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March 4, 1983

MAR 7 1983 The prime rate was reduced last week by most large commercial banks from 11 percent to 10.50 percent, the lowest level since November 1, 1978, and 11 percentage points below the peak prime rate in December 1980. This recent decline is a continuation of the progressive reduction of the prime rate from the 16.50 percent rate that existed in early July. The reductions in the prime rate reflect the influences of a substantial reduction in the cost of funds for banks, weaker business loan demand and a decline in the commercial paper rate.

U.S. Financial Data

The cost of funds for banks, as reflected by the rate on large, 90-day certificates of deposit, has fallen from 14.80 percent in early July to the current rate of 8.24 percent; the rate on federal funds, a second major source of banks' loanable funds, has fallen from 14.47 percent to 8.44 percent over the same period. Business loans at large commercial banks have increased at about a 3 percent annual rate from the four weeks ending July 21, 1982 to the four weeks ending February 23, 1983 as compared to a 17 percent annual rate in the preceding year.

Because the issuance of commercial paper is an alternative means for some bank customers to obtain short-term credit, the decline in the prime rate may reflect an attempt by banks to remain competitive in a credit market in which the 30-day commercial paper rate is falling. For example, the weekly spread between the prime rate and the 30-day prime commercial paper rate averaged 282 basis points during the first two months of this year, compared to 370 basis points during the last half of 1982.

--Dallas S. Batten

The 4-month prime commercial paper rate series previously reported in this publication on page 6 has been replaced with the <u>30-day</u> prime commercial paper rate series. The reason for this change is that the 4-month commercial paper market has become increasingly thinner. In particular, the average maturity of outstanding commercial paper is about 30 days with most paper falling within the 20- to 45-day range.



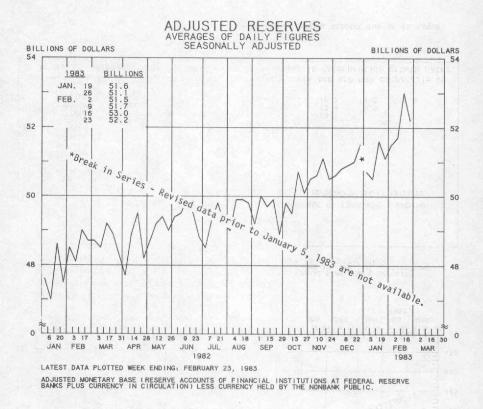
THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE CONSISTS OF: (1) RESERVE ACCOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, (2) CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE YAULTS OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS), AND (3) AN ADJUSTMENT FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES. THE MAJOR SOURCE OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS AVAIL-ABLE FROM THIS BANK.

3/3/ TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:	82 6/2/82 8	/4/82 9/1/82	9/29/82 11/3/8	32 12/1/82	1/5/83
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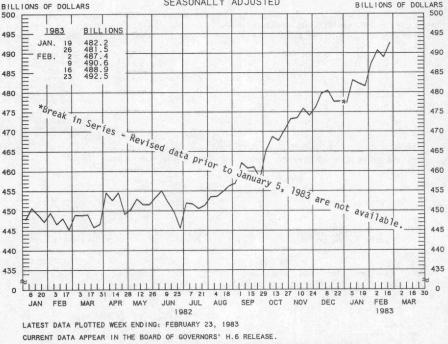


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MONEY STOCK (M1) AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



MI CONSISTS OF CURRENCY HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC PLUS COMMERCIAL BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC (EXCLUDING THOSE HELD BY FOREIGN BANKS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS) AND OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS PLUS TRAVELERS' CHECKS.

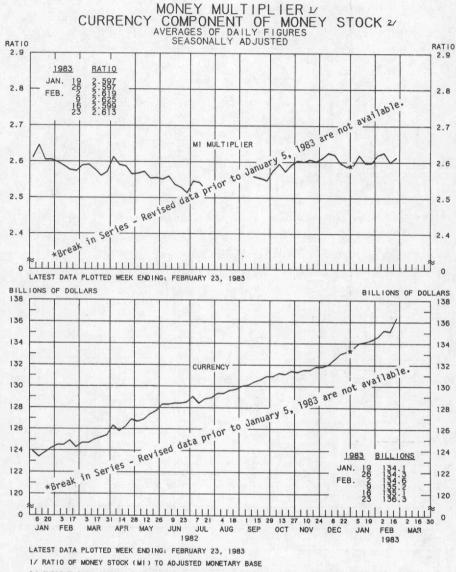
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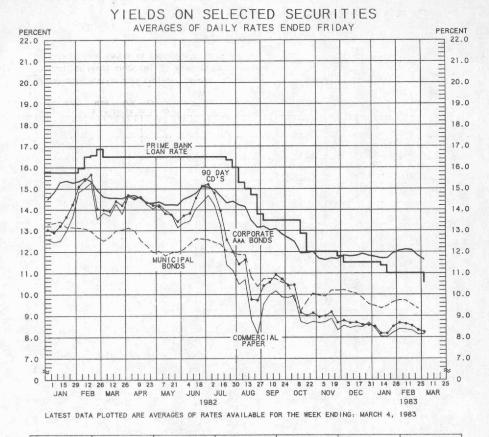
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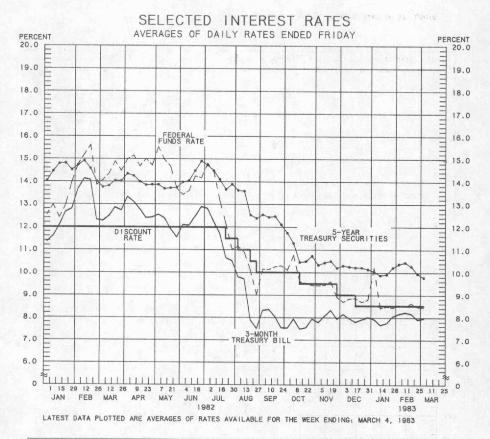
1983	90 DAY CD'S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS ***
JAN. 7 14 21 28 FEB. 4 11 18 25 MAR. 4 # 11 18 25	8.51 8.18 8.51 8.68 8.63 8.54 8.54 8.34 8.24	8.43 8.04 8.03 8.23 8.39 8.37 8.32 8.14 8.14	8.36 8.03 8.35 8.55 8.49 8.37 8.19 8.12	11.77 11.70 11.94 12.06 12.11 12.08 11.82 11.63	14.04 13.92 13.84 13.96 14.01 14.02 13.97 13.81 13.69	9.48 9.37 9.48 9.66 9.74 9.72 9.53 9.34 N.A.

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

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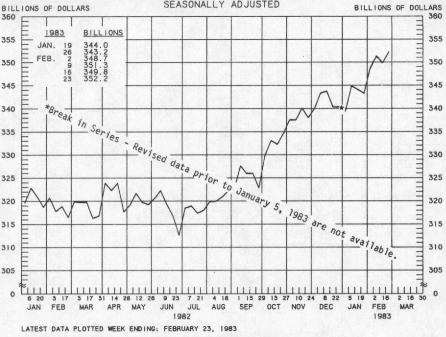
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1983	FEDERAL FUNDS ***	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL NORM	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
JAN. 7 14 21 28 FEB. 4 18 25 MAR. 4 25 MAR. 4 25 25	10.21 8.42 8.49 8.44 8.53 8.550 8.62 8.47 8.44	7.92 7.66 7.75 8.05 8.16 8.22 8.16 7.91 7.96	7.95 7.77 8.14 8.23 8.35 8.39 7.97 7.95	8.02 7.82 7.96 8.19 8.34 8.41 8.33 8.06 7.98	10.04 9.88 9.92 10.22 10.38 10.45 10.28 9.95 9.78	10.49 10.60 10.88 11.01 11.04 10.59 10.46

* AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE. *** SEVEN-DAY AVERAGES FOR WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN DATE SHOWN. CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' H.15 RELEASE. ***** NEW ISSUE RATE RATES ON LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES ARE COMPUTED BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS. TREASURY BILL YIELDS ON DISCOUNT BASIS.

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TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS 1/ AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1/ DEMAND DEPOSITS PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

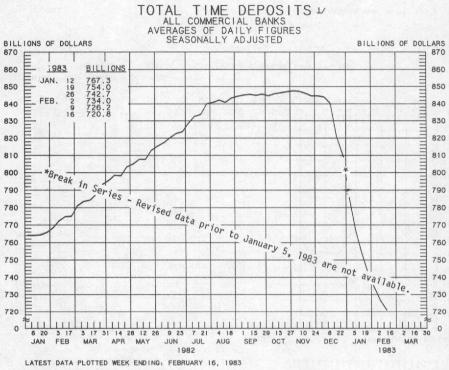
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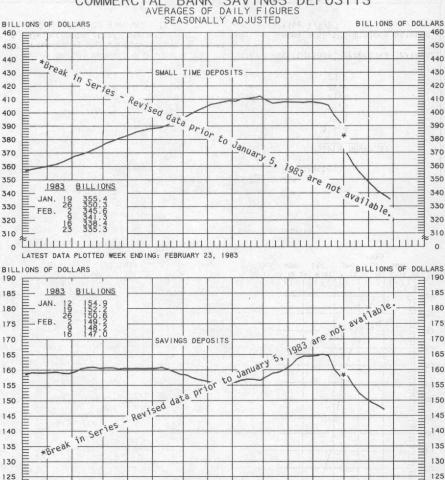


1/ SAVINGS DEPOSITS PLUS SMALL TIME DEPOSITS PLUS LARGE TIME DEPOSITS

		MMDAs 1/	MMMFs 2/	"SUPER NOWs" 3/
Jan.	19	\$192.8	\$212.3	\$15.4
	26	217.6	210.7	17.4
Feb.	2	239.8	209.0	19.5
	9	257.9	207.0	21.6
	16	272.4	204.6	22.7
	23	283.4	203.3	23.2
/ Manager manifest of				tutions, effective 12/14/

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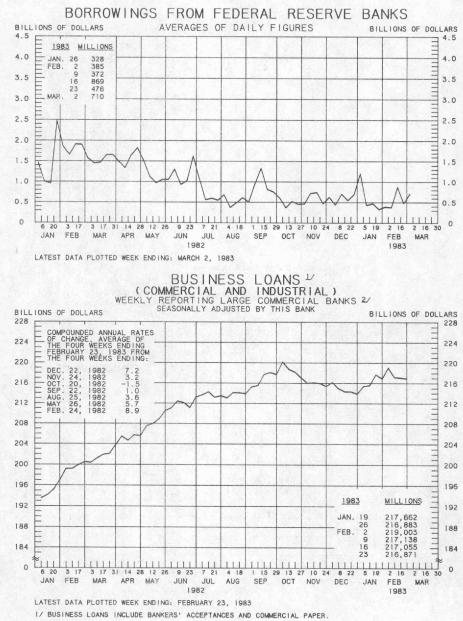
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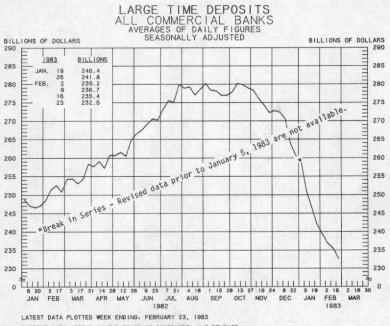


2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS OF \$750 MILLION OR MORE

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