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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Decreases of \$39 million in loans to commodity dealers, \$37 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products, \$21 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products, and \$20 million to public utilities were partly offset by an increase of \$64 million in loans to sales finance companies. The net decrease in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended April 6 was \$139 million.

The major decrease during the week was \$101 million to unclassified borrowers, a considerable portion of which is estimated to represent the repayment of loans guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation and the redemption of its certificates of interest. The decrease in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products was the largest weekly decrease in this business category since early in December 1954.

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

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	Week ended <u>Apr. 6<sup>p/</sup></u>	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		<u>Dec. 29, 1954</u> to <u>Apr. 6, 1955<sup>p/</sup></u>	<u>Dec. 30, 1953</u> to <u>Apr. 7, 1954</u>
		(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 37	-316	-283
Textiles, apparel, and leather	--	+192	+ 92
Metals and metal products	- 21	+ 94	- 24
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	- 11	+184	- 79
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 9	+ 52	+ 4
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 7	- 4	- 69
Commodity dealers	- 39	-300	-236
Sales finance companies	+ 64	+169	-197
Public utilities and transportation	- 20	+ 87	+ 17
Construction	+ 2	+ 6	+ 15
Other types of business	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+ 21</u>	<u>+ 36</u>
Classified changes - net	- 38	+184	-723
Unclassified changes - net	<u>-101</u>	<u>-102</u>	<u>+ 57</u>
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	-139	+ 82	-666

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

In addition to the weekly table, a monthly table is attached showing changes during March compared with the preceding month and with March 1954, and also showing changes during the past twelve months.

Except in loans to public utilities and to the construction industry, the changes during March were in the same direction as in February and a year ago March. In the construction industry, one of the few in which a decrease was reported, it was the first monthly decrease since January 1954. The decrease in loans to commodity dealers was the largest monthly decrease since May 1951. The increase of \$126 million in loans to public utilities was larger than the increase in March 1954 and was in contrast to a decrease during February 1955.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS  
BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,  
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 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	-36.7	- .8	-26.7	- .7	+ 1.4	--	+ 2.0	- 9.0	- .4	- .2	- .5	+ .8	- 2.6
Textiles, apparel, and leather	--	- 1.2	- 1.4	+ .6	- .1	+ .8	+ .3	+ .3	- .3	+ .8	--	- .2	+ .4
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	-20.7	--	- 8.1	+ .9	--	--	+ 1.4	-10.6	- 2.2	+ 1.2	- 1.1	- 1.0	- 1.2
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	-11.4	- 1.0	-13.1	- .3	+ .5	+ .4	--	- 2.1	- .2	+ .4	+ 1.6	+ 2.2	+ .2
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 8.6	+ .5	+ .6	--	+ 5.5	+ .2	- .6	--	+ .3	+ 2.0	+ .1	- .6	+ .6
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+ 6.8)	- 1.7	- 3.0	+ .4	+ .1	+ .3	+ .8	- 1.6	+ .1	- 1.1	+ .2	(+ 2.9)	- 1.4
Retail		+ .6	+ 5.4	- .3	+ .6	- .6	+ .1	- .1	+ .5	+ .3	+ 1.8		+ 2.5
Commodity dealers	-39.4	- .8	-27.9	- 1.0	- 3.8	- 2.5	+ 1.5	- 1.4	- .3	- .4	- 1.9	- 1.8	+ .9
Sales finance companies	+63.6	+ 2.8	+21.1	+ 7.7	+ 7.9	- .7	+ 2.4	+15.8	+ 1.9	+ 1.9	- .3	- 3.1	+ 6.2
Public utilities (including transportation)	-19.7	- 2.8	- 9.5	- .4	- 4.3	+ .6	- .5	- 5.5	- 2.9	- .4	- .7	- 1.2	+ 7.9
Construction	+ 2.0	+ .3	+ .5	+ .6	+ .4	- .4	+ .3	+ 1.1	+ .1	+ .3	- .2	- 2.5	+ 1.5
All other types of business	+ 9.2	- .3	- 2.6	+ .5	+ 1.1	+ 1.8	- 1.3	- 1.5	+ .8	+ .6	+ 1.2	+ 9.1	- .2
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	-37.7	- 4.4	-64.7	+ 8.0	+ 9.3	- .1	+ 6.4	-14.6	- 2.6	+ 5.4	+ .2	+ 4.6	+14.8
Unclassified changes - net	-101.3	+ 3.4	- 9.3	+ 1.0	+ .7	- 2.9	- .4	+ 4.6	+ .6	- 3.4	-27.2	-33.6	-34.8
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	-139.0	- 1.0	-74.0	+ 9.0	+10.0	- 3.0	+ 6.0	-10.0	- 2.0	+ 2.0	-27.0	-29.0	-20.0

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.

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## CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS BY INDUSTRY

Business of Borrower	5 weeks ended Mar. 30, 1955	4 weeks ended Feb. 23, 1955	5 weeks ended Mar. 31, 1954	12 months ended Mar. 30, 1955
	(In millions of dollars)			
Manufacturing and mining:				
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 42.2	-118.1	- 58.1	- 35.6
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 73.0	+ 90.1	+ 28.9	+132.3
Metals and metal products (including machinery and transportation equipment)	+ 80.1	+ 28.5	+133.3	-997.3
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+ 86.5	+109.0	+ 21.1	+347.4
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 49.2	+ 3.8	+ 36.2	- 22.3
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 91.1	+ 13.3	+ 72.2	+136.1
Commodity dealers	-131.9	- 46.6	-124.9	+129.2
Sales finance companies	+ 97.5	+ 2.8	+ 16.4	+181.4
Public utilities (including transportation)	+126.1	- 10.5	+105.1	- 49.2
Construction	- 9.1	+ 9.0	+ 17.1	+146.5
All other types of business	+ 49.3	+ 42.3	+ 49.7	+280.3
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+469.6	+123.6	+297.0	+248.8
Unclassified changes - net	+ 1.4	+ 38.4	+ 20.0	-304.8
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+471.0	+162.0	+317.0	- 56.0

1/ See footnote on preceding table regarding current coverage.