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CHANGES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS BY INDUSTRY

All industrial classifications except commodity dealers participated in the increase of \$592 million in commercial and industrial loans at weekly reporting member banks during the week ended March 14, reflecting the quarterly tax date increase.

The increase of \$166 million in loans to manufacturers of metals and metal products was the largest weekly increase in this business category since January 1952, and the increases of \$118 million in loans to public utilities and \$44 million to "other" manufacturing and mining were the largest weekly increases since June 1955. Other large increases were \$72 million in loans to sales finance companies, \$44 million to the wholesale and retail trade, and \$40 million to manufacturers of textiles, apparel, and leather products.

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

<u>Business of Borrower</u>	Week ended <u>Mar. 14<sup>p/</sup></u>	<u>Cumulative since year-end</u>	
		<u>Dec. 28, 1955</u> to <u>Mar. 14, 1956<sup>p/</sup></u>	<u>Dec. 29, 1954</u> to <u>Mar. 16, 1955</u>
		(In millions of dollars)	
Manufacturing and mining:			
Food, liquor, and tobacco	+ 16	-222	-229
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+ 40	+114	+179
Metals and metal products	+166	+533	+127
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, & rubber	+ 26	+165	+150
Other manufacturing and mining	+ 44	+149	+ 31
Trade--wholesale and retail	+ 44	+ 47	- 32
Commodity dealers	- 8	- 52	-229
Sales finance companies	+ 72	-432	+ 84
Public utilities and transportation	+118	+212	+ 78
Construction	+ 7	- 22	+ 17
Other types of business	+ 37	- 48	- 3
Classified changes - net	+560	+445	+174
Unclassified changes - net	+ 32	- 51	<u>1/- 13</u>
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+592	+394	<u>1/+161</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, MARCH 14, 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	+15.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.9	+ 2.1	+ 7.4	- .1	- .4	- 3.2	+ 4.8	- 1.5	--	+ 1.6	- 6.3
Textiles, apparel, and leather	+40.2	+ 2.0	+26.6	+ .6	+ .1	+ 2.9	+ .4	+ 3.1	+ 3.5	+ .6	--	- .3	+ .7
Metals and metal products (including machinery & transportation equipment)	+165.7	+ 6.4	+75.1	+10.9	+20.8	+ 1.9	+ 1.0	+27.9	+ 2.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.5	+13.9
Petroleum, coal, chemicals, and rubber	+25.5	+ .2	+ 9.7	+ .7	+ .2	+ 1.0	- .5	+ 9.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.0	- .1	+ 2.4	+ .6
Other manufacturing and mining	+43.8	+ 2.8	+19.0	+ 3.8	+ 2.8	+ .9	+ .5	+ 7.9	+ 1.5	+ .5	+ .3	+ .7	+ 3.1
Trade:													
Wholesale	(+44.0)	+ .2	+ .1	+ .9	+ .7	+ .6	- .1	+ .9	+ 1.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.6	(+ 6.0)	+ 3.8
Retail		+ 1.8	+ 8.2	- .1	+ 3.8	+ 1.1	+ .7	+ 6.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.0	- .4		+ 2.5
Commodity dealers	- 8.2	+ 3.2	+ 3.0	+ .3	- .2	- .8	- 1.9	- 1.1	- 5.7	- 1.2	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 1.8
Sales finance companies	+72.0	+ 2.6	+57.1	- 3.8	- .4	- 2.3	- 1.0	+12.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.7	- .1	+ .7	+ 4.1
Public utilities (including transportation)	+117.7	+ 6.8	+83.0	+ .6	+ 3.3	+ 1.9	+ 1.3	+10.7	--	+ .9	- .1	- 1.7	+11.0
Construction	+ 6.6	+ .8	+ .8	+ .4	+ .5	+ .9	- .2	- 3.1	+ 1.4	- .6	+ .4	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
All other types of business	+37.3	+ 2.6	+19.9	- .4	+ .2	+ 1.4	- .8	+ .7	+ 1.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.2	+ 5.2	+ 4.7
Net change in classified loans <u>1/</u>	+560.3	+30.8	+312.4	+16.0	+39.2	+ 9.4	- 1.0	+71.6	+15.1	+ 6.1	+ 3.0	+17.1	+40.6
Unclassified changes - net	+31.7	- .8	+21.6	+ 1.0	+ 6.8	+ .6	--	+12.4	- 1.1	+ .9	+ 1.0	+ .9	-11.6
Net change in commercial and industrial loans	+592.0	+30.0	+334.0	+17.0	+46.0	+10.0	- 1.0	+84.0	+14.0	+ 7.0	+ 4.0	+18.0	+29.0

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.