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The monetary base has increased steadily and rapidly in the past six months. Since early November of last year, the base has increased at about a 10 percent rate, much faster than the 5.8 percent rate in the previous six months.

Acceleration in the growth of Federal Reserve credit underlies this acceleration in the growth of the monetary base. In the past six months Federal Reserve credit has risen at a 9.6 percent annual rate. In the previous six months, from early May to early November 1973, Federal Reserve credit grew at only a 1.3 percent rate. Because of other factors during that period, such as an increase in the monetary value of the gold stock, the base, nevertheless, grew at about a 6 percent rate. That growth rate for the base, however, was slower than the 8.3 percent rate in the previous year, when Federal Reserve credit had expanded about 11 percent.

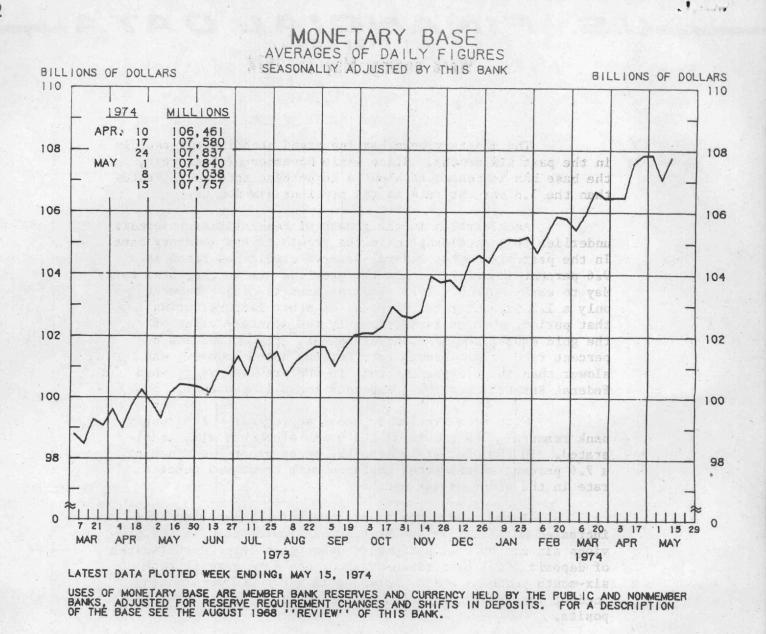
With acceleration in these aggregates which supply bank reserves, the growth of the money stock has also accelerated. In the past six months the money stock has risen at a 7.6 percent annual rate, compared with about a 5 percent rate in the previous six months.

Total time deposits at commercial banks also have increased more rapidly in the past six months than in the previous six months. Time deposits other than large certificates of deposit (CDs) have risen at about the same rate in both six-month periods, while increases in large CDs outstanding account for the acceleration in the growth of total time deposits.

The commercial bank prime lending rate was adjusted upward a quarter of a percentage point to 11.25 percent in the past week and has risen 2-1/2 percentage points since mid-March. Yields on 90-day CDs and prime four- to six-month commercial paper each have risen more than 3 percentage points since late February and in recent days averaged 11.34 percent and 10.75 percent, respectively.

Yields on some long-term securities, such as municipal bonds and corporate Aaa bonds, have moved generally upward since last fall and have risen substantially in recent months. Yields on municipal bonds averaged 6 percent in the week ending May 10, up from 5.21 percent in late February and about 5 percent in mid-October. Yields on corporate Aaa bonds averaged 8.36 percent recently, up from 7.87 percent in late February and 7.56 percent in mid-October.

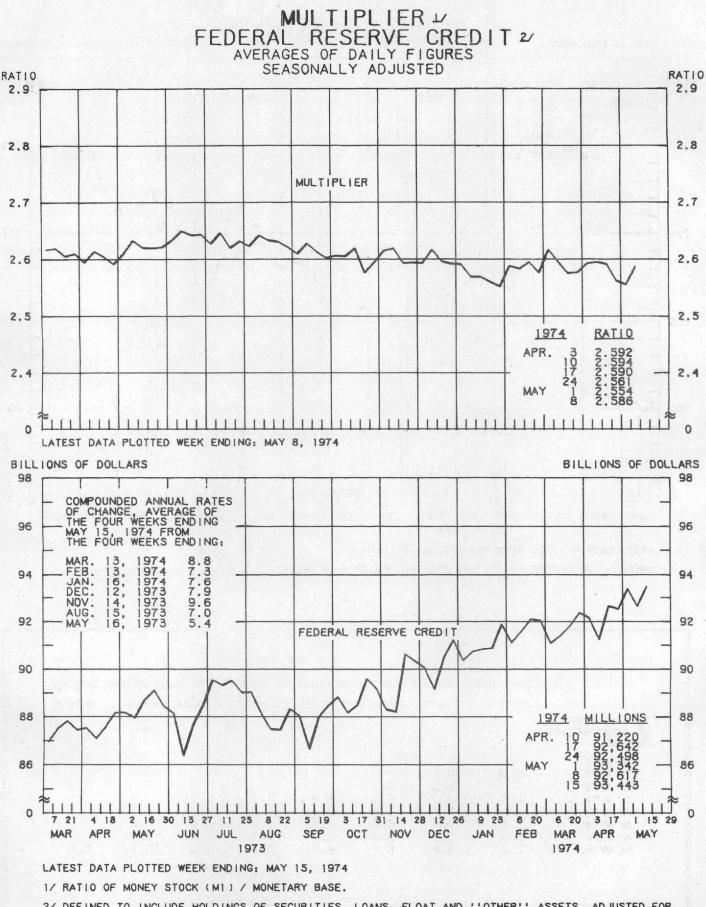
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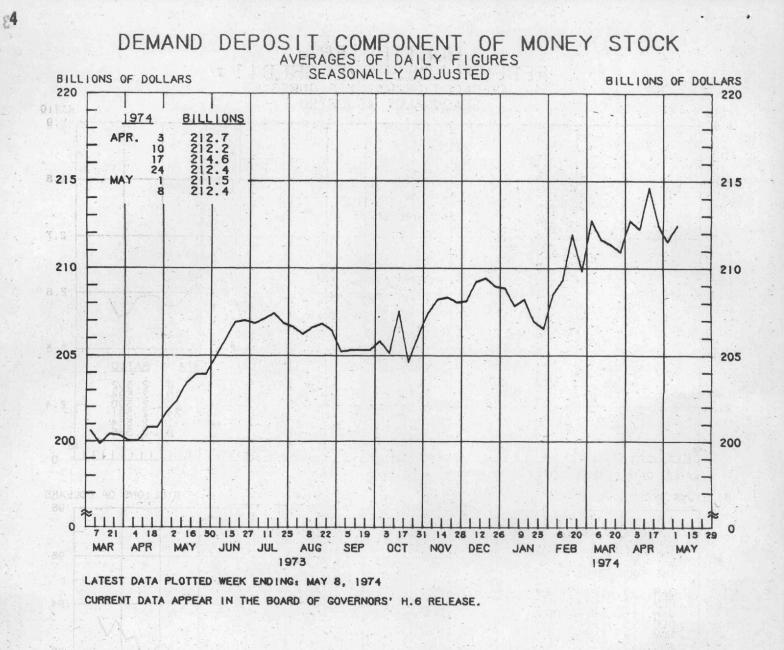
	COMPOUND	ED ANNUA	AL RATES	OF CHANG	SE, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	S ENDING:
	5/16/73	8/15/73	10/17/73	11/14/73	12/12/73	1/16/74	2/13/74	3/13/74
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
10/17/73	5.4							
11/14/73	5.8	6.4						
12/12/73	6.8	8.0	10.7	10.0				
2/13/74	7.4	8.7 7.9	10.7 9.0	12.0	7 6			
3/13/74	7.2	8.0	9.0	9.2	7.6	6.2		
4/17/74	7.5	8.3	9.2	9.5	8.6	7.7	9.6	
5/15/74	7.8	8.6	9.5	9.7	9.1	8.6	10.1	10.7
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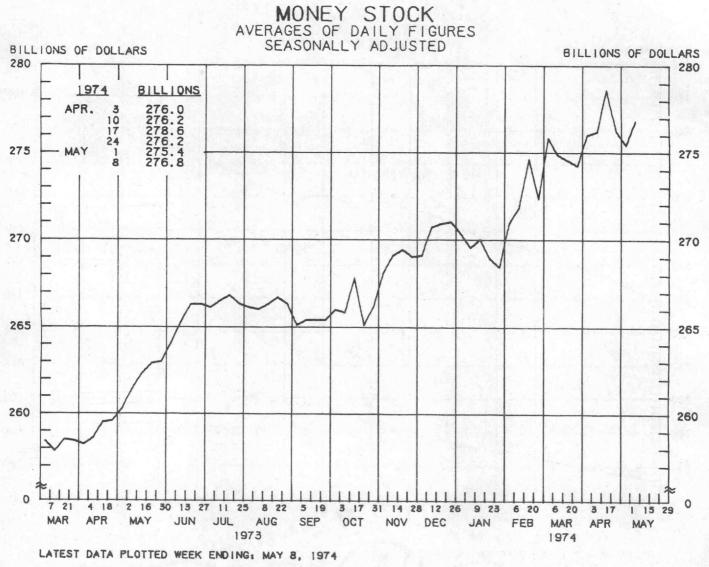
2/ DEFINED TO INCLUDE HOLDINGS OF SECURITIES, LOANS, FLOAT AND ''OTHER'' ASSETS, ADJUSTED FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT CHANGES AND CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS DUE TO SHIFTS IN DEPOSITS AMONG CLASSES OF BANKS. DATA ARE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BY THIS BANK.



	COMPOUND	ED ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FI	OUR WEEKS	ENDING
	5/9/73	8/8/73	10/10/73	11/7/73	12/5/73	1/9/74	2/6/74	3/6/74
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
10/10/73	4.8							
11/ 7/73	5.0	-0.8			a chairte an			
12/ 5/73	5.9	2.1	9.2					
1/ 9/74	5.4	2.2	6.6	6.6				
2/ 6/74	4.1	0.7	3.2	2.1	-1.9			
3/ 6/74	5.7	3.5	6.8	6.8	5.3	7.1		
4/10/74	5.6	3.6	6.3	6.3	5.1	6.1	12.6	
5/ 8/74	5.6	3.8	6.2	6.2	5.2	6.0	10.4	5.0

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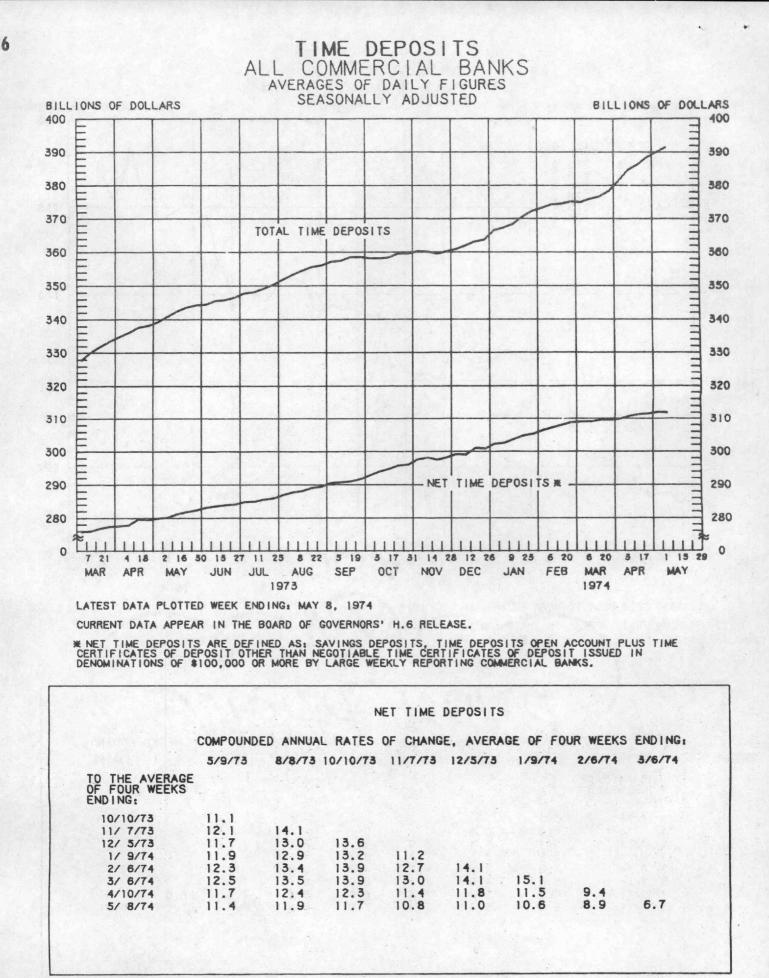
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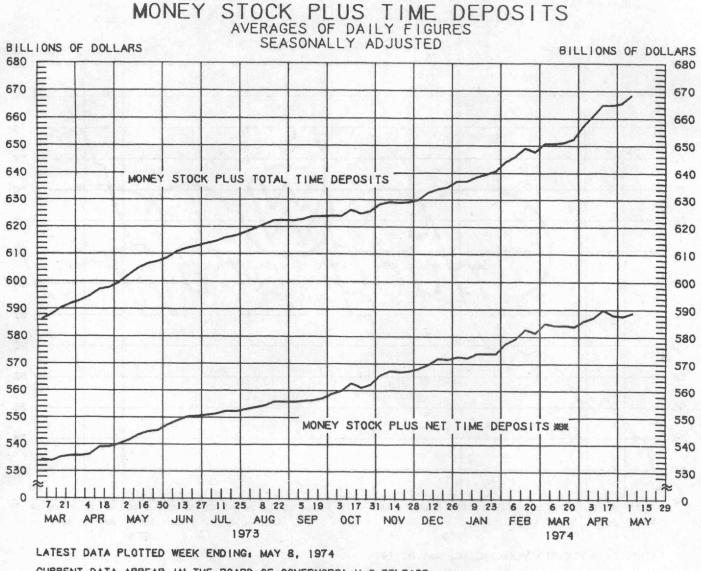
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	COMPOUNDE	ANNUA	L RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	ENDING
	5/9/73	8/8/73	10/10/73	11/7/73	12/5/73	1/9/74	2/6/74	3/6/74
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
10/10/73	5.1							
11/ 7/73	5.1	0.8						
1/ 9/74	6.1 5.9	3.4 3.7	8.9 7.3	8.1				
2/ 6/74	4.8	2.5	4.6	4.3	0.9			
3/ 6/74	6.3	4.8	7.5	8.0	6.7	7.9		
4/10/74	6.3	5.0	7.3	7.6	6.6	7.3	12.6	
5/ 8/74	6.4	5.3	7.4	7.6	6.8	7.4	11.1	6.9

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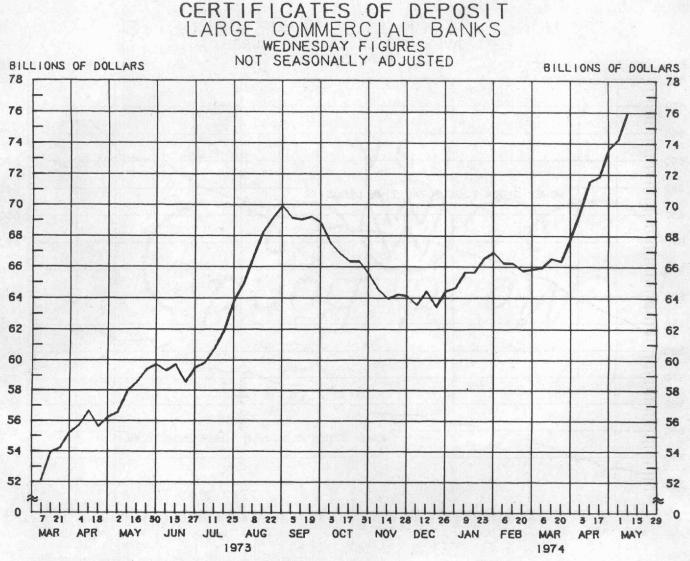


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	COMPOUNDED	ANNUA	L RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	ENDING:
	5/9/73	8/8/73	10/10/73	11/7/73	12/5/73	1/9/74	2/6/74	3/6/74
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
10/10/73 11/ 7/73 12/ 5/73 1/ 9/74	8.2 8.7 9.0	7.5	11.3					
2/ 6/74 3/ 6/74	9.0 8.7 9.5	8.4 8.0 9.3	10.3 9.3 10.9	9.7 8.6 10.7	7.6	11.8		
4/10/74 5/ 8/74	9.1 9.0	8.8 8.7	9.9	9.6 9.3	9.3 9.0	9.5	11.0	6.6

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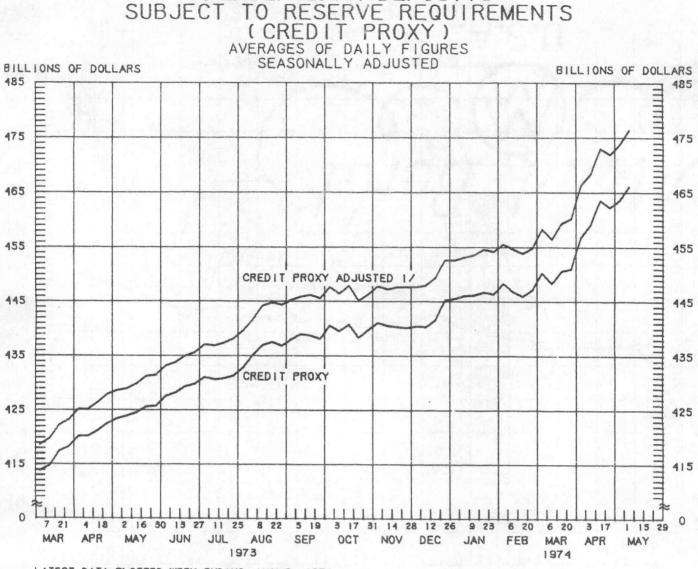
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NÉGOTIABLE TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE BY LARGE WEEKLY REPORTING COMMERCIAL BANKS.

		BILLI	ONS	
1974	OF DEPOSIT NOT SEAS. ADJ.	OF DEPOSIT	NET TIME DEPOSITS #	M 2 30K
MAR. 6 13 20 27 APR. 3	65.9 66.5 66.3 67.8 69.5	65.9 66.8 67.1 68.8 71.5	308.9 309.0 309.5 309.4 309.8	584.7 583.9 584.0 583.6 585.8
10 17 24 MAY 1 8 15 22 29	71.5 71.8 73.6 74.2 75.9	73.9 74.8 76.9 77.9 79.6	310.7 311.3 311.5 312.0 311.8	587.0 589.9 587.7 587.4 588.7

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MEMBER BANK DEPOSITS

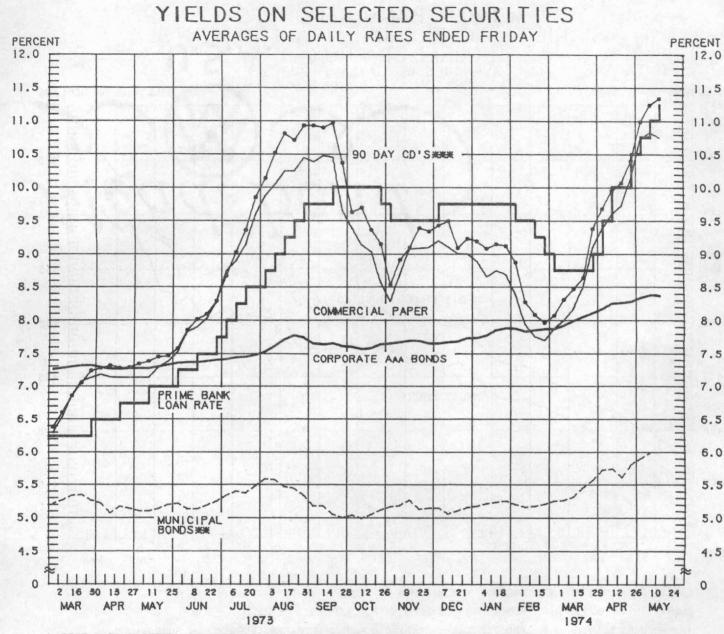
LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 8, 1974

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1/ INCLUDES MEMBER BANK DEPOSITS, BANK-RELATED COMMERCIAL PAPER, EURODOLLAR BORROWINGS OF U.S. BANKS, AND CERTAIN OTHER NONDEPOSIT SOURCES.

<u>1974</u>	BILLIONS	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING MAY 8, 1974 FROM THE FOUR
	CREDIT CREDIT PROXY PROXY ADJUSTED	WEEKS ENDING: CREDIT PROXY PROXY ADJUSTED
APR. 3 10 17 24	456.8 466.3 459.1 468.4 463.5 472.9 462.1 471.8	MAR. 6, 1974 23.0 25.7 FEB. 6, 1974 16.1 18.1 JAN. 9, 1974 13.8 15.5
MAY 1 8	463.6 473.7 466.0 476.4	DEC. 5, 1973 13.1 14.4 NOV. 7, 1973 11.2 12.5 AUG. 8, 1973 9.8 10.6 MAY 9, 1973 9.7 10.7

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LATEST DATA PLOTTED ARE AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING: MAY 17, 1974

1974	90 DAY CD'S HOHEN	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6 MONTH	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS NON
MAR. 1 8 15 22 29 APR. 5 12 19 26 MAY 3 10 17 * 24 31	8.07 8.31 8.47 9.38 9.68 9.95 10.07 10.40 10.99 11.24 11.34	7.88 8.00 8.18 8.50 9.10 9.38 9.60 9.73 10.13 10.73 10.83 10.75	7.85 8.00 8.10 9.10 9.30 9.50 9.50 9.85 10.40 10.70 10.75	7.87 7.92 7.99 8.05 8.11 8.17 8.25 8.26 8.28 8.28 8.34 8.34 8.38 8.36	5.26 5.27 5.32 5.46 5.57 5.73 5.75 5.61 5.82 5.91 6.00 N.A.

* AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE. **** BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA. ***** SEVEN-DAY AVERAGES OF SECONDARY MARKET RATES FOR THE WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN DATES SHOWN. CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' H.9 RELEASE. N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE

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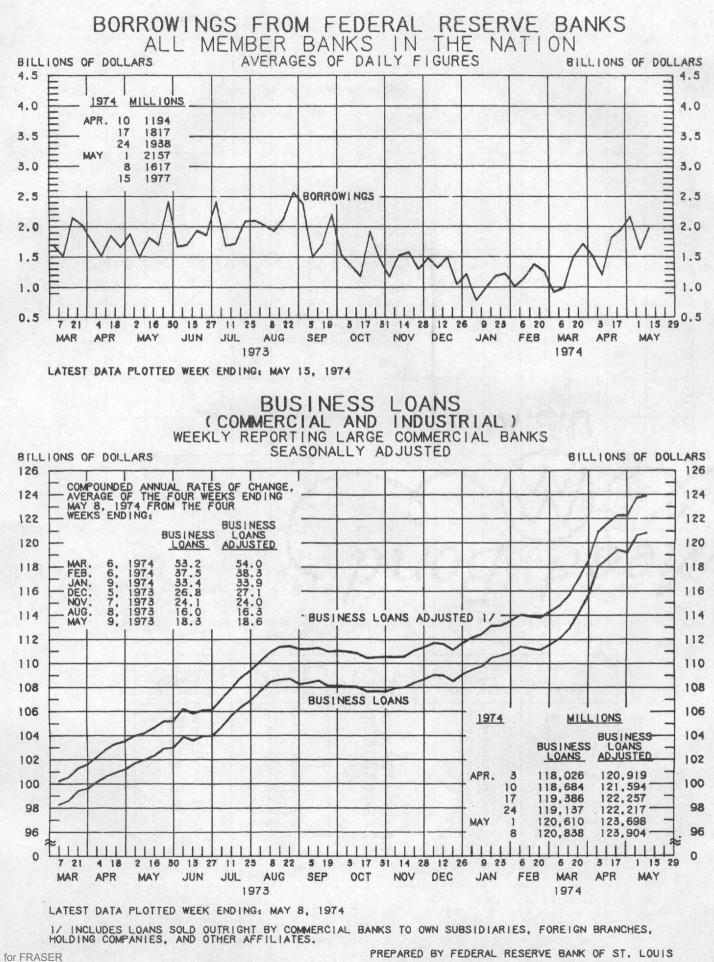
SELECTED SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES AVERAGES OF DAILY RATES ENDED FRIDAY PERCENT PERCENT 12.0 12.0 11.5 11.5 -_ 11.0 FEDERAL FUNDS RATE 11.0 10.5 10.5 -10.0 10.0 9.5 9.5 THREE-MONTH TREASURY BILL MARKET YIELD 9.0 9.0 8.5 8.5 -8.0 8.0 7.5 7.5 . 7.0 7.0 DISCOUNT RATE -6.5 6.5 - -6.0 6.0 5.5 5.5 1 11 1111 111 1 11 0 0 2 16 30 13 27 11 25 8 22 6 20 3 17 31 14 28 12 26 9 23 7 21 4 18 1 15 1 15 29 12 26 10 24 MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC FEB MAR JAN APR MAY 1973 1974

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1974	FEDERAL FUNDS NON	3-MONTH TREASURY BILLS	3-5 YEAR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
MAR. 1 8 15 22 29 APR. 5 12 19 26 MAY 3 10 17 * 24 31	8.81 8.98 9.03 9.33 9.61 9.93 10.02 10.36 10.78 11.17 11.29 11.46	7.36 7.71 7.82 8.06 8.35 8.51 8.49 8.05 8.10 8.81 8.60 8.04	6.93 7.06 7.16 7.48 7.69 7.91 7.98 7.94 8.04 8.29 8.51 8.19	6.62 6.71 6.75 6.88 6.93 7.02 7.04 6.99 7.07 7.11 7.09 6.98

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