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Week ending: August 12, 1970

Growth of the money stock in 1970 contrasts with essentially no growth in the last half of 1969. Since the four weeks ending March 4, money has risen at a 5.3 per cent annual rate (page 5), and the demand deposits component of money at a 4.2 per cent rate (page 4).

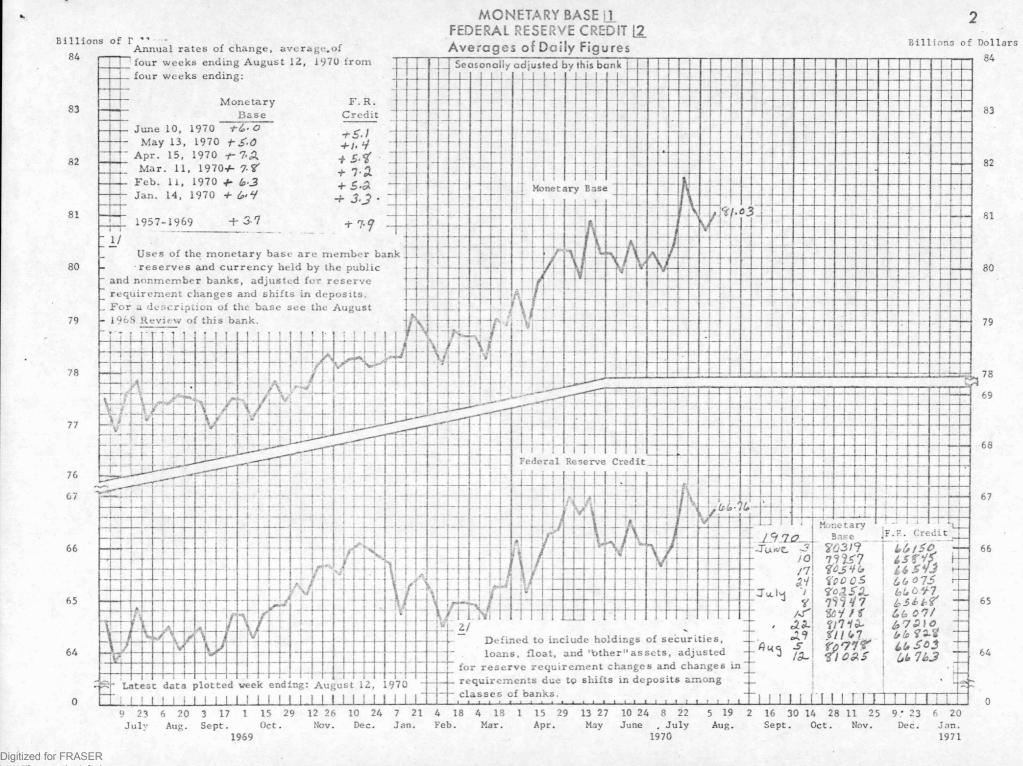
Time deposits have risen about \$9 billion since late June, a pace even more rapid than the 15 per cent annual rate of increase from February to June (page 6). The increase from February to June resulted from relaxation of Regulation Q on January 21 and declines in short-term interest rates. These developments permitted banks to attract funds, in contrast to the previous year when rising market interest rates relative to Regulation Q ceilings resulted in a decline in the volume of time deposits. The rate of increase accelerated in late June, due primarily to the suspension of Regulation Q ceilings on large certificates of deposit with maturities of 30 to 89 days, effective June 24. Since that date large CD's have risen \$5.4 billion (page 8). In the previous four months they had increased about \$2 billion. Other time and savings deposits have risen more steadily since February - at a 13 per cent rate since June and at an 11 per cent rate in the previous four months.

The rise of time deposits due to the ability of banks to offer yields which are competitive with other market channels has permitted bank credit to increase rapidly. In view of the reduced flows through other channels, the volume of total credit in the economy has probably been little affected.

The money stock plus time deposits has increased at a 12.4 per cent rate since the four weeks ending March 4 (page 7). This rapid rise reflects largely the recent acceleration of time deposit growth.

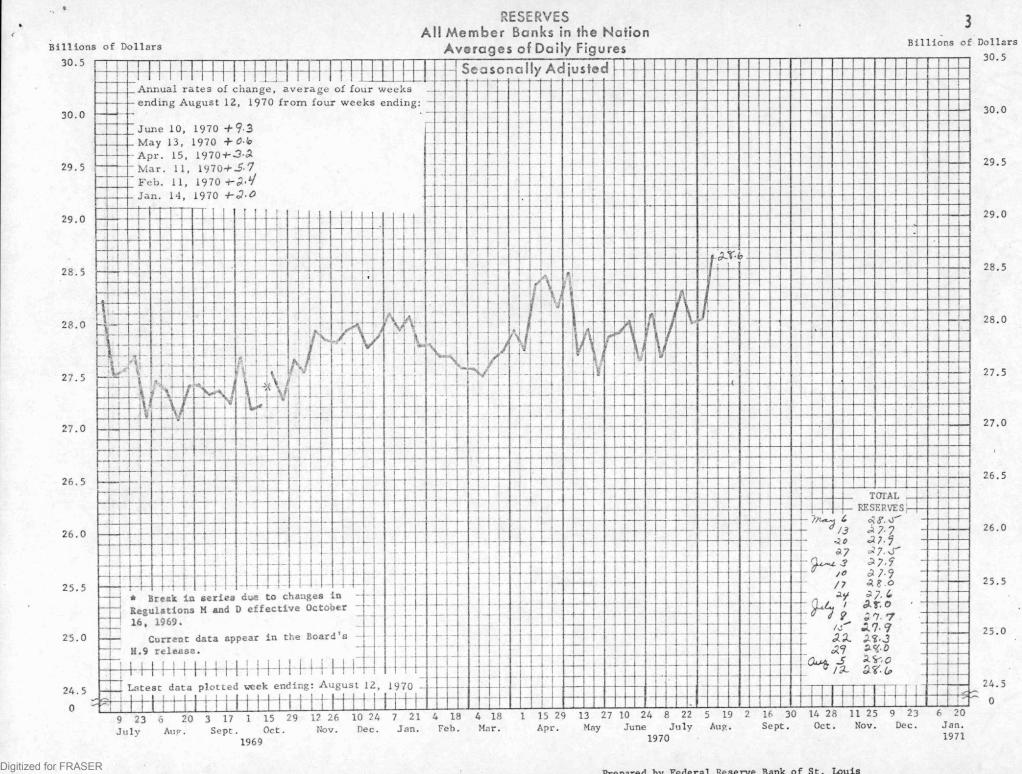
Short-term market interest rates are a percentage point or more lower than peaks at the turn of the year (pages 10 and 11). Yields on prime four- to six-month commercial paper averaged 8 per cent in the three days ending August 12, compared with 9 per cent in early January. The three-month Treasury bill rate average 6.52 per cent in the first half of this week, down from 8 per cent in early January. Yields on bankers' acceptances are at 7.25 per cent, compared with 8.75 per cent in early January.

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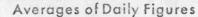


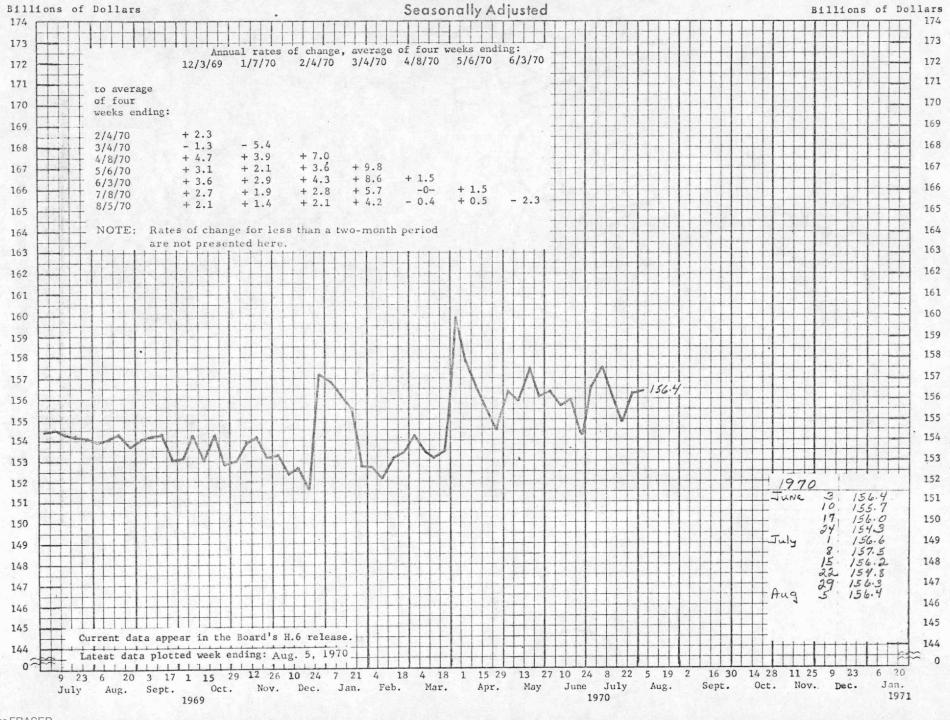
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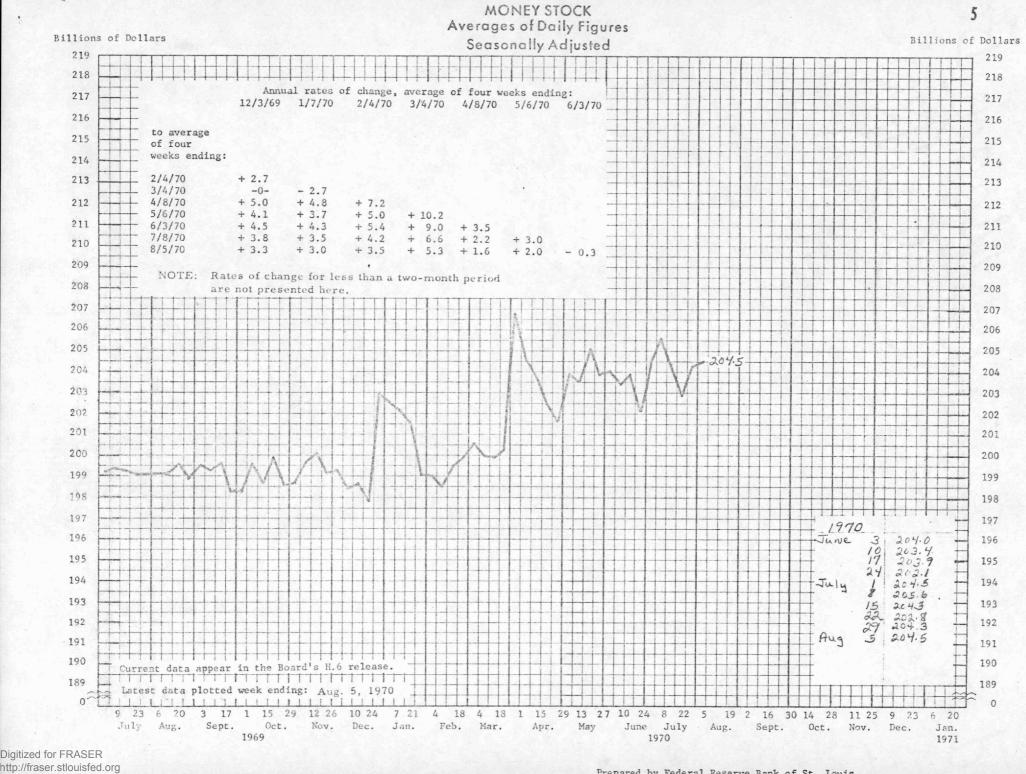


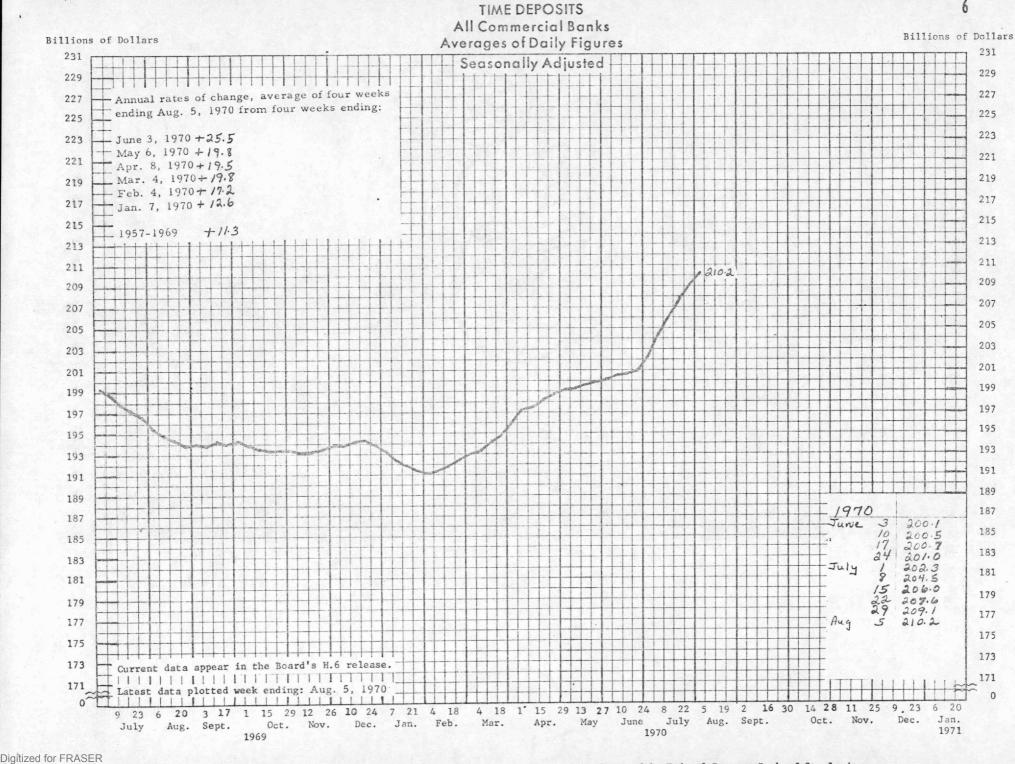
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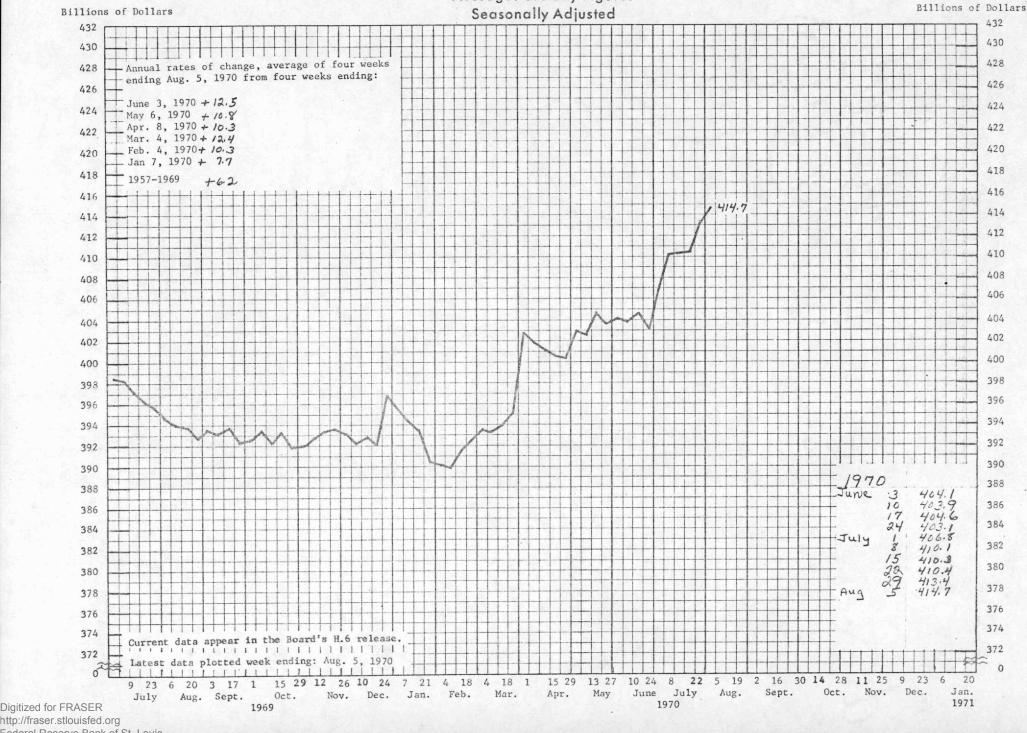




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MONEY STOCK PLUS TIME DEPOSITS Averages of Daily Figures

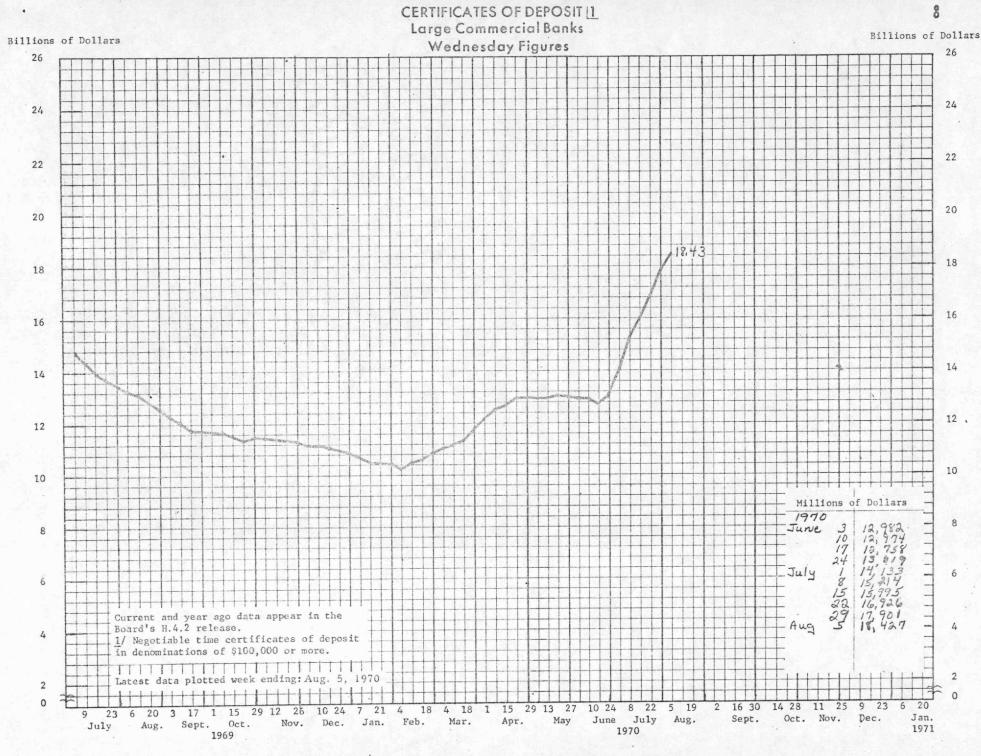


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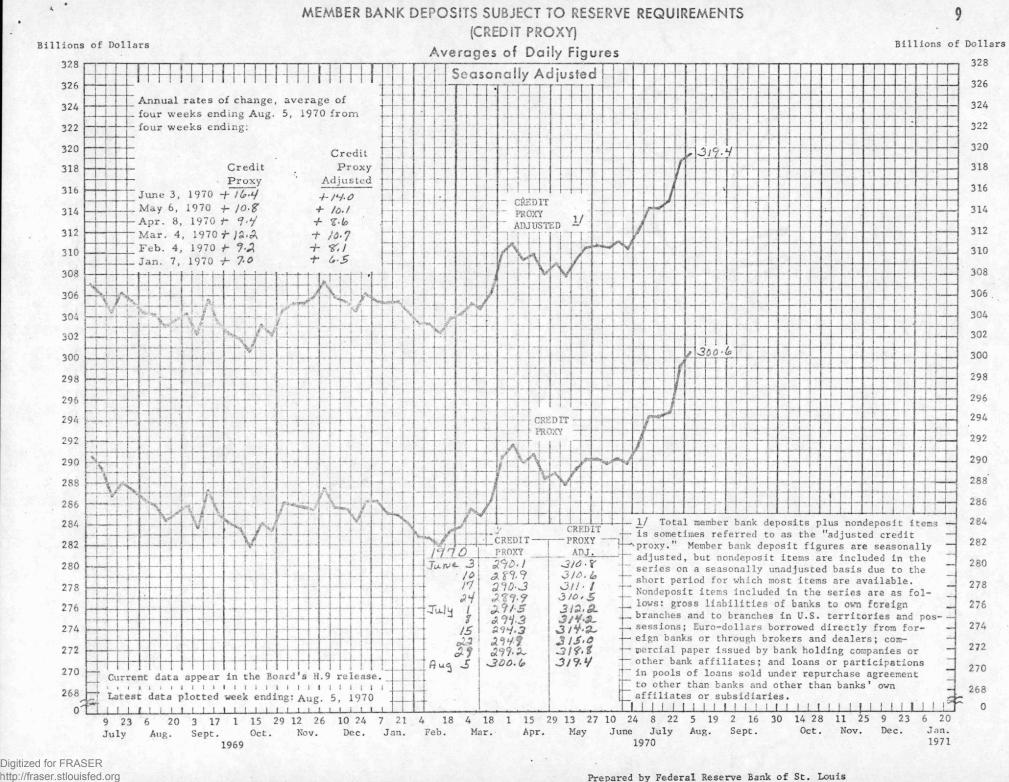
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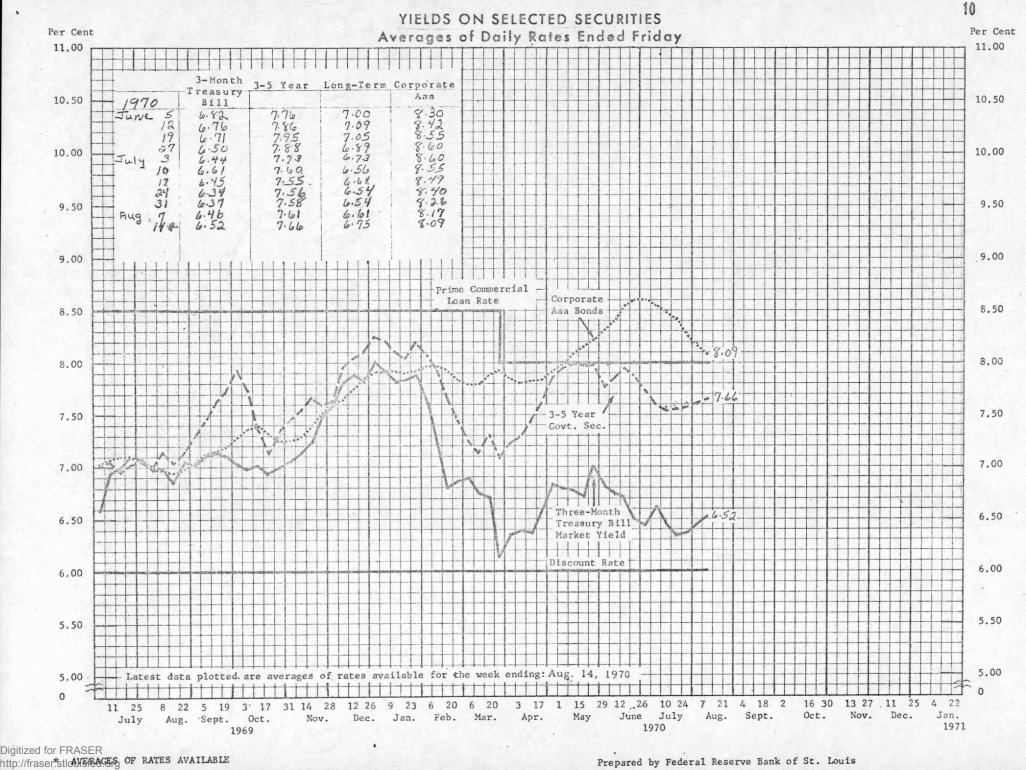
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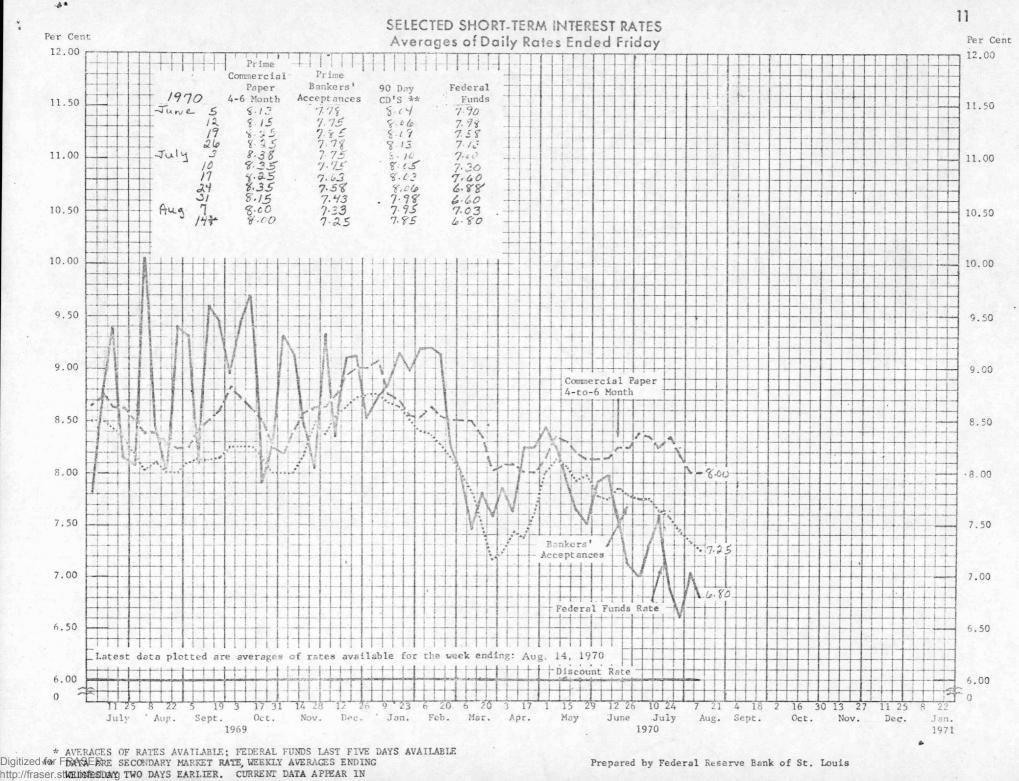


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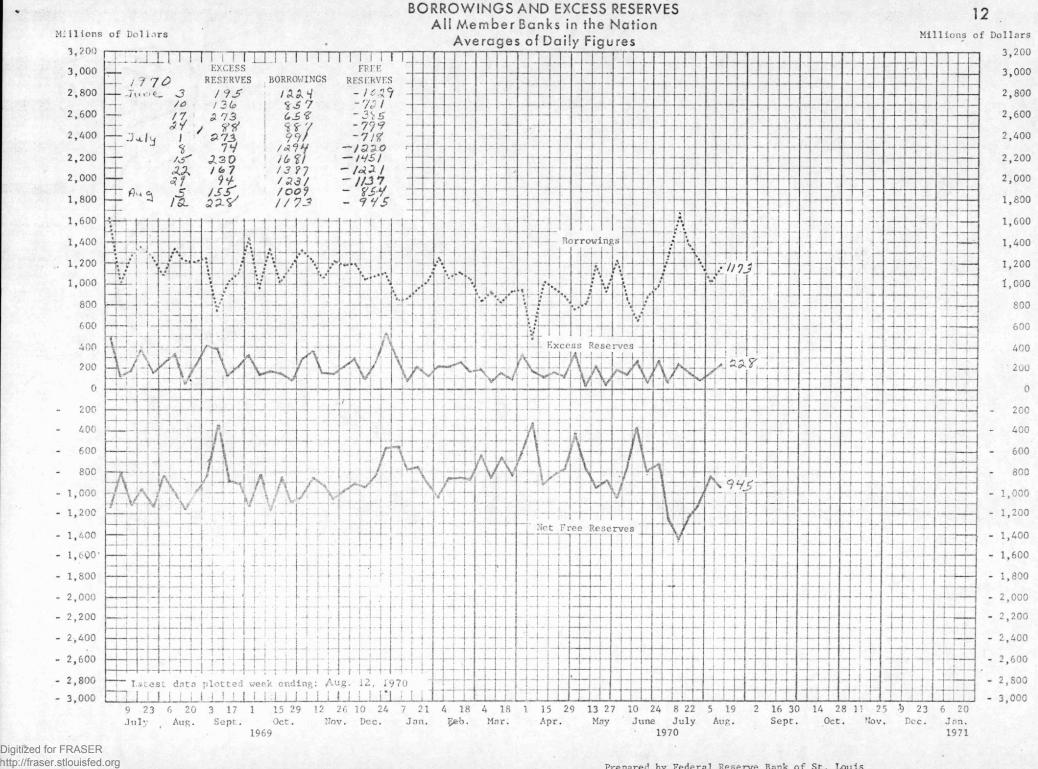






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