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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

Net increases of \$80 million in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products, \$29 million to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products, \$20 million to manufacturers and producers of petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber products, \$18 million to public utilities, and \$17 million to "other" manufacturing and mining were the principal factors in the \$102 million increase in commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended February 15. Partially offsetting decreases were \$57 million in loans to sales finance companies and \$21 million to manufacturers of food, liquor, and tobacco products.

The increase in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products was the largest weekly increase in this business category since June 1955 and the increase in loans to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products was the largest since last September.

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. 15 ^{p/}	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		Dec. 28, 1955 to Feb. 15, 1956 ^{p/}	Dec. 29, 1954 to Feb. 16, 1955
		(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	- 21	-176	-212
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 29	+ 62	+107
Metals and metal products	+ 80	+204	+ 26
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	+ 20	+ 70	+107
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 17	+ 39	- 1
Trade--wholesale and retail	+ 13	- 53	-107
Commodity dealers	--	- 35	-115
Sales finance companies	- 57	-415	+ 23
Public utilities and transportation	+ 18	+ 94	- 19
Construction	- 3	- 32	+ 10
Other types of business	+ 7	- 75	- 53
Classified changes - net	+103	-317	-235
Unclassified changes - net	- 1	- 88	- 66
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+102	-405	-300

^{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 15, 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	-21.4	+ 4.0	-11.9	+ .4	- 3.8	- .7	- .4	- 3.0	- 1.6	+ .5	- .3	- .7	- 3.9
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+28.6	+ 3.2	+14.3	+ 1.4	+ .1	+ 1.1	+ 1.5	+ 5.8	+ .7	+ .5	+ .2	+ .3	- .5
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+79.7	+ 1.4	+37.5	+ 2.0	+ 6.2	+ .3	- .3	+24.2	+ 3.2	+ .3	+ 1.0	--	+ 3.9
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+20.4	+ 1.5	+10.0	- .3	+ 3.6	+ 1.1	- .2	+ 2.0	+ .6	+ 1.1	+ .4	- .8	+ 1.4
Other manufacturing and mining	+17.0	+ .1	+ 1.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.3	+ .1	+ 2.1	+ 9.5	+ 1.5	+ .7	+ .1	- .9	- .3
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+12.7)	+ 2.0	- .1	--	- .2	+ .3	+ .9	+ 2.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.2	+ .6	(+ 1.9)	- 3.1
Retail		+ .5	+ 2.0	+ 2.9	- .5	- .1	+ .1	- .1	+ .3	+ .2	+ .7		- .8
Commodity dealers	- .2	+ .9	+ 6.4	- 2.2	+ .1	- 1.0	- 1.1	+ .2	- .6	+ .6	- .9	- .8	- 1.8
Sales finance companies	-56.7	- 1.0	-28.7	-10.1	+ 1.2	- .9	+ .3	- 4.9	- 1.1	- 2.4	- 2.0	+ .2	- 7.3
Public utilities (including transportation)	+17.8	+ .3	+16.0	+ .3	+ .4	--	+ .3	- .2	+ .8	--	- .2	+ .2	- .1
Construction	- 2.8	+ .8	+ .5	+ .8	+ .7	+ .3	+ .7	+ 1.2	- .8	- .7	+ .2	- 7.2	+ .7
All other types of business	+ 7.4	- 3.2	+22.4	+ 1.2	+ .2	- 1.8	- 1.9	-10.1	- .3	+ .7	- 2.6	- .3	+ 3.1
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+102.5	+10.5	+70.1	- 2.5	+ 9.3	- 1.3	+ 2.0	+27.0	+ 4.3	+ 2.7	- 2.8	- 8.1	- 8.7
Unclassified changes - net	- .5	- 1.5	+14.9	+ 2.5	+ 1.7	- .7	--	+ 7.0	+ .7	+ .3	- .2	- 2.9	-22.3
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+102.0	+ 9.0	+85.0	--	+11.0	- 2.0	+ 2.0	+34.0	+ 5.0	+ 3.0	- 3.0	-11.0	-31.0

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.