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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS ABROAD

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I. United Kingdom: Money and Capital Markets in April 1964

British securities markets reacted strongly to the large budget deficit for the fiscal year 1964-65, which was announced on April 15. The stock market overcame the sluggishness which set in after the February 27 increase in Bank rate, and stock prices once again approached the high levels reached at the beginning of the year. The bond market was depressed, with yields rising to over 6 per cent for long-term and undated issues. (See Table 1 and Chart 6.) There was virtually no reaction to the budget in the money market.

Table 1. United Kingdom: Selected Money Market Indicators, 1964 (In per cent per annum)

	Jan.	March		A	pril		May
	3_	6	3	10	17	24	_1_
MONEY MARKET	1 00	~ ~~					
Bank rate Treasury bill tender	4.00 3.72	5.00					5.00 4.30
				7.7		4.,,-	4.50
COVERED ARBITRAGE (favor U.K.)				2.5			
U.K./U.S. Treasury bills	14	02	-,11	04	05	03	03
SECURITIES PRICES a/			•				
(April 10, 1962=100)							
Industrial stocks Long-term Government Bonds	117.5 1					116.8	116.9 105.2
CONTRACTOR DOWN WITHING . /				:			
GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS b/	4.72	5.08	4.95	4.95	5.00	4.97	4.95
5% 1971	5.06	5.41	5.30	5.34	5.39	5.41	5.39
5-1/2% 2008-12 2-1/2% Consols		6.05 5.97	5.88 5.83			6.10 6.04	6.10 6.05
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EXCHANGE RATES Spot (U.S. cents)	279.73	279,88	279.88	273.85	279.87	279.97	280.00
3-month forward							
discount	24	66	77	76	 76	76	76

a/ Weekly averages.
b/ Previous Thursdays.

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The announcement on April 9 that the general election will not be held until Autumn contributed to the bouyancy of the stock market. This factor also contributed to a firming of the spot rate in the foreign exchange market. The pound regained the 280.00 U.S. cent parity on May 1. (See Table 1.) However, the discount on the 3-month pound was unchanged.

The overall budget deficit estimated for the 1964-65 fiscal year (commencing on April1) is £791 million, compared with the £478 million deficit realized under the "expansionary" budget for 1963-64 and the £56 million deficit realized under the "neutral" budget for 1962-63. (See Table 2.) Some £165 million of the estimated £313 million increase in the deficit reflects the inclusion in the new budget of Treasury borrowings to finance capital expenditures of local authorities which these bodies had hitherto borrowed in their own name. Even if this sum is excluded from the budget total, however, the expected 1964-65 deficit would still amount to £626 million. Despite official efforts to raise funds outside the gilt-edged market, the prospective Treasury cash needs had a dampening effect on bond yields.

On May 2, in its first financing operation in the current fiscal year, the Treasury issued a £400 million long-dated tap issue: a 5-3/4 per cent Funding Loan, 1987-91. Apparently the Government chose a long-term issue primarily because the government broker is reported to have already on hand supplies of issues in the short-term range (the 4 per cent Exchequer Stock, 1968) and in the medium-term range (the 5-1/4 per cent Funding Loan, 1978-80). As has been done with other new government bond issues in recent years, the Funding Loan has been made attractive to foreigners by making it available in bearer form and by exempting non-residents from withholding taxes deducted at source.

Sterling, which began to display a stronger tone in mid-March, continued to improve in April. Reserves in April increased by \$53 million. However, the U.K.'s deteriorating trade balance (resulting from a more rapid increase in imports than in exports) suggests the possibility that sterling is presently being supported by an overseas sterling area payments surplus with non-sterling countries.

Bank lending has continued to rise along with the rapid business expansion. Loans by the London clearing banks are estimated to have increased in April by about the same amount as in March (seasonally adjusted): £17 million.

Exchequer finance. The Treasury will have to raise large sums to finance the estimated £791 million deficit. It has already taken action to raise a substantial portion of the Government's cash requirements outside the giltedged market.

In particular, the Government has made non-marketable Government debt obligations more attractive to the public. A "National Development Bond" will be offered on May 15 with a 5 per cent coupon as contrasted with the 4-1/2 per cent coupon currently offered on the Defense Bonds. Limits on the amounts of National Savings Certificates and Premium Bonds that one person may hold are

being raised from £300 to £600 and from £800 to £1000, respectively. In addition, the Chancellor announced that the Treasury is working on a contractual savings program which "... will give an incentive for sustained saving over a period of years." Proceeds from non-marketable debt amounted to £309 million in 1960-61, £84 million in 1961-62 and £145 million in 1962-63.

Table 2. United Kingdom: Financing the Government's Budget Deficit: 1960-61 through 1964-65 a/
(In millions of pounds)

	1960-61 Actual	1961-62 Actual	1962-63 Actual	1963-64 Actual	1964-65 Estimate
BUDGET DEFICIT	<u>-380</u>	<u>-236</u>	<u>-56</u>	-478	<u>-791</u>
EXCHEQUER FINANCING Extrabudgetary funds External transactions Bank of England Non-marketable debt Financing other than by sales of marketable debt	100 -297 266 309	193 73 143 84 4 9 3	75 23 - 236 <u>145</u>	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	
Marketable debt Non-bank public Banking sector of which: Eends Treasury bills Financing by sales of marketable debt TOTAL FINANCING	577 -575 (-306) (-269) 2 380	-199 - 58 (- 63) (- 5) -257 -236	66 -17 (110) (-127) 49 56	n.a. n.a. b/(-42) b/(+12) n.a. -478.	<u>-791</u>

a/ Fiscal years end on March 31, but the figures for 1960-61 through 1962-63 are adjusted to coincide with the third Wednesday of March, the days on which the London clearing banks prepare their balance sheet.
b/ London clearing banks only.

Money market. Money market conditions eased after March 31, with the end of the tax-gathering quarter. However, some intermittent Bank of England support was required in April, particularly towards the end of the month; but the amount of Treasury bills purchases reported to have been well-below the purchases required in March. The Treasury bill auction rate remained at 4.30 per cent for ten consecutive weeks, from February 28 through May 1. (See Chart 1.)

Euro-dollar rates eased during April, particularly on the short end. The yield on call money fell from 3.81 per cent per annum on April 3 to 3.69 per cent per annum on May 24. On the other hand, three-months and six-months deposit rates fell only by six points. They had remained unchanged from mid-March through April 3. (See Table 3 and Chart 2.)

Table 3. Yields on Euro-dollar Deposits in London
(In per cent per annum)

	Feb.	March		Apr	May			
	14	13	3	10	17	24	1	8
Call	3.62	3.81	3.81	3.75	3•75	3.69	3.69	3•75
7-days	3.75	4.00	4.00	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88
30-days	3.88	4.12	4.12	4.06	4.06	4.00	4.06	-4.06
90-days	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.19	4.19	4.25
180-days	4.25	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.38

In the <u>local</u> authorities market, short-term rates eased seasonally after March 31. Towards the end of the month, rates became firmer. (See Table 10 and Charts 1 and 5.)

The local authority mortgage market revived by mid-April after over a month's inactivity due to uncertainties about the Public Works Loan Board lending rates which were to come into effect on April 1. Since mid-April considerable interest has been shown in mortgage loans repayable on one-month's notice after a term of eleven months at a yield of 5-3/h per cent.

Arbitrage yield spreads. The covered U.S.-U.K. Treasury bill spread and the differential between 3-months local authorities deposits (fully hedged) and Euro-dollar deposits remained negligible in April. (See Table 4 and Chart 3.) The uncovered Treasury bill differential, however, widened from 64 basis points on March 26 to 73 basis points on April 24, as the U.S. bill rate eased. (See Table 10.) The gap between London Euro-dollar deposits and offering rates on negotiable certificates of time deposits of prime New York banks widened, since the C/D rate fell while Euro-dollar yields held firm.

Bond market. Bond prices fell following the announcement of the large budget deficit, and the market remained weak throughout the month. The long end of the market was more depressed than the short-end. The yield on 2-1/2 per cent Consols, for example, rose steadily from 5.89 per cent on April 9 to 6.05 per cent on April 30. The yield on the 5 per cent Exchequer 1967 bond, on the other hand, rose following the budget but then recovered its pre-budget level by April 30. (See Table 11 and Chart 6.)

The weakness in the long end of the market continued in the first week of May. This was, in part, a reaction to the new 5-3/4 per cent tap issue being offered at 97, giving this bond a gross redemption yield of 5.98 per cent. This move led The Economist (May 2, 1964, p. 522) to observe that ". . . the authorities for the moment think of 6 per cent as the right long-term interest rate."

Table 4. U.K./U.S. Short-term Money Market Yields and Yield Spreads
(in per cent per annum)

				196	4			
•	Jan.	Fe	b.	March		April		
	31	21	28	26	3	10	_17	24
TIME DEPOSITS (3-month)								
N.Y Certf. deposit <u>a/b/</u> London - Euro-\$ Sterling (covered)	3 . 88 3 . 94	3 .8 4 4 . 06			3 . 95 4 . 25	3.95 4.25	3.88 4.25	3.85 4.25
Local authorities Finance Houses	3.97 3.85	4.01 3. 85		4.41 4.20		4.94 4.20	4.94 4.20	4.94 4.20
YIELD SPREADS (Favor U.K.) Treasury bills (3-month) c/								
Uncovered Covered Euro-\$ - N.Y. C/D a/	.13 18 .24	.12 25 .22	.60 09 .22	.64 07 .30	11	.72 04 .30	05	
Euro-\$ - Local Authority (covered)	•13	11	•22	.16	•04	07	07	01

a/ Previous Wednesdays.

c/ U.S. and U.K. bill rates are shown in Table 11. See also Chart 3.

Dollar denominated loans. Two major dollar bonds were floated in London in April. Both were Danish loans, and both were placed privately—entirely with Continental investors, it is believed. A \$25 million Kingdom of Denmark 5-1/2 per cent 20 year issue was placed early in the month. This was the largest dollar denominated loan issue to be placed in London since this type of lending began. Towards the end of April, a \$10 million 5-3/h per cent 20 year bond was placed for the Jutland Telephone Company. (See Table 5.) Trading on this loan actually did not begin until May h.

Negotiations are reported to be taking place for the underwriting of a \$15 million bond issue by a Japanese corporation and of a \$25 million Government of Norway bond issue.

b/ Secondary market offering rates for negotiable certificates of time deposits.

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Table 5. U.S. Dollar Loans Floated in London, 1964

Issue Date		Borrowers	Coupon	Maturity	Value (\$ Mns.)
January	15	Norges Kommunalbank	5-3/4%	1974-84	10.0
	23	Government of Austria	6%	1979-84	18.0
February	6	Wofson Clore Mayer Corp. (Israel)	6-1/2%	1983-88	5.0
	17	City of Oslo	5-3/4%	1979	15.0
	13	Copenhagen Telephone Co. (Denmark)	5-3/4%	1984	12.0
March	10	Teijin Kabushki Kaisha (Japan)	6-1/4%	1974-84	10.0
	24	Aktieselskabet Tyssefaldene (Norway)	6%	1974-84	10.0
	26	C. Itoh and Co. (Japan)	6-1/4%	1984	10.0
	26	Taisho Marine and Fire Insurance			
		Co. (Japan)	(Common	Stock)	2.0
April	6	Kingdom of Denmark	5-1/2%	1984	25.0
May	4	Jutland Telephone Co. (Denmark)	5-3/4%	1984	10.0

Stock market. After the budget was announced on April 15, stock prices rose by nearly 2 per cent in the remaining hours of trading on that day. This brought stock prices hack to the early January level. (See Table 12 and Chart 7.) The sharp recovery followed a six week period of sluggishness as the Bank rate change was interpreted as signalling a move on the part of the Government to slow down the rate of economic expansion. The budget, on the other hand, was interpreted as being expansionary; and the market revived accordingly.

London clearing banks. Bank lending to the private sector of the economy has continued to expand although not as rapidly as it had earlier in the year: easonally adjusted advances increased in April by the same amount as in March: £17 million. (See Table 6.) After the end of the first quarter, when bank liquidity was strained owing to the seasonal increase in loans and to heavy tax payments, the liquidity ratio rose from 29.7 to 30.4 per cent of gross deposits.

The limited Treasury borrowing from the banks explains the pressure on bank liquidity that was experienced last year, when the minimum customary liquidity ratio was reduced from 30.0 per cent to 28.0 per cent in October 1963. During the last three fiscal years, the London clearing banks reduced their holdings of marketable government debt (including loans to the discount market) by £82 million.

Instalment credit. New credit extended by department stores in January and February declined less than seasonally, according to the Board of Trade. (See Table 7.) New credit extended by finance houses rose sharply. These developments have accompanied increased consumer expenditure--manifested in a rise in retail sales and expanding purchases of automobiles.

Table 6. London Clearing Banks: Net Deposits and Selected Assets,

April 1961 through April 1964
(In millions of pounds)

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				ange			Outstandir
		- 1962-			196		April 15
	1962	1963	1964	Feb.	March	April	1964
LOANS TO PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE SECTORS							
Claims on Public Sector Bonds Treasury bills and loans	- 90	+137	-42	- 64	-32		1,079
to the discount market	+44	<u>-131</u>	+12	<u>-313</u>	<u>-59</u>	+49	1,266
Exchequer finance	-46	+ 6	- 30	- 377	- 91	+49	2,345
Loans to nationalized industries	+ 3	+ 11	<u>- 8</u>	+ 6	<u>-10</u>	<u>- 8</u>	60
Total claims on public sector	<u>-43</u>	+ 17	<u>-38</u>	-371	-101	+41	<u>2,405</u>
Claims on Private Sector Advances (net) 2/ Other	+58 +59	+453	+385 +52	+154 <u>- 7</u>	+57 +46	+ 7 +29	4,155 <u>713</u>
Total claims on private sector	+117	+491	+437	+147	<u>+103</u>	<u>+36</u>	4,868
SPECIAL DEPOSITS AT BANK OF ENGLAND	+77	-220					
LIQUIDITY RATIO (end period)	32.6	30.5	29.7	29.9	29.7	30.4	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: Deposits (net) Advances 2/	+106 +58	+276 +453	+448 +385	- 247 + 65	+15 +17	3/ +79 3/ +17	

^{1/} Fiscal years commencing April 1.

 $[\]overline{2}/$ Excluding loans to nationalized industries.

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Table 7. United Kingdom: Instalment Credit (end of period)

			1963		19	964	Outstanding
	<u> 1962</u>	Year	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb. 29, 1964
New Credit Extended, Index						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
of value (1957=100)	7.00	1 -	710	٠	~ 110	7.07	
Department stores	139	145	140	145	110	107	
Finance houses	94	129	157	129	174	184	
Credit Outstanding (£ millions) -						
Household goods shops	+ 9	+22	+ 5	+11	- 1	· - 1	338
Finance houses	- 49	+45	+ 3	- 4	+ 4	+13 +12	631
Total	-40	+67	+ 8	+ 7	+ 3	+12	969

Table 8. United Kingdom: Foreign Trade (Millions of pounds; seasonally adjusted; monthly averages)

	•			, ,			_		
			19	63			. 1	964	
		lst. Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th. Qtr		b/ Jan.	b/ Feb.	March
Imports, c.i.f.									-
Food, beverages, and tobacco Fuels and industrial		126	141	148	143	150	157	151	143
materials		195 '	200	209	220	233	233	231	235
Finished manufactures and other Total <u>a</u> /	1	<u>53</u> 375	<u>56</u> 395	57 412	<u>59</u> 1422	69 453	66 457	66 450	74 451
Exports, f.o.b.		327	335	346	348	<u>b</u> /356	<u>b</u> /326	369	373
Re-exports, f.o.b. Trade balance,		12	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	13	12	11	11	13
customs returns		- 36	-47	- 53	-61	<u>b</u> /-85	<u>b</u> /-120	-70	- 65
Trade balance,			•						
balance of payments basis $\underline{\mathbf{c}}/$		+ 7	- 2	- 9	-11	<u>b</u> /-35	<u>b</u> / - 73	- 15	-17

a/ Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

 \overline{b} / The January export figure is not comparable to those for other months owing

to a change in the technique of compilation.

c/ Customs returns adjusted for valuation and coverage, mainly revaluing imports from a c.i.f. to an f.o.b. basis. 196L figures are preliminary and are subject to substantial revisions.

Foreign trade. The trade deficit was about as large in March as it was in February. (See Table 8.) Imports in the first quarter of 1964 have leveled off. Imports of food, beverages and tobacco fell to the fourth quarter 1963 level, but this was offset by increased imports of fuels and industrial materials (associated with inventory investment) and finished manufactures.

Exports in March were maintained at the high level achieved in February. The February-March average was 6-1/2 per cent above the fourth quarter level.

Foreign exchange market. Sterling has strengthened since mid-March, and this has been reflected in a steady rise in the spot rate. (See Table 11 and Chart 8.) Sterling eased slightly in the first half of April, owing partly to uncertainties about the budget, but the spot rate continued its upward trend in the following week, reaching 280.00 on May 1. The https://document.org/december-10.00 and Chart 9.) The https://document.org/december-10.00 and 11-1/2 per cent in April.

Gold and foreign exchange reserves. With the strengthening of sterling in the foreign exchange markets, the United Kingdom's reserves increased by \$34 million in March and \$53 million in April, bringing total gold and foreign exchange reserves up to \$2,713 million on April 30. (See Table 9.) British drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund have remained virtually unchanged in recent months, as there have been few transactions in sterling. As of March 31, U.K.'s IMF drawing rights amounted to \$2,440 million.

Table 9. United Kingdom: Reserve Position (in millions of U.S. dollars)

				Change	s:		,	Outstanding
		Year	963 Dec.	Jan.	19 Feb.	064 March	April	April 30,
Α.	Gold and convertible							
	currencies Less: Central bank loans Less: U.S. opns. in	-149 <u>a</u> /	-115	+17	- <u>1</u> 48	+34	+53	2,713
	sterling b/ Adjusted Reserves	+ 33 -182	<u>- 10</u> -105	+17	<u>-148</u>	n.a.	n.a.	
В.	Drawing rights on IMF	<u>- 13</u>	_=_		+ 3	<u>- 2</u>	n.a.	c/2,440
	Total	-195	-115	+17	-45	n.a.	n.a.	

a/ Covers \$250 million assistance received in February and March and repaid

b/ As published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, September 1963, and March 1964. c/ As of March 31, 1964.

Bullion market. Large Russian gold sales in London were reported early in April but by contrast with earlier instances when Soviet marketings have depressed the gold price in London, a strong demand for gold kept the fixing price around \$35.080 per fine ounce. No additional major Russian gold sales were reported for the rest of the month. Demand for gold varied from light to moderate, and the fixing price fluctuated between \$35.070 and \$35.085. (See Table 10.)

Table 10. London Fixing Price for Gold (in U.S. dollars per fine ounce)

February	14	35.076	March	1 3	35.077	April	10	35.071
	20	35 . 079		20	35.060		17	35.081
	28	35.080		26	35.081		24	35.085
March	6	35 .09 6	April	3	35.082	May	1	35 .071

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II. Nine Charts on Financial Markets Abroad

- Chart 1 International Money Market Yields for U.S. Dollar Investors
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Table 11. United Kingdom: Treasury Bill Yields and Exchange Rates

		_:	18/22			Spot		posit rates
	3-mo.	U.S.	Differ- ence	3-mo. pound	In favor	pound (U.S. cents) a	U.S. dollar (3-mo.)	Local authority
1963 High Low 1964	3.58 3.31	3.32 2.85	.26 .46	03 -1.08	+•23 -•62	280.59 279.59	4.62 3.56	4.88 4.06
Jan. 31 Feb. 7 14 21 28	3.61 3.64 3.64 3.64 4.16	3.48 3.49 3.50 3.52 3.56	.13 .15 .14 .12	31 44 45 37 69	18 29 31 25	279.77 279.78 279.74 279.43 279.77	4.12 4.00 4.00 4.06 4.12	4.38 4.38 4.38 4.38 5.19
March 6 13 20 26 April 3	4.16 4.16 4.16 4.16 4.16	3.52 3.53 3.52 3.52 3.50	.64 .63 .64 .64	66 65 71 71	02 02 07 07 11	279.78 279.78 279.82 279.81 279.88	4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25	5.12 5.00 5.12 5.12 5.06
10 17 24 May 1	4.16 4.16 4.16 4.16	3.44 3.45 3.43 3.43	•72 •71 •73 •73	76 76 76	014 05 03 03	279.85 2 79. 87 279.97 280.00	4.25 4.25 4.19 4.19	4.94 4.94 4.94 5.00

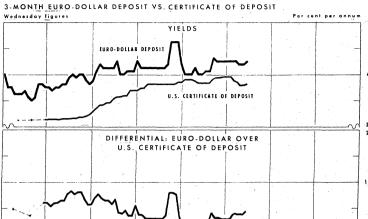
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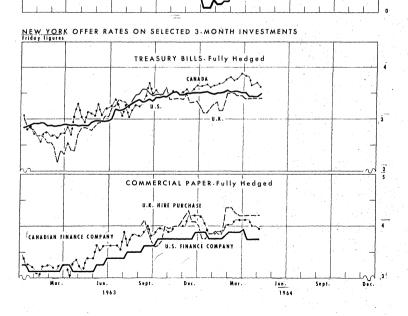
Table 12. United Kingdom: Selected Capital Market Yields

		U.K. Go	vernment	bond yield		Share	Yield	Share
	5 % 1967	3 % 1965 - 75	5-1/2% 2008-12	3-1/2% War Loan	2-1/2% Consols	yield _a/_	gap b/	prices _a/_
1963								
High Low	5.02 4.38	5.44 4.76	6.00 5.45	6 .1 2 5 . 68	5.98 5.39	5.06 4.13	96.99 20.90	117.2 95.6
1964								
Jan. 30 Feb. 6	4.70 4.75	5.26 5. 27	5.93 5.92	6.00 6.03	5.86 5.88	4.43	1.43	110.3 109.2
13 20	4.75 4.88	5.29 5.41	5.95 6.05	6.05 6.18	5.91 6.02	4.39 4.45	1.52 1.57	111.0 110.4
27	5.15	5.51	6.10	6.21	608	4.42	1.66	111.4
March 5 12	5.08 5.08	5,52 5,50	6.05 6.00	6.15 3 6.10	5.97 5.95	4.35 4.34	1.62 1.61	113.2 113.8
19 25	5.00 4.97	5.47 5.43	5.98 5.95	6.06 6.05	5.92 5.90	4.37 4.38	1.55 1.52	113.7 113.3
April 2	4.95	5.43	5.88	5.95	5.83	4.29	1.54	. 113.6
9 16	4,95 5,00	5.49 5.55	5 . 95 6 . 00	6.02 6.12	5.89 6.00	4.41 4.29	1.48 1.71	113.4 116.2
23 30	4.97 4.95	5.57 5.57	6.10 6.10	6.19 6.17	6.04 6.05	4.31 4.31	1.73 1.74	116.8 116.9

a/ Financial Times-Actuaries 500 Share Index (April 10,1962=100). Share prices are wkly.avgs.
b/ Difference between yield on 2-1/2 per cent Consols and share yield.

Chart 1
INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKET YIELDS FOR U.S. DOLLAR INVESTORS





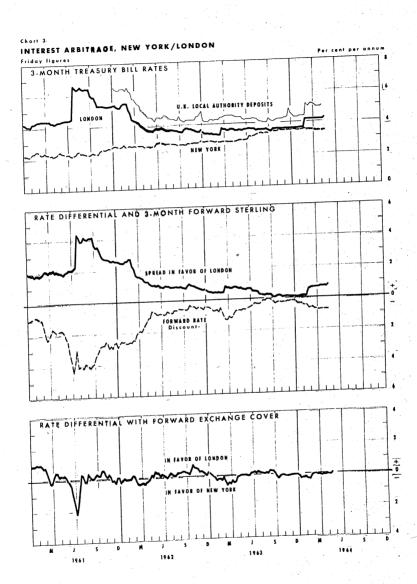
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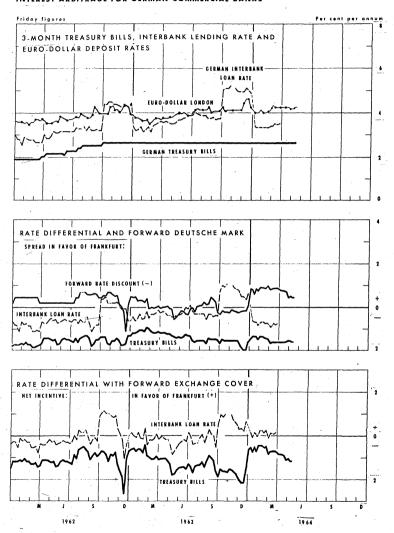
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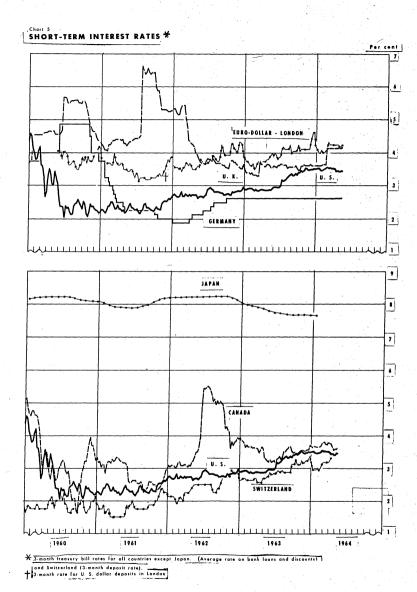
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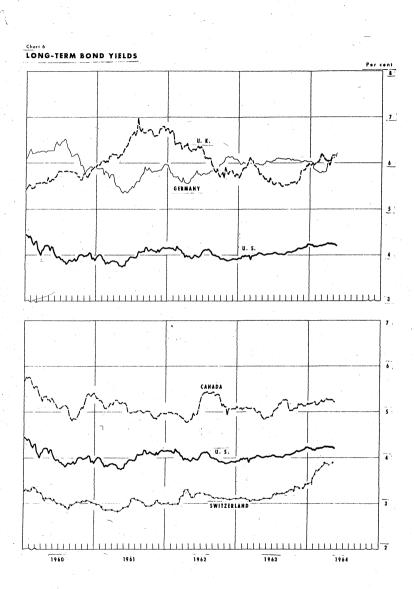


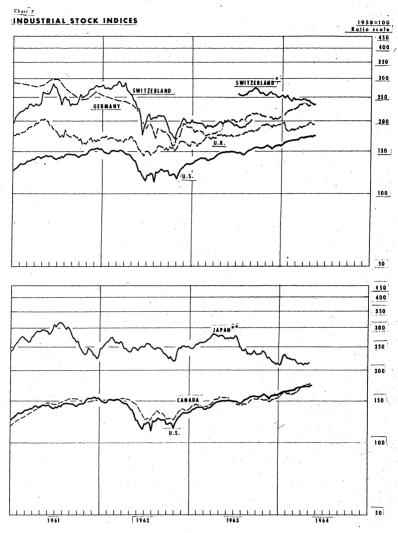
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Chart 4
INTEREST ARBITRAGE FOR GERMAN COMMERCIAL BANKS









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^{*/}Japan: index of 225 industrial and other stocks traded on the Takya exchange.

