Week ending: December 23, 1970
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The money stock has increased at a 5.5 per cent annual rate from December 1969 to the four weeks ending December 16 this year, compared with a 3 per cent rate of growth in the previous twelve months (page 5). Demand deposits, the largest component of the money stock, have increased at a 5.3 per cent rate since December, compared with a 2.4 per cent rate in the previous twelve months (page 4).

Money stock plus time deposits, a broad measure of money, has increased at a 13.7 per cent annual rate since the four weeks ending February 18, a period of ten months (page 7). In contrast, this measure declined at a 2.1 per cent rate from June 1969 to February 1970, a period of disintermediation of time deposits and slow monetary growth. Exclusive of large certificates of deposit, this measure increased at about a 10.4 per cent rate from February to November. Some analysts believe the exclusion of large $C D$ 's makes the measure more useful due to the often rapid flow of CD's into and out of banks.

Last week the prime rate, the rate charged by banks to large business customers, was reduced
from 7 per cent to $6-3 / 4$ per cent (page 10). This change was the fifth decline of 1970 , resulting in a total decline of $1-3 / 4$ percentage points since March and completely offsetting the rise in 1969. This rate was 5 to 6 per cent in 1966 and 1967 and 4-1/2 to 5 per cent from 1960 to 1965.

Long-term interest rates have fallen moderately in recent weeks and are now substantially below their January levels, after generally rising in the first half of 1970 (page 10). Aaa corporate bond rates averaged 7.51 per cent in the three days ending December 23, down about 55 basis points in the past eight weeks, and down 40 basis points since January. Yields on long-term Government bonds averaged 6.10 per cent in the three days ending December 23. Rates on these securities have fallen about 55 basis points in the past eight weeks and about 75 basis points since January. Yields on Aaa state and local government securities were 5.25 per cent on December 17 , down about 90 basis points from early October and about $1-1 / 8$ percentage points lower than the January average.



MONEY STOCK


TIME DEPOSITS


Averages of Daily Figures

## Seasonally Adjusted

Billions of Dollars



MEMBER BANK DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE REQUIREMENTS
(CREDIT PROXY)

9.50
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