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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS, BY INDUSTRY AND PURPOSE

Increases of \$94 million in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products, \$34 million in unclassified loans, \$22 million to manufacturers or producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber, and \$21 million to the wholesale and retail trade were offset in part by decreases of \$66 million in loans to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products and \$28 million to commodity dealers. As a result, the net increase in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans was \$82 million at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended March 12.

The unusually large increase in unclassified loans during the week very possibly represented numerous small loans made for the payment of income taxes. Trade loans, which showed the largest weekly increase since mid-November, occurred in every district except St. Louis.

Decreases in loans to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products and to commodity dealers have occurred practically every week this year.

Changes in loans classified by type of business during the week and since December 26, 1951, were as follows:

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	<u>Week ended March 12^{p/}</u>	<u>Since December 26^{p/}</u>
	(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:		
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 66	-344
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 5	+ 28
Metals and metal products	+ 94	+785
Petroleum and other	+ 29	+220
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 21	-146
Commodity dealers	- 28	-274
Sales finance companies	- 16	-355
Public utilities and transportation	- 5	- 65
Construction and other	<u>+ 14</u>	<u>- 59</u>
Classified changes - net	+ 48	-210
Unclassified changes - net	<u>+ 34</u>	<u>-145</u>
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+ 82	-355

^{p/} Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

Loans for defense and defense-supporting activities increased \$56 million. Non-defense loans decreased 48 million.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS
BY INDUSTRY, PURPOSE, AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1952

(In millions of dollars)

Business of Borrower	All Dis- tricts p/	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	Cleve- land	Rich- mond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minne- apolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Fran- cisco p/
Manufacturing and mining:													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-65.7	- 1.8	-55.9	- .3	--	- .5	- .5	- 1.8	- 2.5	+ .5	- .8	+ .3	- 2.4
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 5.1	- .3	+ .5	+ 1.4	+ .2	+ 1.8	+ .2	- .8	+ 1.0	+ .1	--	+ .1	+ .9
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+94.1	+ 5.1	+40.2	+ 2.2	+12.5	- .8	+ .5	+18.8	+ 5.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.4	+ .9	+ 6.2
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+21.8	+ .4	+12.7	+ .1	+ 2.1	+ .2	+ .1	+ 2.9	+ .8	+ .4	+ .3	- .2	+ 2.0
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 7.1	+ .9	+ 9.5	+ .2	- 4.5	+ .8	+ .2	+ 4.4	+ .2	+ .2	- .1	+ .8	- 5.5
Trade:													
Wholesale	(-21.1)	+ 1.2	+ 1.7	+ .4	+ .7	+ .8	- .2	+ .6	- .3	+ 1.1	+ .6	()	+ 1.6
Retail	(+21.1)	+ .6	+ .8	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ .3	+ .3	+ 5.3	+ .3	--	+ 1.5	(+ 2.3)	- .9
Commodity dealers	-28.3	- 1.2	- 5.4	- .5	+ .1	- 1.5	- .4	- 3.9	- 4.0	- 1.8	- 3.4	- 3.9	- 2.4
Sales finance companies	-15.9	+ 1.6	-22.3	- .1	+ .7	+ .6	+ .1	- .4	- 2.9	- .6	--	+ 1.1	+ 6.3
Public utilities (including transportation)	- 5.3	+ 3.9	-17.2	+ .7	+ .8	--	+ 2.2	+ 2.5	- .1	--	+ .5	+ .6	+ .8
Construction	+ 4.5	+ .6	- 1.7	- .2	+ .4	+ .6	+ .9	+ .5	+ .6	+ .6	+ .2	+ .6	+ 1.4
All other types of business	+ 9.5	+ .8	- 5.8	--	+ 1.1	+ .9	- .2	- .3	+ .3	+ 1.8	- .4	+ 8.9	+ 2.4
Net change in classified loans ^{1/}	+48.0	+11.8	-42.9	+ 5.2	+15.2	+ 3.2	+ 3.2	+27.8	- 1.5	+ 4.3	- .2	+11.5	+10.4
Unclassified changes - net	+34.0	+ 2.2	+15.9	+ 3.8	+ 4.8	+ 6.8	- 1.2	+ 5.2	+ .5	+ .7	- 2.8	- 3.5	+ 1.6
Net change in com'l, ind'l, & agr'l loans	+82.0	+14.0	-27.0	+ 9.0	+20.0	+10.0	+ 2.0	+33.0	- 1.0	+ 5.0	- 3.0	+ 8.0	+12.0
Purpose Classification													
Defense contracts	+23.4	+ 3.6	+ 5.5	+ .2	+ 6.1	- .4	+ .1	+ 5.4	+ .4	+ .1	+ .1	+ 1.8	+ .5
Defense-supporting activities:													
Plant and equipment	+23.4	+ 4.3	- .5	+ .8	+ 4.4	+ .1	+ .5	+ 7.8	+ .5	--	+ .1	--	+ 5.4
All other	+ 9.6	--	+ 9.8	+ .6	+ 1.7	+ .1	+ .7	+ .3	+ .5	- .1	--	--	- 4.0
Non-defense activities:													
Inventory and working capital	-10.4	+ 2.4	-46.4	+ 3.8	+ .4	+ 2.5	+ .2	+14.8	- 4.6	+ 4.3	- 1.1	+ 8.9	+ 4.4
Plant and equipment	+ 4.0	- .2	+ 1.4	- .2	+ .7	--	+ 1.2	- .1	+ .4	--	+ .1	--	+ .7
Retirement of non-bank debt and preferred stock	+ 2.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	+ 2.1	- .1
All other (for loans classified)	- 4.0	+ 1.7	-12.7	--	+ 1.9	+ .9	+ .5	- .4	+ 1.3	--	+ .6	- 1.3	+ 3.5
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p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F. R. Bulletin and final San Francisco District figures appear in a release of the Reserve Bank.

^{1/} About 220 weekly reporting member banks are reporting changes in their larger loans as to industry and purpose; these banks hold nearly 95 per cent of total commercial and industrial loans of all weekly reporting member banks and about 75 per cent of those of all commercial banks.