Week ending: May 18, 1977

U.S. FINANCIAL DATA



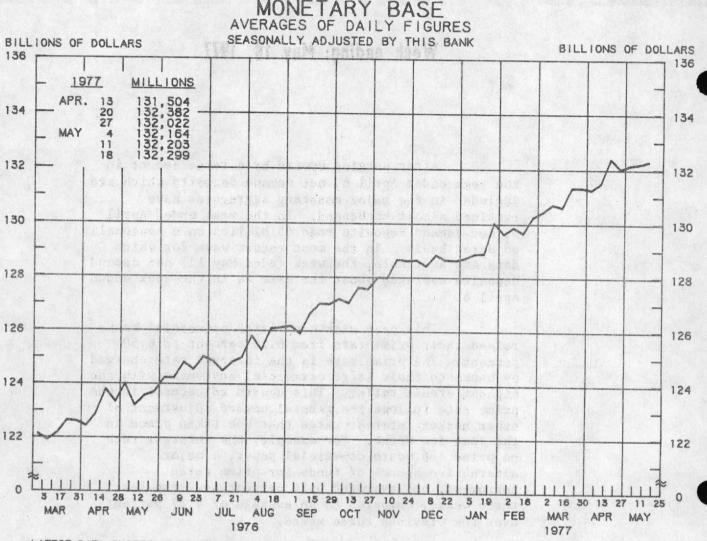
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After surging upward by a large amount in the week ended April 6, net demand deposits which are included in the major monetary aggregates have remained almost unchanged. In the week ended April 6, net demand deposits rose \$5 billion on a seasonally adjusted basis. In the most recent week for which data are available, the week ended May 11, net demand deposits averaged about the same as in the week ended April 6.

This past week many large commercial banks raised their prime rate from 6.25 percent to 6.50 percent. The prime rate is the interest rate charged by banks to their large commercial customers with the highest credit rating. This upward adjustment in the prime rate follows the general upward adjustment of other market interest rates that has taken place in the last few weeks. For example, the interest rate on prime 4-6 month commercial paper, a major alternative source of funds for prime rated borrowers, has averaged 5.24 percent over the last three weeks, compared to an average of 4.87 percent over the previous three weeks.

The Federal funds rate has risen quite sharply in recent weeks. From an average of slightly above 4.60 percent over the first half of April, the funds rate has risen to an average of 5.34 percent in the week ended last Wednesday. This increase in the funds rate has moved it from a level well below the discount rate to a level slightly above the current discount rate of 5.25 percent; the discount rate which has prevailed since late November of last year. Concurrent with this closing of the gap between the Federal funds rate and the discount rate, member bank borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks has started to increase. Member bank borrowings had remained at very minimal levels for an extended period of time (p. 11). For example, over the first half of last month when the Federal funds rate was about 60 basis points below the discount rate, member bank borrowings averaged about \$50 million or less. During the last three weeks member bank borrowings have averaged \$165 million.

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LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 18, 1977

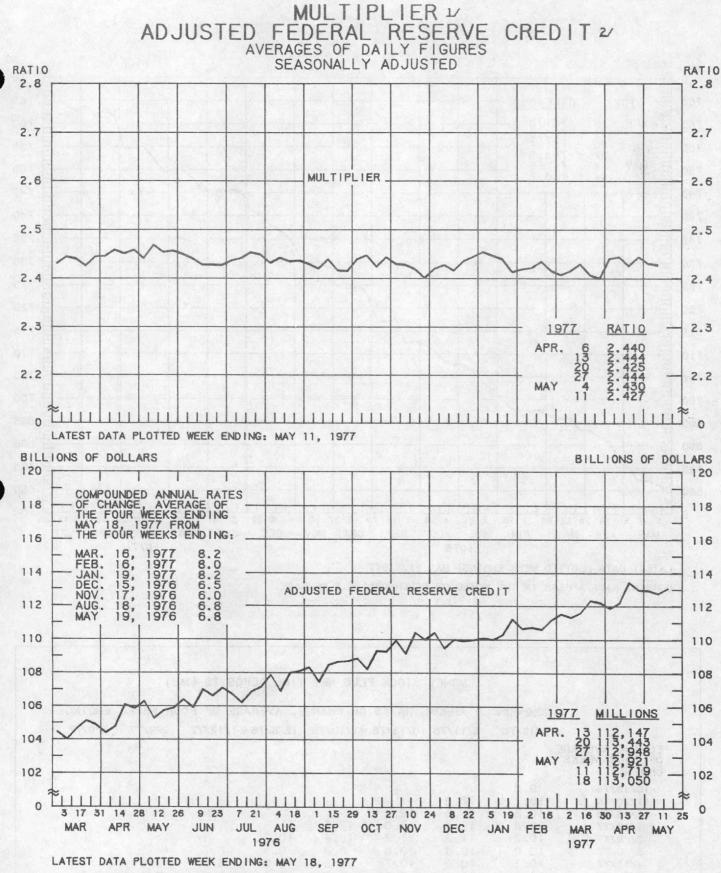
THE MONETARY BASE CONSISTS OF MEMBER BANK RESERVES AT THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE VAULTS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS), ADJUSTED FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES AND SHIFTS IN THE SAME TYPE OF DEPOSITS BETWEEN BANKS WHERE DIFFERENT RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIOS APPLY. THE MAJOR SOURCES OF THE MONETARY BASE ARE FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT AND THE GOLD STOCK. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. A DETAILED DE-SCRIPTION OF THE SOURCES AND USES OF THE MONETARY BASE IS AVAILABLE AS REPRINT NO. 31 FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS.

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COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: 5/19/76 8/18/76 10/20/76 11/17/76 12/15/76 1/19/77 2/16/77 3/16/77

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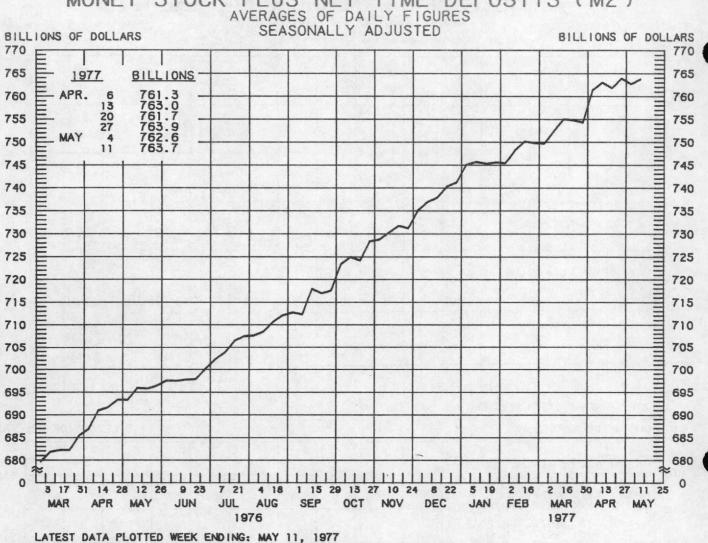
10/20/76	7.2								
11/17/76	7.4	8.2							
12/15/76	7.3	7.7	7.5						
1/19/77	5.4	6.2	5.0	3.4					
2/16/77	6.8	6.9	6.3	5.6	5.3				
3/16/77	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.0	6.0	9.0			
4/20/77	7.1	7.3	7.1	6.7	6.9	9.1	8.4		
5/18/77	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.6	8.3	7.6	7.6	



1/ RATIO OF MONEY STOCK (M1) / MONETARY BASE.

2/ FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT CONSISTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE HOLDINGS OF SECURITIES, LOANS, FLOAT AND OTHER ASSETS. ADJUSTED FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT IS COMPUTED BY SUBTRACTING TREASURY DEPOSITS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS FROM THIS SERIES, AND ADJUSTING THE SERIES FOR RE-SERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES AND SHIFTS IN THE SAME TYPE OF DEPOSITS BETWEEN BANKS WHERE DIFFERENT RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIOS APPLY. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK.

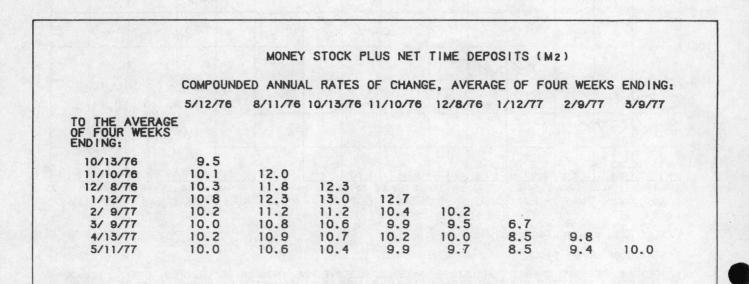
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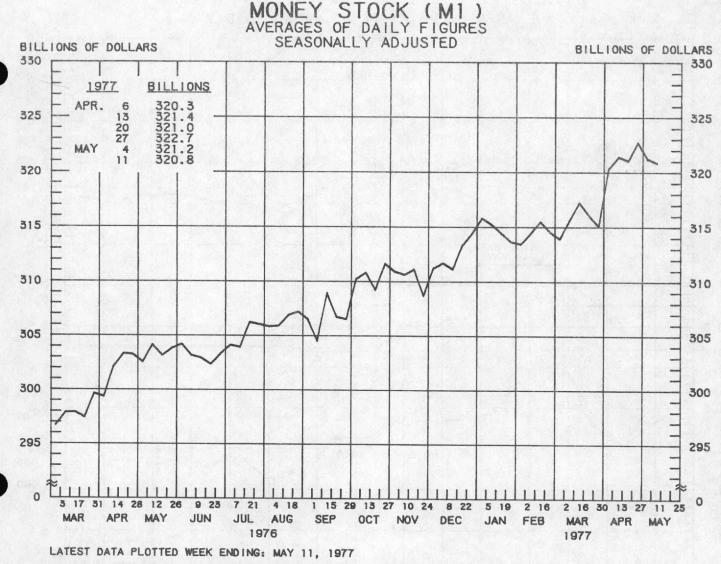
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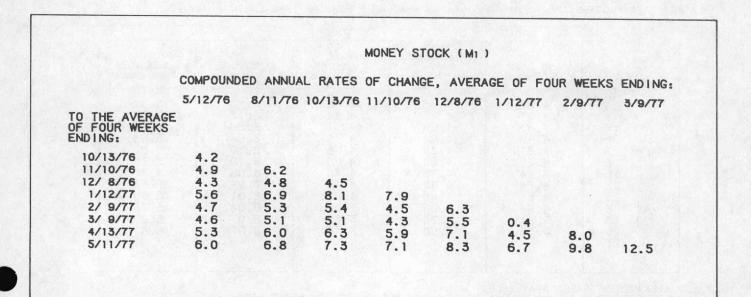


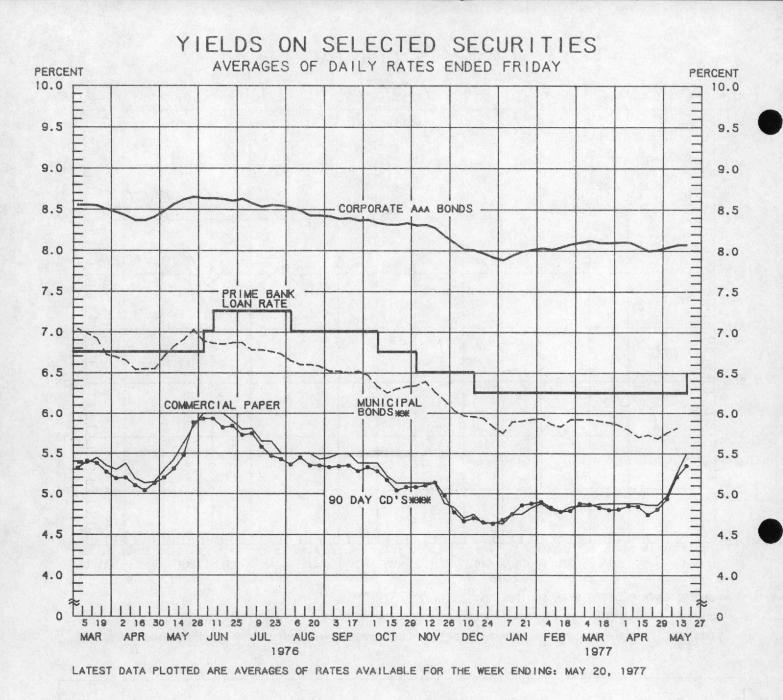
MONEY STOCK PLUS NET TIME DEPOSITS (M2)



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THE MONEY STOCK CONSISTS OF DEMAND DEPOSITS PLUS CURRENCY AND COIN HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC.



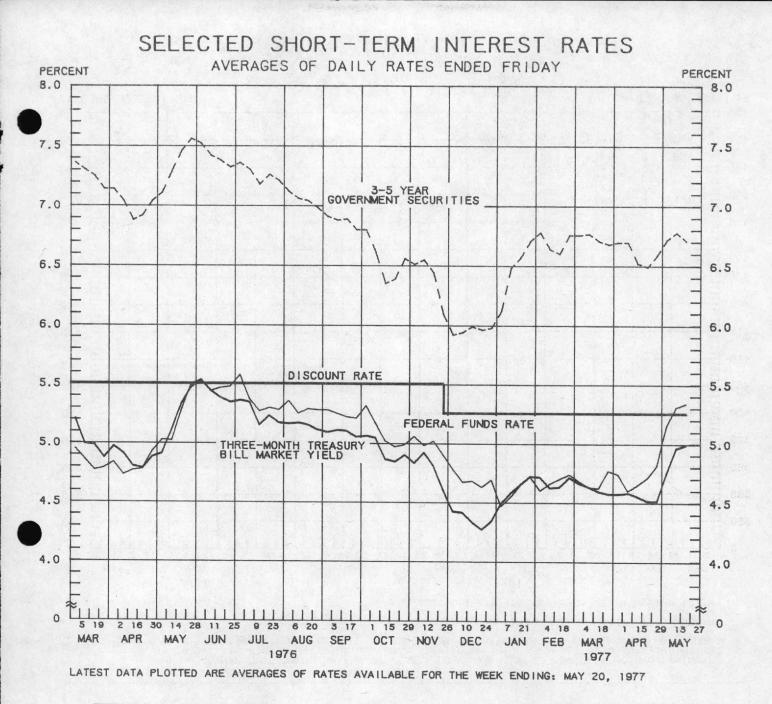


1977	90 DAY CD'S ¥949¥	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6 MONTH	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS #9#
MAR. 4 11 25 APR. 1 8 15 22 29	4.88 4.87 4.83 4.80 4.81 4.85 4.85 4.84 4.74 4.81	4.85 4.85 4.88 4.88 4.88 4.88 4.88 4.88	4.83 4.84 4.81 4.79 4.76 4.79 4.76 4.76 4.76 4.76 4.82	8.10 8.12 8.09 8.09 8.10 8.10 8.10 8.05 7.99 8.01	5.92 5.92 5.90 5.88 5.85 5.79 5.70 5.70 5.73 5.68
MAY 6 13 20 * 27	4.94 5.21 5.35	4.98 5.25 5.50	5.06 5.33 5.38	8.04 8.07 8.07	5.76 5.82 N.A.

* AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE. *0K BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA. *0K BOND BUYER'S 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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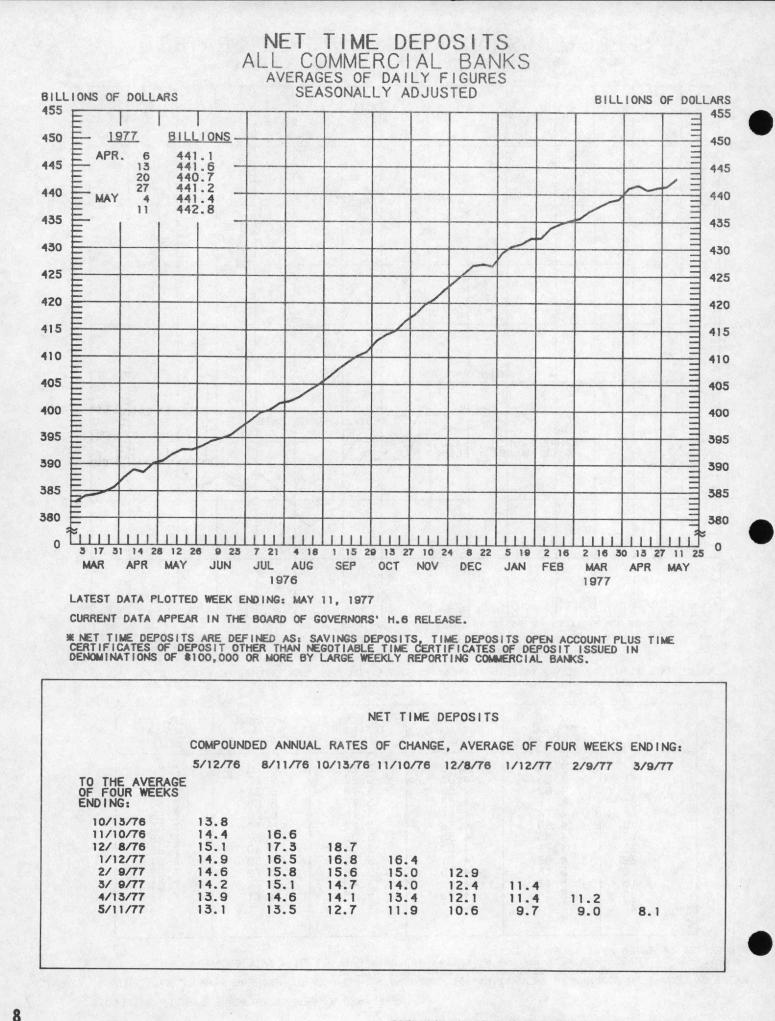
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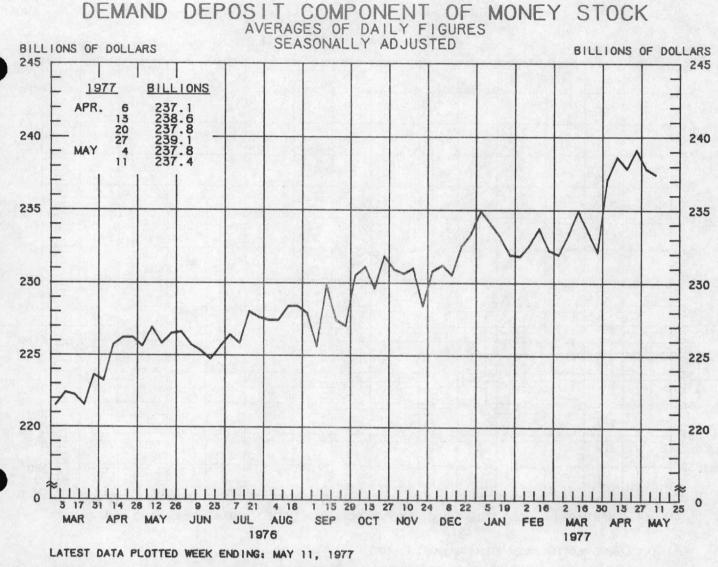


1977	FEDERAL FUNDS NOK	3-MONTH TREASURY BILLS	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	3-5 YEAR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
MAR. 4 11 18 25 APR. 1 8 15 29 MAY 6 13 20 * 27	4.68 4.63 4.62 4.77 4.74 4.60 4.65 4.71 4.82 5.15 5.31 5.34	4.66 4.63 4.59 4.57 4.57 4.58 4.55 4.51 4.51 4.51 4.75 4.96 4.99	5.23 5.22 5.18 5.17 5.15 5.14 5.03 5.04 5.18 5.28 5.46 5.45	6.76 6.77 6.71 6.68 6.70 6.52 6.49 6.59 6.59 6.72 6.78 6.71	7.60 7.56 7.55 7.55 7.55 7.48 7.45 7.51 7.51 7.51 7.57 7.61 7.57

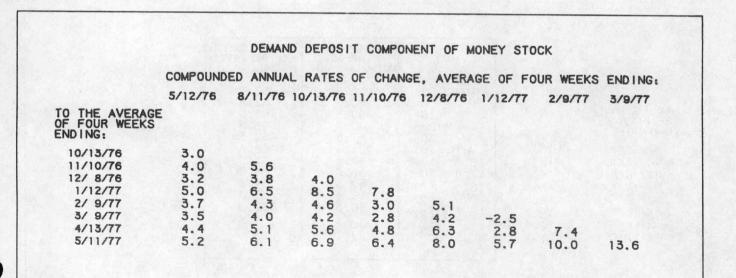
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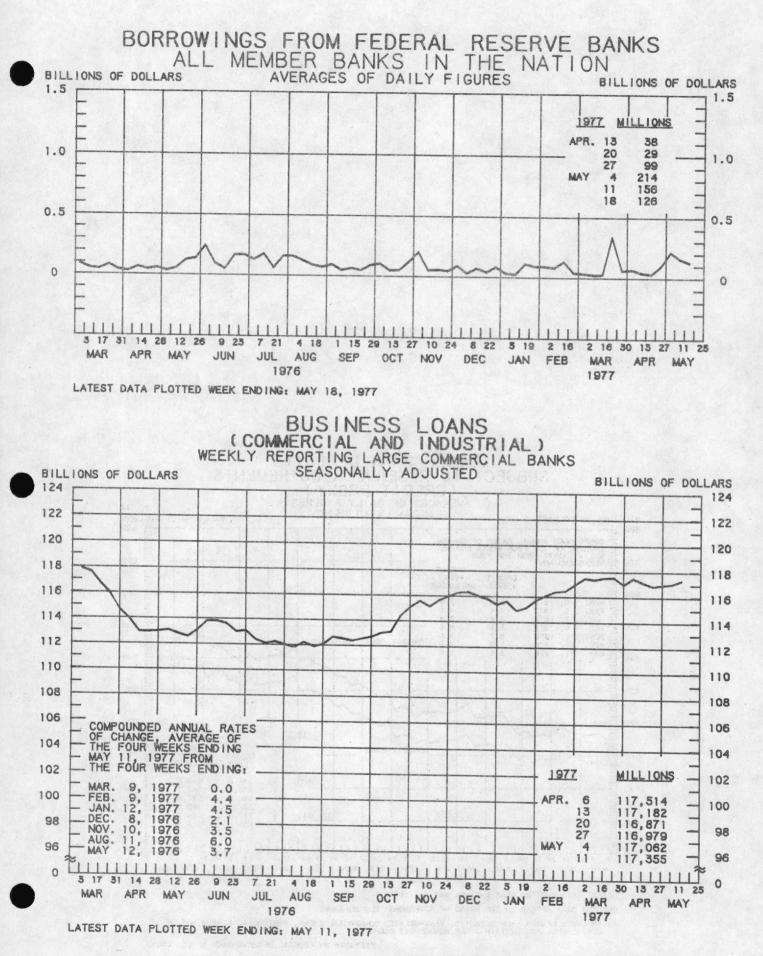


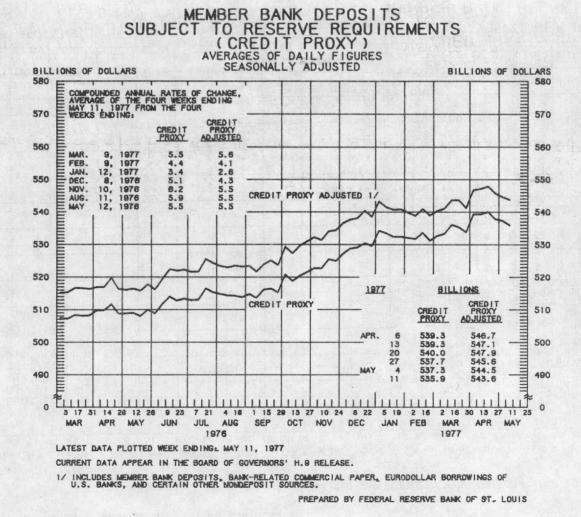
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NEGOTIABLE TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE BY LARGE WEEKLY REPORTING COMMERCIAL BANKS.

1977	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT NOT SEAS_ ADJ.	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT SEAS_ ADJ_	
MAR. 2 9 16 23 30 APR. 6 13 20 27 MAY 4 11 18 25	60.3 60.5 60.5 60.8 61.6 61.4 60.4 59.6 59.3 59.4 60.3	62.7 62.4 62.0 61.8 62.5 62.4 61.6 61.3 61.2 61.3 61.2 61.3 62.0	

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