the first half of May, following a yield of 6.16 per cent in late March and 8.02 per cent in early January. Yields on bankers' acceptances have risen from 7.19 per cent in late March to 8.13 per cent in the three days ending May 13, but are below the early January peak of 8.75 per cent. Yields on prime four-to-six month commercial paper averaged 8.38 per cent in the three days ending May 13, compared with about 9 per cent in early January.

## Averages of Daily Figures

Billions of Dollars



DEMAND DEPOSIT COMPONENT OF MONEY STOCK





|  | ending May 6, 1970 fro |
| :--- | :--- |
| Feb. 4, 1970 | -0.9 |
| Nov. 5, 1969 | +0.2 |
| Aug. 6, 1969 | +2.8 |
| May 7, 1969 | +3.4 |











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