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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Repayments by most business classifications resulted in a decrease of \$118 million in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended March 24.

The principal decreases were \$27 million in loans to commodity dealers, \$26 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products, \$17 million to sales finance companies, and \$11 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products; there was also a decrease of \$37 million in unclassified borrowings.

The decrease in loans to commodity dealers, largely in the New York, St. Louis, and Boston districts, was the seventh consecutive weekly decrease in this business category. The \$9 million decrease in loans to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products was the first weekly decrease in this business category since February 3. After decreasing during the first six weeks of 1954, loans to the wholesale and retail trade have increased during the following six; this week's increase was \$11 million.

Changes in loans during the week and since year-end are shown below; the third column shows the changes during the comparable period last year:

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	Week	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
	ended March 24 <sup>p/</sup>	Dec. 30 1953 <sup>p/</sup>	Corresponding period, 1953
	(In millions of dollars)		
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 26	-236	-236
Textiles, apparel, and leather	--	+ 91	+154
Metals and metal products	- 11	- 1	+321
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 9	- 70	+ 37
Other manufacturing and mining	- 4	+ 10	+ 25
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 11	- 75	+117
Commodity dealers	- 27	-164	-301
Sales finance companies	- 17	-231	-106
Public utilities & transportation	+ 4	+ 64	+ 34
Construction	+ 3	+ 4	+ 17
Other types of business	<u>- 6</u>	<u>- 25</u>	<u>- 13</u>
Classified changes - net	- 81	-633	+ 49
Unclassified changes - net	<u>- 37</u>	<u>+ 74</u>	<u>-102</u>
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	-118	-559	- 53

<sup>p/</sup> Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS  
BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,  
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1954

Business of Borrower	All Dis- tricts <u>p/</u>	Boston	New York	Phila- delphia	Cleve- land	Rich- mond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minne- apolis	Kansas City	Dallas	San Fran- cisco <u>p/</u>
(In millions of dollars)													
Manufacturing and mining:													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-26.0	+ .5	- 8.1	- 1.0	- .7	- 1.1	- .1	- 9.6	+ .3	- 1.0	- .4	- .9	- 3.9
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- .4	+ .3	- .2	+ .2	- .6	- .1	+ .8	- .3	--	--	- .4	- .3	+ .2
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	-10.6	- 1.7	--	- 1.5	+ .9	- .3	- .1	- 2.4	- 2.6	- .6	- 1.6	- .1	- .6
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	- 8.8	- .8	- 3.7	- .4	+ .9	+ .1	+ .4	- 3.2	- .1	- 1.3	+ .8	- .8	- .7
Other manufacturing and mining	- 3.8	- .4	- 1.1	- .3	- .4	+ .1	+ .3	+ .1	+ .3	+ .1	+ .1	- .1	- 2.5
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+11.1)	- .3	+ 1.6	- .8	+ .9	+ .5	- .5	- 1.5	- .4	+ .1	+ .8	(+ 1.2)	+ 4.8
Retail	(+11.1)	- 2.8	+ 5.3	+ .3	+ .1	--	- .4	+ 1.9	+ .2	+ .4	+ .5	(+ 1.2)	- .8
Commodity dealers	-27.2	- 4.2	-13.8	+ 2.8	- .1	- .2	+ 1.3	- .6	- 4.4	- 2.2	- .9	- 1.3	- 3.6
Sales finance companies	-17.0	- .7	-10.3	- 5.3	- .4	- 2.3	+ .7	- 1.7	+ .7	+ .6	- .4	+ .7	+ 1.4
Public utilities (including transportation)	+ 4.0	+ .5	+ 9.2	+ .7	- 4.4	+ .2	- .8	- 1.7	- .1	--	--	+ .2	+ .2
Construction	+ 3.3	- .2	+ .4	- 1.0	- .1	--	--	+ .5	+ .5	- .1	+ .2	+ 1.6	+ 1.5
All other types of business	- 5.6	+ .5	- 1.6	+ .3	- .4	- .6	+ .5	- 1.4	- .3	- .4	+ .4	- .6	- 2.0
Net change in classified loans <sup>1/</sup>	-81.0	- 9.3	-22.3	- 6.0	- 4.3	- 3.7	+ 2.1	-19.9	- 5.9	- 4.4	- .9	- .4	- 6.0
Unclassified changes - net	-37.0	- .7	- 8.7	+ 4.0	+ .3	- .3	- 1.1	- 8.1	- 5.1	+ 1.4	+ .9	+ 2.4	-22.0
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	-118.0	-10.0	-31.0	- 2.0	- 4.0	- 4.0	+ 1.0	-28.0	-11.0	- 3.0	--	+ 2.0	-28.0

p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F. R. Bulletin and San Francisco District final 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; these banks hold over 90 per cent of total commercial and industrial loans of all weekly reporting member banks and nearly 70 per cent of those of all commercial banks.