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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Increases of \$37 million in loans to "other" types of business, \$24 million to manufacturers of metals and metal products and \$13 million to the construction industry were partly offset by decreases of \$14 million in loans to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products and \$34 million to unclassified borrowers, which includes the redemption of Commodity Credit Corporation certificates of interest. The net increase in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended May 18 was \$22 million.

The increase in loans to "other" types of business was the largest increase in this business category since last October; about two-thirds of the increase was in New York, largely in bankers' acceptances.

Following eight weeks of increases, loans to sales finance companies declined by \$9 million; these loans have increased \$367 million since the first of the year compared with a decrease of \$236 million during the corresponding period last year.

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>May 18<sup>p</sup>/</u>	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		<u>Dec. 29, 1954</u> to <u>May 18, 1955<sup>p</sup>/</u>	<u>Dec. 30, 1953</u> to <u>May 19, 1954</u>
(In millions of dollars)			
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-14	-477	-446
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 7	+184	+ 50
Metals and metal products	+24	+111	-226
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	+ 3	+308	+ 7
Other manufacturing and mining	+11	+ 94	- 31
Trade -- wholesale and retail	+ 8	+ 98	- 35
Commodity dealers	- 5	-384	-334
Sales finance companies	- 9	+367	-236
Public utilities and transportation	- 4	+127	- 42
Construction	+13	+ 75	+ 53
Other types of business	+37	+ 86	+ 55
Classified changes - net	+56	+589	-1,186
Unclassified changes - net	-34	-269	- 219
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+22	+320	-1,405

<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, MAY 18, 1955

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
(In millions of dollars)													
<b>Manufacturing and mining:</b>													
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-13.7	- 2.9	- 1.3	+ .2	--	+ .9	- 2.0	- 8.6	+ 2.4	- .5	- .3	- 1.6	NOT
Textiles, apparel, and leather	- 7.4	- 5.2	- .7	--	+ .2	- 2.2	- .5	- 1.6	+ 2.4	+ .1	--	+ .1	
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+23.7	+ .3	+21.0	- .5	+ 1.6	+ .2	+ .3	+ 1.2	- 1.6	+ .8	- .2	+ .6	
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+ 2.9	- .4	+ .5	+ 3.3	- 1.1	--	- .8	+ .2	- .5	+ 1.2	--	+ .5	
Other manufacturing and mining	+10.6	- .7	+ 3.1	- .3	+ 6.4	--	+ .6	+ 1.3	- .3	--	+ .2	+ .3	AVAIL-
<b>Trade:</b>													
Wholesale	(+ 7.8)	- .7	- 1.9	+ 2.5	- .8	- .1	+ .3	+ .2	+ .7	- .2	- .2	(- .6)	
Retail	(+ 7.8)	- .3	+ 1.4	+ .7	- 1.4	+ .8	+ 1.0	+ 4.1	+ 2.0	+ .7	- .4	(- .6)	
Commodity dealers	- 5.1	- 2.0	+ 3.0	- 1.2	- .2	- .1	- .8	- .7	- .8	- 3.4	+ .2	+ .9	
Sales finance companies	- 9.3	- 1.0	-13.3	+ .9	- 3.1	--	- 1.0	+ 5.3	- .3	- .3	+ 1.0	+ 2.5	ABLE
Public utilities (including transportation)	- 3.9	+ .3	+ 4.8	+ .1	+ 3.4	- .4	- 2.1	-10.3	- .1	--	+ .2	+ .2	
Construction	+13.4	+ 1.4	+ .2	+ .8	+ .7	+ .4	+ .1	+ 2.4	+ 1.8	+ 1.0	- .5	+ 5.1	
All other types of business	+37.1	+ 1.1	+26.3	+ 2.4	+ .5	+ .2	+ 2.0	+ .1	+ .5	+ .3	+ .3	+ 3.4	
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+56.1	-10.1	+43.1	+ 8.9	+ 6.2	- .3	- 2.9	- 6.4	+ 6.2	- .3	+ .3	+11.4	
Unclassified changes - net	-34.1	+ .1	-42.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.8	+ .3	- .1	+ .4	+ 1.8	- .7	+ 1.7	+ .6	
Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	+22.0	-10.0	+ 1.0	+10.0	+ 9.0	--	- 3.0	- 6.0	+ 8.0	- 1.0	+ 2.0	+12.0	

p/ Preliminary; final totals will appear in the F. R. Bulletin and 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; 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.