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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Net increases of \$102 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$40 million to public utilities, \$33 million to "other" types of business, and \$31 million to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products were partly offset by decreases of \$54 million in loans to the wholesale and retail trade, \$22 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products, and \$20 million to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products during the week ended December 28. The net increase in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans at weekly reporting member banks was \$74 million.

The decrease in the wholesale and retail trade was the largest weekly decrease in this business category since the first week in January 1955.

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

| <u>Business of Borrower</u> | Week ended Dec. 28 ^{p/} | <u>Cumulative since mid-year</u> | |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | June 29, 1955 to Dec. 28, 1955 ^{p/} | June 30, 1954 to Dec. 29, 1954 |
| (In millions of dollars) | | | |
| Manufacturing and mining: | | | |
| Food, liquor, and tobacco | - 22 | + 481 | +498 |
| Textiles, apparel, and leather | - 20 | + 71 | - 26 |
| Metals and metal products | + 9 | + 220 | -548 |
| Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber | + 31 | + 209 | + 88 |
| Other manufacturing and mining | - 5 | + 61 | - 62 |
| Trade -- wholesale and retail | - 54 | + 325 | +120 |
| Commodity dealers | - 11 | + 473 | +539 |
| Sales finance companies | +102 | + 690 | + 32 |
| Public utilities and transportation | + 40 | - 11 | -225 |
| Construction | - 8 | + 108 | + 82 |
| Other types of business | + 33 | + 365 | +132 |
| Classified changes - net | + 96 | +2,990 | +630 |
| Unclassified changes - net | - 22 | - 108 | - 91 |
| Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans | + 74 | +2,882 | +539 |
| Loans reclassified on October 5 | | + 318 | |
| | | +3,200 | |
| Total | | | |

^{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, DECEMBER 28, 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 |
|---|------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| | (In millions of dollars) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing and mining: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food, liquor, and tobacco | -22.2 | - .5 | - 9.9 | + .1 | + .3 | +1.8 | -1.1 | - 5.4 | - .5 | -1.1 | - .4 | - 5.5 | |
| Textiles, apparel, and leather | -19.5 | + 1.6 | -23.4 | +5.0 | + .4 | - .1 | - .5 | - 1.8 | + .4 | - .4 | - .2 | - .5 | NOT |
| Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment) | + 9.1 | - .3 | + 2.9 | + .2 | + .5 | + .9 | + .4 | + 5.2 | - .5 | - .1 | +1.0 | - 1.1 | |
| Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber | +31.2 | + 2.5 | +16.0 | - .2 | + .4 | + .3 | -- | +11.9 | - .6 | + .4 | +3.2 | - 2.7 | |
| Other manufacturing and mining | - 4.8 | - 1.1 | - 4.4 | +2.5 | + 1.7 | + .4 | + .7 | - 2.1 | - 1.1 | -1.4 | - .4 | + .4 | |
| Trade: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale | (-54.1) | + 1.9 | - 6.3 | - .8 | + .5 | + .4 | -2.4 | - 1.8 | - 2.1 | + .5 | - .8 | (- 6.3) | AVAIL- |
| Retail | (-54.1) | - 3.7 | -22.6 | - .2 | - 2.9 | -1.6 | -1.3 | - .4 | - .9 | -1.1 | -2.2 | (- 6.3) | AVAIL- |
| Commodity dealers | -10.6 | - .3 | +11.5 | + .7 | - .3 | -- | -2.1 | + 8.0 | -25.5 | - .8 | - .8 | - 1.0 | |
| Sales finance companies | +102.0 | + 6.9 | +65.6 | - .1 | + 5.8 | + .5 | +1.4 | + 7.1 | + 5.3 | +1.0 | +3.3 | + 5.2 | |
| Public utilities (including transportation) | +40.0 | + 2.0 | +28.0 | +1.1 | + .7 | + .6 | + .1 | + 3.6 | + 2.2 | + .5 | +1.3 | - .1 | ABLE |
| Construction | - 8.2 | + .1 | - .3 | - .4 | + 6.5 | - .6 | + .3 | - 4.6 | - 5.9 | -- | -1.3 | - 2.0 | |
| All other types of business | +33.1 | +17.5 | + 8.6 | +1.5 | - .2 | - .2 | +1.0 | + 9.0 | - .5 | - .6 | -1.9 | - 1.1 | |
| Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u> | +96.0 | +26.6 | +65.7 | +9.4 | +13.4 | +2.4 | -3.5 | +28.7 | -29.7 | -3.1 | + .8 | -14.7 | -- |
| Unclassified changes - net | -22.0 | + .4 | -19.7 | -3.4 | - 4.4 | -2.4 | -1.5 | - 2.7 | + 1.7 | - .9 | +2.2 | + 3.7 | +5.0 |
| Net change in commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans | +74.0 | +27.0 | +46.0 | +6.0 | + 9.0 | -- | -5.0 | +26.0 | -28.0 | -4.0 | +3.0 | -11.0 | +5.0 |

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 210 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.