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The money stock, consisting of private demand deposits and currency in the hands of the public, has increased at a 5.2 per cent annual rate in the seven-month period since the four weeks ending March 4. By comparison, this magnitude rose little on balance from June 1969 to February 1970. From the second quarter to the four weeks ending September 30 , the rate of increase was at only a 3.1 per cent rate. However, over the same period, Treasury deposits, after a crude adjustment for seasonal influences, increased from about $\$ 5.7$ billion to about $\$ 7.2$ billion, so that the money stock adjusted (to include the unusual bulge in Treasury deposits) increased at a 5.2 per cent rate.

Underlying monetary aggregates have increased more rapidly in the past seven months than in the previous eight months. Federal Reserve credit has increased at about an 8 per cent rate and member bank reserves at about a 9 per cent rate. The different growth rates of money stock and these aggregates are largely due to the extremely rapid growth of time deposits in member banks, which absorbed reserves that otherwise could have been used to support demand deposits. If reintermediation had not occurred, the Federal Reserve would not have needed to increase these aggregates so rapidly in order to promote the recent growth in the money stock.

Short-term and intermediate interest rates are substantially below their levels at the beginning of this year, while long-term rates are little changed (see table). The prime rate has fallen twice so far in 1970, in March and more recently in September.

The discount rate, 6 per cent since April 1969, had been out of touch with other rates, but has now become more in line due to the declines in market rates.

SELECTED INTEREST RATES
(Averages of daily rates)

|  | Week Ending |  |  | 1964 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10/9/70* | 4/10/70 | 1/9/70 |  |
| 4- to 6-Month |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial Paper | 7.04 | 8.08 | 9.08 | 3.97 |
| 3-Month Treasury |  |  |  |  |
| Bills | 6.03 | 6.39 | 7.91 | 3.54 |
| Prime Rate | 7.50 | 8.00 | 8.50 | 4.50 |
| Federal Funds Rate | 6.30 | 7.63 | 8.72 | 3.50 |
| Discount Rate | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 3.50 |
| 3- to 5-Year |  |  |  |  |
| Governments | 7.03 | 7.29 | 8.21 | 4.06 |
| Long-Term Governments | 6.49 | 6.38 | 6.92 | 4.15 |
| Corporate Aaa | 8.02 | 7.80 | 7.91 | 4.40 |
| State and Local | 6.15** | 6.10 | 6.41 | 3.09 |

* Latest rates are averages of the three days ending October 7. Federal funds rate, five days ending October 7.
** Rate on October 1, 1970.



Averages of Daily Figures



TIME DEPOSITS


MONEY STOCK PLUS TIME DEPOSITS
Averages of Daily Figures
Billions of Dollars
Seasonally Adjusted
Billions of Dollars




YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES
Per Cent
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday




