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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Lone public offering last week - Only one large issue, a 6.6 million dollar State and local government offering, was floated for new capital during the week ending May 6. Large public issues scheduled for issue this week total 111 million dollars for corporations and 36 million for State and local governments.

Bond yields - Yields on outstanding corporate Aaa bonds rose one basis point during the week ending May 6. Yields on U. S. Government long-term, State and local government Aaa, and lower-grade corporate and municipal bonds remained steady.

According to daily figures, yields on corporate Aaa and Baa bonds increased slightly on Monday and were stable on Tuesday of this week. Yields on Treasury obligations declined slightly on both days.

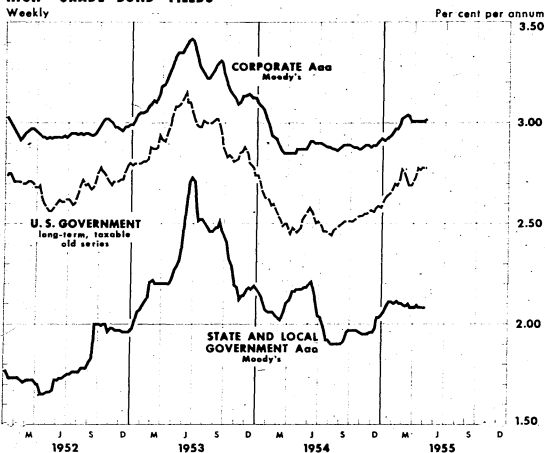
Stock prices - The SEC index of 265 common stocks rose to a new high last week. Trading volume was low. During the period of rapidly rising stock prices preceding the rise in margin requirements from 50 to 60 per cent, that is, from early November to January 4, daily trading volume averaged 3.5 million shares. From January 5 to April 22, the period in which margin requirements remained at 60 per cent, daily volume averaged 3.1 million shares. Since April 23, average trading volume has been only 2.4 million shares a day.

More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments will be found in the attached exhibits.

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EXHIBIT A

HIGH - GRADE BOND YIELDS



Date	Corporate Aaa <u>1/</u>	U. S. Govt. long-term <u>2/</u>	State and local govt., Aaa <u>3/</u>	Spread between U. S. Govt. and	
				Corporate Aaa	State and local Aaa
(Per cent)					
1952 - High	3.03 (1/4)	2.79 (12/27)	2.00 (10/23)	.37	1.02
Low	2.91 (2/15)	2.56 (5/17)	1.65 (5/1)	.19	.71
1953 - High	3.42 (6/19)	3.15 (6/6)	2.73 (6/25)	.38	.84
Low	2.99 (1/9)	2.78 (12/26)	1.98 (1/8)	.19	.30
1954 - High	3.09 (1/8)	2.74 (1/9)	2.21 (6/10)	.43	.61
Low	2.85 (1/23)	2.44 (8/7)	1.90 (9/2)	.32	.29
1955 - High	3.04 (3/11)	2.77 (5/6)	2.11 (2/10)	.34	.69
Low	2.91 (1/7)	2.62 (1/7)	2.06 (1/6)	.24	.54
April 8	3.01	2.77	2.09	.24	.68
April 15	3.01	2.76	2.08	.25	.68
April 22	3.01	2.77	2.08	.24	.69
April 29	3.01	2.77	2.08	.24	.69
May 6	3.02	2.77	2.08	.25	.69

^{1/} Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

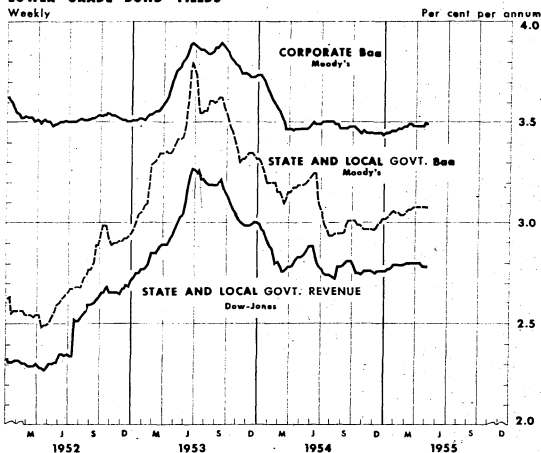
^{2/} Weekly average of daily figures; old series. Average term to first call of bonds included is 13-14 years.

^{3/} Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note.--Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.

EXHIBIT B

LOWER-GRADE BOND YIELDS



Date	Corporate Baa ^{1/}	State and local govt. Baa ^{2/}	State and local govt. revenue ^{3/}
	(Per cent)		
1952 - High	3.63 (1/4)	2.98 (10/23)	2.69 (12/19)
Low	3.48 (5/16)	2.48 (4/17)	2.27 (4/25)
1953 - High	3.89 (9/18)	3.79 (6/25)	3.27 (6/26)
Low	3.50 (1/2)	2.96 (1/8)	2.71 (1/2)
1954 - High	3.74 (1/8)	3.32 (1/7)	3.00 (1/1)
Low	3.44 (12/31)	2.93 (8/5)	2.72 (8/13)
1955 - High	3.49 (5/6)	3.08 (5/5)	2.80 (4/15)
Low	3.45 (1/14)	3.02 (1/6)	2.76 (1/7)
April 8	3.48	3.08	2.80
April 15	3.48	3.08	2.80
April 22	3.48	3.08	2.78
April 29	3.49	3.08	2.78
May 6	3.49	3.08	2.78

^{1/} Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

^{2/} Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

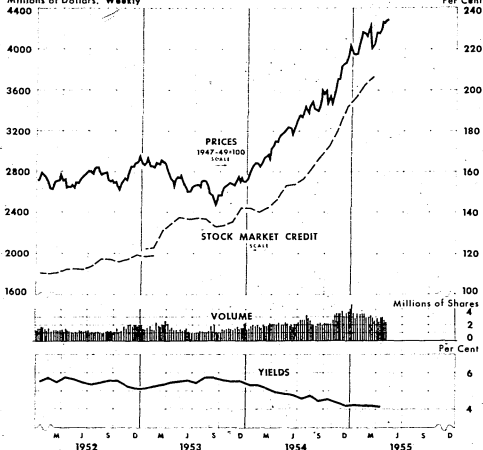
^{3/} Friday figures. Average rating of bonds included is between Baa and A; average term is 20 years.

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EXHIBIT C

STOCK MARKET

Millions of Dollars, Weekly



Date	Stock price index 1/	Trading volume 2/ (millions of shares)	Common stock yields 3/ (per cent)	Stock market credit		
				Total	Customers' debit bal- ances 4/	Bank loans to "others" 5/
(Millions of dollars)						
1952 - High	165.3 (12/26)	2.0	5.77	1,986	1,332	656
Low	151.7 (10/24)	0.9	5.13	1,804	1,241	552
1953 - High	167.1 (1/2)	2.5	5.75	2,445	1,665	780
Low	144.0 (9/18)	0.9	5.15	2,055	1,314	664
1954 - High	221.4 (12/31)	3.7	5.33	3,436	2,388	1,048
Low	156.5 (1/6)	1.4	4.20	2,405	1,653	746
1955 - High	234.0 (5/6)	4.6	4.22	3,732	2,652	1,081
Low	217.4 (1/14)	2.3	4.12	3,537	2,517	1,018
March	225.6	2.9	4.21	3,732	2,652	1,080
April	231.4	2.7	4.12	n.a.	n.a.	1,081
April 22	232.9	2.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,070
April 29	233.6	2.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,081
May 6	234.0	2.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

^{1/} SEC index of 265 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1939-100; converted to 1947-49=100 by Federal Reserve. The conversion factor is 123.91.

^{2/} Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

^{3/} Moody's 200 common stocks; end of month figures.

^{4/} End of month figures for member firms of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes money borrowed for carrying U. S. Government obligations.

^{5/} Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes all loans on U. S. Governments for 1952; since 1953 only loans secured by Governments at banks in New York and Chicago are excluded. Weekly reporting banks account for about 72 per cent of loans to others.

n.a.—Not available.

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Corporate and State and Local Government
Security Offerings and Placements

(In millions of dollars)

	New capital					
	Corporate			State and local		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
January	e/486	544	623	535	396	389
February	e/350	439	623	312	411	360
March	e/1,220	660	666	e/540	565	426
April	e/500	486	779	e/425	734	329
May	e/750	652	675	e/300	748	649
June		859	1,123		853	434
July		898	483		279	519
August		346	325		261	259
September		776	753		649	475
October		1,008	577		594	453
November		298	429		423	408
December		592	1,438 ^{1/}		877	774
1st quarter	e/2,055	1,643	1,912	e/1,385	1,372	1,176
2nd quarter		1,998	2,578		2,334	1,412
3rd quarter		2,021	1,561		1,188	1,253
4th quarter		1,899	2,444 ^{1/}		1,894	1,636
Year		7,561	8,495		6,789	5,477
Excluding finance companies 2/						
1st quarter	e/1,655	1,562	1,669			
2nd quarter		1,931	1,991			
3rd quarter		1,944	1,223			
4th quarter		1,795	2,344			
Year		7,229	7,227			

1/ Includes 602.5 million dollar AT&T debenture issue.

2/ Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and personal finance companies.

e/ Estimated.

Note.—Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Large Public Security Issues for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Proceeds of Large Issues Offered

(Millions of dollars)

Month	Corporate	State and local government	Other <u>2/</u>
1954 - April	<u>9/</u> 166	557	—
May	324	557	—
June	350	603	—
July	336	92	—
August	75	86	—
September	335	455	—
October	413	388	—
November	0	268	—
December	94	689	30
1955 - January	141	341	35
February	72	107	—
March	750	337	—
April	175	238	15

Large Individual Issues Offered May 2 through 6

Issuer	Type <u>3/</u>	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>CORPORATE</u>						
None						
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
Wash. Twp.-Marion Co., Sch. Bldg. Corp., Ind.	Rev.	6.6	1957-77	3.02	1.80-3.05	—
<u>OTHER</u>						
None						

1/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of 15 million dollars and over; State and local government security offerings of 5 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues.

3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G.O. denotes general obligation; Rev., revenue bonds; and, L.L., limited liability obligations secured by pledge of designated revenues.

g/ Corrected.

Forthcoming Large Public Security Offerings for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

Date of computation	During month following date shown			Subsequent to date shown		
	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/
1954 - Apr. 30	323	525	27	647	2,322	27
May 28	332	596	—	526	1,971	—
June 30	336	86	—	532	1,524	—
July 30	100	54	—	303	1,553	—
Aug. 31	334	300	—	608	1,876	—
Sept. 30	343	383	—	414	2,158	—
Oct. 29	15	436	—	135	1,957	30
Nov. 30	94	661	30	246	2,682	30
Dec. 31	184	567	—	216	2,144	35
1955 - Jan. 31	16	682	—	422	1,961	—
Feb. 28	710	524	—	1,395	1,978	—
Mar. 31	211	208	—	922	2,009	—
Apr. 29	425	116	—	1,141	1,917	—

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of May 6

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>CORPORATE</u>			
Public Service of Indiana, Inc.	Pfd. stock	21.3	May 9
Pacific Northwest Pipeline	Common stock	15.5	May 9
American Trust Co.	Common stock	19.5	May 10
Transamerica Corp.	Common stock	54.5	May 10
Ohio Edison Co.	1st mtg. bonds	30.0	May 17
W. R. Grace	Conv. sub. deb.	30.0	May 18
Bethlehem Steel Co.	Conv. deb.	191.7	May 23
Alabama Power	1st mtg. bonds	15.0	May 24
*Detroit Edison	Genl. & ref. mtg. bds.	60.0	May 24
*Lockheed Aircraft Corp.	Conv. sub. deb.	30.0	May 25
*Virginia Electric and Power	1st & ref. mtg. bds.	25.0	June 7
Southern California Edison	Conv. deb.	41.0	June 14
Consolidated Natural Gas	Common stock	25.1	June
*Peoples Gas Light & Coke	Common stock	15.5	June
American Telephone and Telegraph	Conv. deb.	650.9	1955
Southern California Gas Co.	Bonds	40.0	1955

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of May 6 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Cincinnati, Ohio	G.O.	19.7	May 10
Los Angeles, California	Rev.	6.0	May 11
Louisiana State Building Authority	L.L.	9.9	May 12
State of Maryland	G.O.	11.3	May 17
Memphis, Tennessee	G.O.	8.3	May 17
St. Paul, Minnesota	G.O.	6.9	May 18
*Port of New York Authority	n.a.	30.0	May 23
*Chicago, Illinois	n.a.	6.0	May 24
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania	n.a.	5.5	May 24
Oakdale, California	Rev.	20.8	May 25
South San Joaquin, California	Rev.	20.8	May 25
Florida State Turnpike Authority	Rev.	74.0	1955
Inter-American Center Auth., Fla.	Rev.	60.0	1955
Michigan Turnpike Authority	Rev.	186.0	1955
State of Louisiana	n.a.	80.0	1955
Illinois Turnpike Authority	Rev.	390.0	1955
Connecticut Expressway	Rev.	100.0	1955
Texas Turnpike Authority	Rev.	58.5	1955
Sam Houston Turnpike Corp.	Rev.	146.0	1955
Texas Turnpike Company	Rev.	140.0	1955
Dade County Port Authority, Fla.	Rev.	21.0	1955
Springfield, Illinois	n.a.	9.0	1955
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania			
Sanitary Authority	Rev.	85.0	1955
California Toll Bridge Authority	Rev.	235.0	1955
Jersey City Sewerage Auth., N. J.	Rev.	16.0	1955
North Carolina Turnpike Authority	n.a.	200.0	1955
<u>OTHER</u>			
None			

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