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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

New capital volume small - State and local government security issues with proceeds of 66 million dollars and one 25 million dollar construction company offering made up the total of large issues publicly floated for new capital during the week ending July 1. Only one large issue is scheduled for offering this week--a 5 million dollar State and local government issue.

Bond yields - Yields on U. S. Government long-term obligations increased three basis points and State and local government Aaa bond yields rose five basis points last week. State and local government Baa and revenue bond yields rose one and four basis points respectively.

Corporate Aaa and Baa yields remained steady. No further change was indicated so far this week in the daily figures for corporate and Treasury bond yields.

The latest increase in State and local yields appears to be the result of the efforts of dealers to reduce their large inventories by price cutting in the face of a heavy schedule of new issues.

Each of the bond yield series mentioned above is currently at the highest level of the year. The present levels of the State and local bonds were previously reached in mid-1954. In the case of corporate Aaa and Baa bonds, yields have not been this high since January and March 1954 respectively. Treasury yields were higher last week than in any week since December 5, 1953.

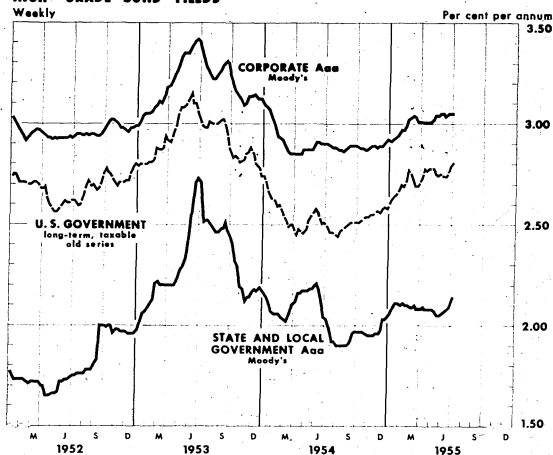
Stock prices increase - The SEC index of 265 common stocks rose again last week to a new high of 253.6 in a trading volume averaging 2.3 million shares a day. Daily figures indicate sharp increases in prices on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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 ^{1/}	U. S. Govt. long-term ^{2/}	State and local govt., Aaa ^{3/}	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 (4/23)	2.44 (8/7)	1.90 (9/2)	.32	.29
1955 - High	3.05 (7/1)	2.81 (7/1)	2.14 (6/30)	.34	.70
Low	2.91 (1/7)	2.62 (1/7)	2.05 (5/26)	.24	.54
June 3	3.05	2.74	2.06	.31	.68
June 10	3.04	2.74	2.07	.30	.67
June 17	3.05	2.75	2.08	.30	.67
June 24	3.05	2.78	2.09	.27	.69
July 1	3.05	2.81	2.14	.24	.67

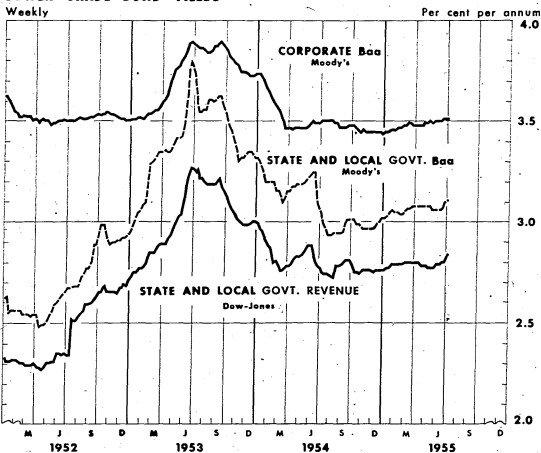
^{1/} Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

^{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.

LOWER-GRADE BOND YIELDS



Date	Corporate Baa ^{1/}	State and local govt. Baa ^{2/}	State and local govt. rev. ^{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	3.51 (7/1)	3.11 (6/30)	2.84 (7/1)
Low	3.45 (1/14)	3.02 (1/6)	2.76 (1/7)
June 3	3.50	3.06	2.79
June 10	3.50	3.06	2.79
June 17	3.51	3.07	2.80
June 24	3.51	3.10	2.80
July 1	3.51	3.11	2.84

^{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.

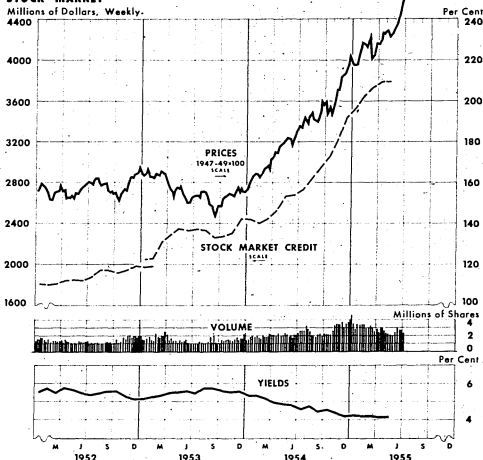
^{3/} Friday figures. Average rating of bonds included is between Baa and A; average term is 20 years.

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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)	(Millions of dollars)		
				Total	Customers' debit balances ^{4/}	Bank loans to "others" ^{5/}
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	253.6 (7/1)	4.6	4.22	3,787	2,704	1,163
Low	217.4 (1/14)	2.0	4.12	3,537	2,517	1,028
May	233.3	2.2	4.44	3,787	2,684	1,103
June	244.5	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
June 17	247.4	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,153
June 24	251.1	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,163
July 1	253.6	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; credit extended on money borrowed for carrying U. S. Government obligations.

^{5/} Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes all loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Governments for 1952; since 1953 only these loans 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	546	547	623	535	396	390
February	436	426	623	312	411	360
March	1,261	635	666	538	565	426
April	e/500	497	779	427	734	329
May	e/900	656	675	e/350	748	649
June	e/600	842	1,123	e/630	853	434
July	e/500	909	483	e/600	279	519
August		335	325		261	259
September		747	753		649	475
October		1,003	577		594	453
November		250	429		423	408
December		604	1,438 ^{1/}		877	774
1st quarter	2,243	1,608	1,912	1,385	1,372	1,176
2nd quarter	e/2,000	1,995	2,578	e/1,405	2,334	1,412
3rd quarter		1,991	1,561		1,188	1,253
4th quarter		1,896	2,444 ^{1/}		1,894	1,636
Year		7,490	8,495		6,789	5,477
	Excluding finance companies ^{2/}					
1st quarter	1,791	1,527	1,669			
2nd quarter	e/1,925	1,927	1,991			
3rd quarter		1,911	1,223			
4th quarter		1,792	2,344			
Year		7,158	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 - June	350	603	--
July	411	92	--
August	75	86	--
September	364	455	--
October	433	388	--
November	0	268	--
December	121	689	30
1955 - January	141	341	35
February	63	107	--
March	750	337	--
April	175	238	15
May	483	152	--
June	182	409	--

Large Individual Issues Offered During June

Issuer	Type <u>3/</u>	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net interest cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>CORPORATE</u>						
Virginia Electric and Power Company	1st & ref. bds.	25.0	1985	3.25	3.20	Aa
Southern California Edison	Conv. deb.	41.0	1970	3.25	3.25	A
Southern New England Telephone & Telegraph	Deb.	20.0	1989	3.25	3.20	Aa
Oklahoma Gas & Electric	1st mtg. bds.	15.0	1985	3.25	3.20	Aa
Consolidated Natural Gas	Common stk.	22.9				
Baltimore Gas & Electric	Common stk.	17.4				
People's Gas Light & Coke	Common stk.	15.7				
Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp.	Conv. deb.	25.0	1975	4.50	4.50	Ba

Large Individual Issues Offered During June (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type <u>3/</u>	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
Houston, Texas	G.O.	12.5	1956-80	2.47	1.20-2.65	A
New York City Housing Authority	G.R.	27.2	1958-03	3.01	1.75-2.78	A
State of North Carolina	G.O.	11.0	1957-75	1.96	1.20-2.05	Aa
Baltimore, Maryland	G.O.	24.7	1956-84	2.15	1.05-2.30	Aa
Galveston Co. Navigation District, Texas	G.O.	6.0	1957-91	2.93	1.40-3.00 ^{4/}	A
Minneapolis, Minnesota	G.O.	5.2	1956-75	--	1.15-2.10	Aa
Florida Turnpike Auth.	Rev.	74.0	1995	3.32	3.25	--
Texas Turnpike Authority	Rev.	58.5	1980-85	2.93	2.80-2.90	--
Kansas City, Kansas	Rev.	7.0	1956-70	2.06	1.15-2.10	Aa
Prince George's Co., Md.	G.O.	6.0	1956-75	2.77	1.25-3.05	Baa
Dade County Port Auth., Florida	Rev.	12.1	1979	3.23	3.15	--
Cleveland, Ohio	G.O.	13.2	1956-75	2.04	1.20-2.20	Aa
Tacoma, Washington	Rev.	15.0	1959-89	3.02	1.85-3.10	Baa
State of Connecticut	G.O.	20.0	1958-61	1.62	1.40-1.63	Aaa
Pennsylvania General State Authority	L.L.	50.0	1958-82	2.70	1.70-2.75	--
Dallas, Texas	G.O.	10.0	1956-75	2.44	1.10-2.50	A
Maryland State Roads Commission	L.L.	25.0	1956-70	2.51	1.30-2.50	Aa
Nassau County, New York	G.O.	19.2	1956-85	2.78	1.40-2.90	A
Dayton, Ohio, School Dist.	G.O.	12.0	1956-80	2.37	1.20-2.50	Aa
<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; G.R., general obligations additionally secured by facilities revenues; and, L.L., limited liability obligations secured by pledge of designated revenues.

^{4/} Subject to award.

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 <u>2/</u>	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other <u>2/</u>
1954 - 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	--	444	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	--
May 31	160	339	--	850	1,861	--
June 30	67	344	--	830	1,845	--

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of July 1

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>CORPORATE</u>			
Illinois Bell Telephone	1st mtg. bds	30.0	July 12
*Pacific Finance	Deb.	20.0	July 20
American Natural Gas	Common stock	37.0	July 21
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	Common stock	50.0	August 8
*Western Union Telegraph	Common stock	25.0	August 8
American Telephone and Telegraph	Conv. deb.	650.9	1955
Southern California Gas	Bonds	40.0	1955
Freedom Insurance Co.	Common stock	22.0	1955
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Tulsa, Oklahoma	G.O.	5.4	July 6
New York State Thruway	G.R.	125.0	July 12
Alabama Highway Authority	L.L.	15.0	July 12
Wayne County, Michigan	L.L.	5.1	July 12

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of July 1 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)</u>			
*Louisville, Kentucky	Rev.	8.0	July 12
Pierce Co., Wash., Tacoma Sch. Dist.	G.O.	8.3	July 14
State of Ohio	Rev.	52.0	July 20
Public Housing Authorities	--	121.5	July 20
*Chicago, Illinois	n.a.	25.3	July 26
*Los Angeles, California	n.a.	25.0	July 26
*State of New Mexico	n.a.	14.0	July 26
*Norfolk, Virginia	n.a.	5.0	July 26
Denver, Colorado	n.a.	12.0	July 28
Connecticut Expressway	Rev.	100.0	Summer
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
Texas Turnpike Company	Rev.	140.0	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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2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues.

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*--Included in table for first time.