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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Net decreases of \$136 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$20 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products, and \$11 million to construction were the principal factors in the \$85 million decrease in commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended February 8. Partially offsetting increases were \$25 million in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products, \$17 million to the wholesale and retail trade, \$11 million in "other" types of business, and \$10 million each to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products and to "other" manufacturing and mining.

Most of the increase in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products was in the New York District but there were smaller increases in all but four of the other districts. The wholesale and retail trade increase was the first weekly increase since the week ended December 21, 1955, and it was reflected in all but three districts.

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 Feb. 8 ^{p/}	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		Dec. 28, 1955 to Feb. 8, 1956 ^{p/}	Dec. 29, 1954 to Feb. 9, 1955
		(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	-20	-153	-164
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+10	+ 33	+ 69
Metals and metal products	+25	+124	+ 23
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	+ 4	+ 50	+ 12
Other manufacturing and mining	+10	+ 21	- 8
Trade--wholesale and retail	+17	- 66	-121
Commodity dealers	--	- 34	-101
Sales finance companies	-136	-359	+ 31
Public utilities and transportation	- 7	+ 76	--
Construction	-11	- 21	- 2
Other types of business	+11	- 82	- 68
Classified changes - net	-97	-413	-329
Unclassified changes - net	+12	- 94	<u>1/-126</u>
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	-85	-507	<u>1/-455</u>

^{p/} Preliminary; see footnote on attached table.

^{1/} Prior to 1956, unclassified changes and total net change included changes in agricultural loans.

CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS OF A SAMPLE OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS
BY INDUSTRY AND FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT,
WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1956

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	-19.7	- 2.6	-13.1	+ .3	- .7	- 2.2	+ 1.3	- 3.4	- 1.4	+ 1.5	+ .2	+ .2	+ .2
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 9.6	+ 2.6	+ .8	+ 1.2	- 1.4	+ .9	+ 1.4	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	--	+ .3	+ .2	+ .8
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+24.9	+ 1.5	+15.7	- .6	- .1	- .8	+ .7	+ 4.9	+ 1.6	+ .3	+ .1	- .7	+ 2.3
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+ 4.3	- 2.1	+ 4.2	- .6	- .8	+ .6	- .2	+ .4	+ .2	--	+ .1	+ 1.7	+ .8
Other manufacturing and mining	+10.0	+ 1.1	+ 3.2	+ .2	+ .8	+ .5	+ .4	+ 3.6	- .6	+ .2	--	+ .4	+ .2
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+16.5)	+ 1.2	+ .2	- .4	+ .2	+ .6	+ 1.5	+ 2.6	- .3	+ .7	+ .6	(-.2)	+ 1.5
Retail		+ 3.3	+ 1.1	- .3	+ 1.6	+ .4	- .4	+ 1.0	- .8	- .2	- .3	(-.2)	+ 2.9
Commodity dealers	- .4	+ .6	+ 3.8	- .8	+ .5	- 1.3	+ .4	+ .7	+ .1	- .9	- 1.4	- 1.5	- .6
Sales finance companies	-135.9	- 3.6	-119.6	--	- 5.0	+ 1.2	- 1.7	- 3.9	- 1.4	+ .9	- .9	--	- 1.9
Public utilities (including transportation)	- 6.6	- .2	- 3.9	- .8	- 1.6	+ .3	+ .1	+ 1.1	- 1.8	- .9	- .2	- .1	+ 1.4
Construction	-11.0	+ .4	- 1.6	- 1.3	+ .4	- .3	+ .8	- 1.7	- 1.6	- 1.2	+ .1	- 3.3	- 1.7
All other types of business	+11.3	- .8	+20.1	- 1.5	- 2.4	- 1.1	+ 3.1	+ .6	+ .9	- .2	- 1.7	+ .2	- 5.9
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	-97.0	+ 1.4	-89.1	- 4.6	- 8.5	- 1.2	+ 7.4	+ 7.2	- 3.6	+ .2	- 3.1	- 3.1	--
Unclassified changes - net	+12.0	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	- 1.4	+ 1.5	- 1.8	- .4	- .2	+ .6	- 2.2	+ .1	+ .1	+10.0
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	-85.0	+ 4.0	-86.0	- 6.0	- 7.0	- 3.0	+ 7.0	+ 7.0	- 3.0	- 2.0	- 3.0	- 3.0	+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 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.