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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Practically all business classifications participated in the decrease of \$100 million in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended January 26. The principal decreases were \$20 million in loans to "other" types of business, \$18 million each to the wholesale and retail trade and to public utilities, and \$17 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products. Following three weeks of moderate increases, loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products decreased \$12 million during the week.

The only net increases reported by industrial classifications during the week were \$14 million in loans to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products and \$3 million to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products. It was the third consecutive weekly increase in loans to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products; the current increase occurred in all but two districts.

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

| <u>Business of Borrower</u> | Week ended <u>Jan. 26^{p/}</u> | <u>Cumulative since mid-year</u> | |
|--|--|---|---|
| | | <u>June 30, 1954</u> to <u>Jan. 26, 1955^{p/}</u> | <u>July 1, 1953</u> to <u>Jan. 27, 1954</u> |
| | | (In millions of dollars) | |
| Manufacturing and mining: | | | |
| Food, liquor, and tobacco | - 17 | +388 | +439 |
| Textiles, apparel, and leather | + 14 | + 3 | - 93 |
| Metals and metal products | - 12 | -540 | -477 |
| Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber | + 3 | + 87 | + 34 |
| Other manufacturing and mining | - 5 | - 71 | - 80 |
| Trade -- wholesale and retail | - 18 | + 6 | -114 |
| Commodity dealers | - 6 | +458 | +355 |
| Sales finance companies | - 2 | + 39 | -290 |
| Public utilities and transportation | - 18 | -234 | + 75 |
| Construction | -- | + 86 | - 34 |
| Other types of business | - 20 | + 88 | + 59 |
| Classified changes - net | - 81 | +308 | -127 |
| Unclassified changes - net | - 19 | -129 | + 44 |
| Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans | -100 | +179 | - 83 |

^{p/} 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, JANUARY 26, 1955

| 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 | -16.5 | - .6 | - 2.2 | - 1.4 | - 4.6 | -- | - .3 | - 6.0 | - .2 | + .5 | + .6 | - .7 | - 1.6 |
| Textiles, apparel, and leather | +13.5 | + .7 | + 4.4 | - 1.6 | + .4 | + 3.2 | + 1.5 | + 4.1 | + .4 | + .1 | + .2 | + .1 | -- |
| Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment) | -12.0 | + .1 | - 8.6 | - .8 | + .2 | + .1 | - .2 | - 2.2 | - .4 | - .3 | - .3 | - .1 | + .5 |
| Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber | + 3.2 | - .5 | + 4.8 | - .6 | - .3 | + .9 | -- | - .8 | + .2 | + .1 | + .2 | - .9 | + .1 |
| Other manufacturing and mining | - 5.4 | - 2.3 | - .1 | + 1.6 | + .1 | -- | -- | + .1 | - .1 | - .9 | - .3 | - .4 | - 3.1 |
| Trade: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale | (-18.3) | - 2.4 | - 1.6 | + .1 | - 1.2 | + .2 | - 1.1 | - .4 | - .4 | + .1 | - .3 | (- 1.3) | - .9 |
| Retail | | - .7 | - 3.6 | - 1.2 | - 1.5 | + .7 | + .6 | - 2.2 | - .2 | - 1.7 | - .1 | | + .8 |
| Commodity dealers | - 5.5 | - 3.7 | + 7.5 | - 1.3 | + 1.1 | - .4 | - .1 | - .4 | - 6.1 | - 2.1 | - .7 | - .8 | + 1.5 |
| Sales finance companies | - 2.2 | - 8.1 | + 7.8 | + .3 | + 7.6 | - .5 | + .7 | - 4.6 | - .7 | + 1.0 | - 2.1 | - 1.1 | - 2.5 |
| Public utilities (including transportation) | -17.5 | - 6.2 | - 5.5 | + .1 | - .3 | - 2.1 | + .1 | + .6 | - 1.9 | -- | + .9 | - .4 | - 2.8 |
| Construction | - .1 | - .1 | + 1.9 | - 1.4 | - 1.4 | + .1 | - 1.4 | - .2 | - .3 | -- | + .4 | + .1 | + 2.2 |
| All other types of business | -19.8 | + .9 | -17.2 | + .6 | + 1.3 | + .3 | + .5 | - 1.6 | -- | + .3 | - 2.4 | + 3.3 | - 5.8 |
| Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u> | -80.6 | -22.9 | -12.4 | - 5.6 | + 1.4 | + 2.5 | + .3 | -13.6 | - 9.7 | - 2.9 | - 3.9 | - 2.2 | -11.6 |
| Unclassified changes - net | -19.4 | + .9 | -12.6 | + 1.6 | - 3.4 | + .5 | - .3 | - 1.4 | - 1.3 | - .1 | - .1 | - 4.8 | + 1.6 |
| Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans | -100.0 | -22.0 | -25.0 | - 4.0 | - 2.0 | + 3.0 | -- | -15.0 | -11.0 | - 3.0 | - 4.0 | - 7.0 | -10.0 |

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.