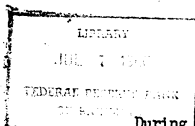


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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

## Part I - United States

During the week ending July 1, corporations sold large issues with aggregate proceeds for \$92 million and State and local governments sold bonds totaling \$125 million. The State and local government financing total includes a \$75 million bond issue by the State of California, \$50 million of which had been originally scheduled for sale in late May, but the only bid received (naming a 3.99 per cent interest cost) was rejected. The accepted bid last week was 3.95 per cent. An additional \$18 million of bonds was scheduled for sale last week, but California rejected the only bid received.

The volume of large public security financing is expected to be moderate during this holiday-shortened week. Corporate issues with total proceeds of \$74 million and State and local government bond issues amounting to \$87 million are scheduled for sale.

Long-term bond yields - Bond yields changed little last week. Yields on seasoned lower grade corporate bonds increased slightly, while those on State and local government bonds remained stable. Yields on high-grade corporate and U. S. Government obligations declined slightly.

Yields on outstanding long-term bonds declined somewhat in early June, but have been relatively stable in recent weeks. At the end of the month high-grade corporate bonds were 4 basis points lower, State and local government bonds 8 basis points lower and U. S. Government obligations 15 basis points lower than at the end of May. Lower rated corporate bond yields, on balance, showed no change for the month.

Offering yields on new corporate issues have also declined. Two new A-rated, first mortgage electric utility bond issues were offered to the public last week, one to yield 4.82 per cent to investors and the other to yield 4.84 per cent, 12 and 14 basis points respectively below the yield for a comparable offering made in mid-June.

Short and intermediate-term interest rates - Yields on Treasury bills and intermediate-term issues also declined somewhat last week. Other principal money market rates remained stable.

Most short-term interest rates declined during June. Yields on 3-month Treasury bills declined 93 basis points and those on 6-month bills 74 basis points. The June decline for yields on 3-5 year Federal issues was 38 basis points. The discount rate was lowered from 4.00 per cent to 3.50 per cent and the rate for directly placed finance company paper fell in three successive weeks from 3-7/8 per cent to 3.00 per cent.

Stock prices - Stock prices and trading activity declined last week. Standard and Poor's index of 500 common stocks closed at 57.06 on July 1, 1 per cent lower than a week earlier. Trading volume averaged 3.0 million shares a day, the lowest since early May.

Stock prices increased sharply in early June reaching 58.00 but have since declined somewhat. For the month as a whole, prices showed a net increase of 2 per cent. Trading activity was heavy throughout June until last week with volume averaging 3.5 million shares a day as compared with 3.3 million shares a day in May.

Housing starts - Private housing starts, which dropped sharply in March's bad weather and then rose as sharply in April, changed little in May at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,322,000 units, according to preliminary estimates for the new Census series. This was about 17 per cent below the advanced level of a year earlier. About three-fourths of all private starts were again conventionally financed.

The new Census Bureau starts series, covering both farm and nonfarm units, incorporates both broader scope and improved reporting than the former BLS nonfarm series. It has accordingly been running at a somewhat higher level, primarily for starts on 1-family houses and for starts within States in the North Central and South regions. The new series should also represent actual month-to-month changes in starts more closely. Even so, the Census Bureau tentatively cautions that "it appears that the standard errors of estimate of the monthly level and of the month-to-month change of the new housing starts series are of the order of three to four per cent of the monthly level."

July security volume estimates - New financing for both corporations and State and local governments is expected to be moderate in July.

Corporate security issues are estimated at \$675 million, three-eighths less than the large June volume, but one-fourth larger than in July 1959. Large public issues are expected to total about \$250 million and takedowns of private placements are expected also to be moderate.

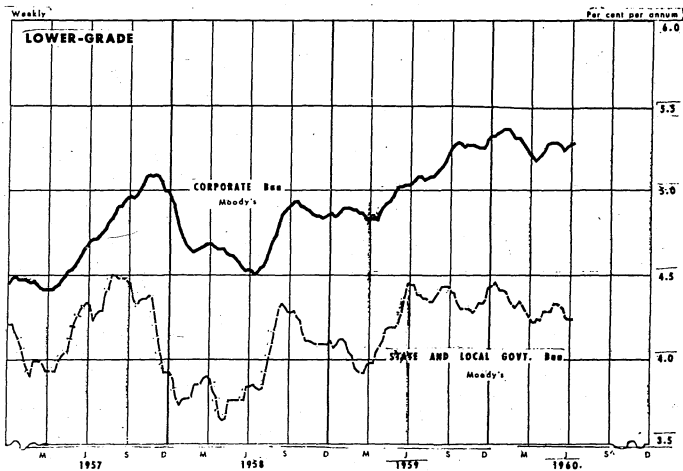
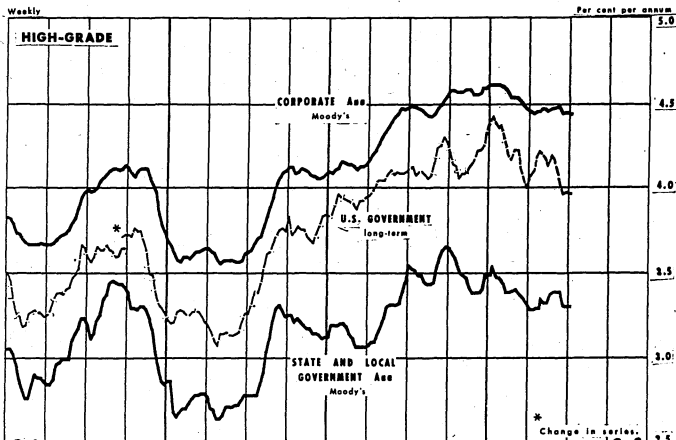
State and local government security financing is expected to total \$500 million. This volume would be more than two-fifths smaller than the large volume in June, but only slightly smaller than in July last year.

More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments is presented in the attached exhibits. Developments in the Canadian capital markets are presented in Part II at the end of this report.

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EXHIBIT A

LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS



**Exhibit B - Tables for Exhibit A**  
**Long-term Bond Yields**  
**High-grade**

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)			
1954 - Low	2.85 (4/23)	2.45 (8/6)	1.90 (9/2)	.30	.30
1957 - High	4.14 (9/27)	3.76 (10/18)	3.45 (8/29)	.60	.47
1958 - Low	3.55 (5/2)	3.07 (4/25)	2.64 (5/1)	.22	.34
1959 - High	4.61 (12/31)	4.37 (12/31)	3.65 (9/24)	.50	.92
Low	4.09 (1/9)	3.83 (1/2)	3.06 (3/26)	.16	.53
1960 - High	4.61 (1/29)	4.42 (1/8)	3.53 (1/7)	.49	.92
Low	4.44 (7/1)	3.96 (7/1)	3.28 (4/7)	.19	.62
June 3	4.48	4.07	3.38	.41	.69
June 10	4.44	4.00	3.38	.44	.62
June 17	4.45	3.96	3.31	.49	.65
June 24	4.45	3.97	3.30	.48	.67
July 1 p/	4.44	3.96	3.30	.48	.66

**Lower-grade**

Date	Corporate Baa 1/	State and local govt. Baa 3/	Spread between Aaa and Baa	
			Corporate	State and local govt.
(Per cent)				
1954 - Low	3.44 (12/31)	2.93 (8/5)	.52	.96
1957 - High	5.10 (11/29)	4.51 (8/29)	1.27	1.21
1958 - Low	4.51 (7/11)	3.64 (5/1)	.77	.93
1959 - High	5.32 (12/31)	4.46 (7/2)	.77	.98
Low	4.83 (4/17)	3.92 (3/26)	.56	.79
1960 - High	5.36 (2/12)	4.46 (1/7)	.84	.97
Low	5.17 (4/8)	4.22 (4/7)	.71	.92
June 3	5.27	4.32	.79	.94
June 10	5.24	4.30	.80	.92
June 17	5.26	4.25	.81	.94
June 24	5.27	4.24	.82	.94
July 1 p/	5.28	4.24	.84	.94

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

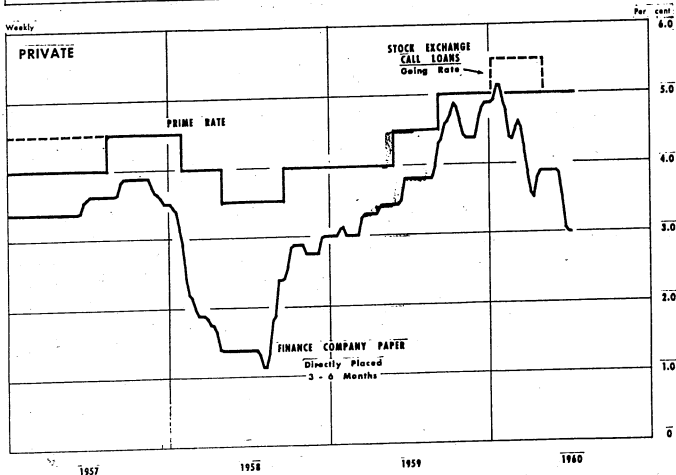
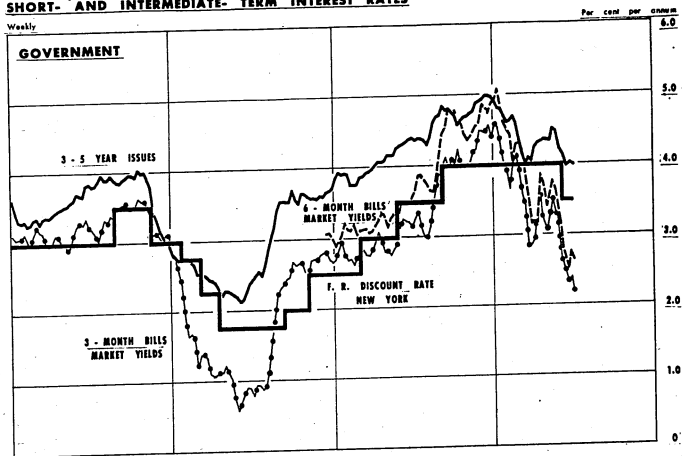
2/ Weekly average of daily figures. The series includes bonds due or callable in 10 years or more.

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 C

SHORT- AND INTERMEDIATE- TERM INTEREST RATES



## Exhibit D - Tables for Exhibit C

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## Short- and Intermediate-term Interest Rates

## Government

Date	Discount rate 1/	Yields			Spread between yields on	
		3-month bills 2/	6-month bills 2/	3-5 year issues 2/	3-month bills and yields on 6-mo. bills	3-5 yr. issues
(per cent)						
1954 - Low	1.50	.61 (6/11)	--	1.66 (4/30)	--	.66
1957 - High	3.50	3.64 (10/18)	--	4.04 (10/18)	--	.86
1958 - Low	1.75	.58 (5/29)	3.02 (12/26)	2.14 (6/7)	.26	.04
1959 - High	4.00	4.57 (12/26)	4.91 (12/31)	5.00 (12/24)	.79	1.42
Low	2.50	2.63 (2/20)	2.92 (1/2)	3.70 (1/2)	.19	.40
1960 - High	4.00	4.59 (1/8)	5.07 (1/8)	4.97 (1/8)	.51	1.81
Low	3.50	2.31 (6/17)	2.52 (6/17)	3.99 (6/17)	.16	.38
June 3	4.00	2.94	3.18	4.24	.24	1.30
June 10	3.50	2.61	2.80	4.12	.19	1.51
June 17	3.50	2.31	2.52	3.99	.21	1.68
June 24	3.50	2.39	2.76	4.01	.37	1.62
July 1 p/	3.50	2.18	2.64	3.99	.46	1.81

## Private

Date	Stock Exchange call loan 1/	Prime rate 1/	Finance company paper 2/	Spread between 3-month Treasury bill yield and finance company paper rates	
				(per cent)	
1954 - Low	3.00	3.00	1.25 (12/31)	0 (12/18)	
1957 - High	4.50	4.50	3.88 (11/16)	.59 (7/19)	
1958 - Low	3.50	3.50	1.13 (8/8)	-.35 (8/29)	
1959 - High	4.75	5.00	4.88 (12/31)	.86 (10/9)	
Low	3.75	4.00	3.00 (4/6)	.13 (12/4)	
1960 - High	5.50	5.00	5.13 (1/22)	1.02 (3/25)	
Low	5.00	5.00	3.00 (7/1)	.22 (4/15)	
June 3	5.00	5.00	3.83	.89	
June 10	5.00	5.00	3.53	.92	
June 17	5.00	5.00	3.05	.74	
June 24	5.00	5.00	3.00	.61	
July 1 p/	5.00	5.00	3.00	.82	

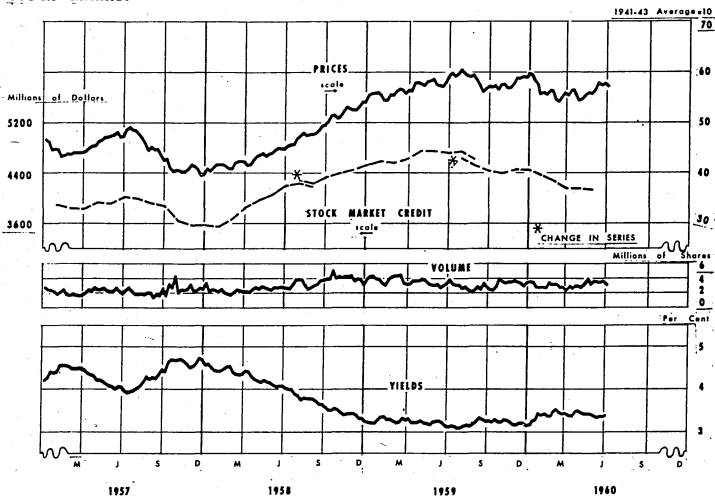
1/ Weekly rate shown is that in effect at end of period. Discount rate is for Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Stock exchange call loan rate is going rate on call loans secured by customers' stock exchange collateral at New York City banks. Prime rate is that charged by large banks on short-term loans to business borrowers of the highest credit standing.

2/ Market yield; weekly averages computed from daily closing bid prices. Series of 3-5 year issues consists of selected notes and bonds.

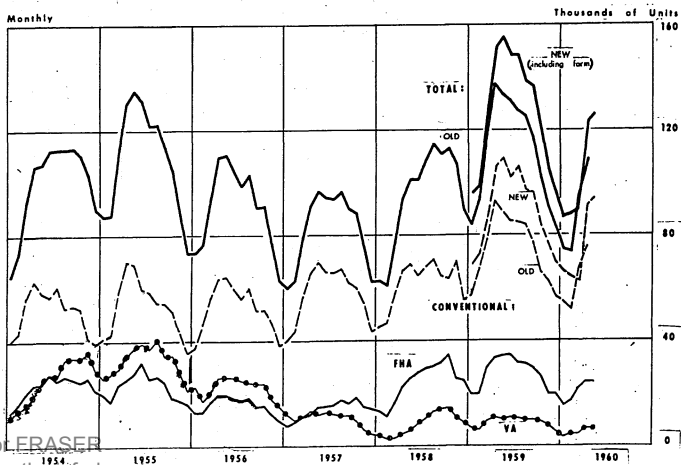
3/ Average of daily rates published by finance companies for directly placed paper for varying maturities in the 90-179 day range.

Note.--Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series. For spreads, high refers to widest, and low to narrowest.

## STOCK MARKET



## PRIVATE HOUSING STARTS



## Stock Market

Date	Stock price index 1/	Common stock yields 2/ (per cent)	Trading volume 3/ (millions of shares)	Stock market customer credit		
				Total	Customers' debit bal- ances 4/	Bank loans to "others" 5/
(Millions of dollars)						
1957-59 - High	60.51 (7/31/59)	3.07	4.3	4,764	3,401	1,373
Low	39.78 (12/27/57)	4.66	1.4	3,554	2,482	1,060
1960 - High	59.50 (1/8)	3.18	3.9	4,365	3,198	1,167
Low	54.24 (3/11)	3.51	2.4	4,132	3,021	1,111
April	55.73	3.41	2.9	4,153	3,037	1,116
May	55.22	3.42	3.3	4,132	3,021	1,111
June 17	57.44	3.36	3.5	n.a.	n.a.	1,123
June 24	57.68	3.35	3.7	n.a.	n.a.	1,127
July 1 p/	57.06	3.38	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

1/ Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1941-43=10. Monthly data are averages of daily figures rather than of Fridays' only. Highs and lows are for Fridays' data only.

2/ Standard and Poor's composite stock yield based on Wednesday data converted to weekly closing prices by Federal Reserve. Yields shown are for dates on which price index reached its high or low.

3/ Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

4/ End of month figures for member firms of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes balances secured by U. S. Government obligations.

5/ Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Government securities. Prior to July 1, 1959, such loans are excluded only at banks in New York and Chicago. Weekly reporting banks account for about 70 per cent of loans to others. For further detail see Bulletin.

## Private Housing Starts 1/

Date	Seasonally adjusted annual rate		Unadjusted					
			Total		FHA	VA	Conventional	
	Nonfarm	Total	Nonfarm	Total				
	old series	new series	old series	new series			old series	new series
(Thousand of units)								
59 - Jan.	1,364	1,533	84	96	20	7	57	70
Feb.	1,403	1,546	94	99	20	6	67	73
Mar.	1,403	1,598	118	128	30	10	78	88
Apr.	1,434	1,613	137	151	34	11	93	106
May	1,370	1,597	134	153	34	10	89	108
June	1,368	1,577	131	148	35	11	85	102
July	1,375	1,578	127	148	32	11	85	106
Aug.	1,340	1,450	125	138	31	10	84	97
Sept.	1,323	1,509	117	136	30	10	77	97
Oct.	1,180	1,378	102	120	27	9	66	84
Nov.	1,210	1,356	91	105	20	8	62	76
Dec.	1,330	1,451	83	96	20	6	57	69
60 - Jan.	1,216	1,366	75	87	16	4	55	67
Feb.	1,115	1,367	74	88	18	5	52	65
Mar.	1,125	1,112	95	90	22	5	68	63
Apr. p/	1,135	1,324	109	123	25	7	76	91
May p/	--	1,322	--	126	25	7	--	94

\*total starts are Census estimates, which are not strictly comparable with old nonfarm series developed by H.S. A dwelling unit is started when excavation begins; all units in an apartment structure are considered started at that time. FHA and VA starts are units started under commitments by these agencies to insure or guarantee the mortgages. is reported by FHA and VA, a unit is started when a field office receives the first compliance inspection report, which is made before footings are poured in some cases but normally after the foundations have been completed, apartment military housing units are excluded. Conventional starts are derived as a residual, although total and FHA and VA starts are not strictly comparable in concept or timing; they include both units financed by conventional mortgages and units without mortgages.



## Exhibit G

Long-term Corporate and State and Local Government  
Security Offerings and Placements

(In millions of dollars)

	New capital					
	Corporate 1/			State and local 2/		
	1960	1959	1958	1960	1959 r/	1958
January	577	821	728	736	639	812
February	715	738	857	621	858	953
March	860	646	1,553 <sup>2/</sup>	578	646	511
April	p/789	894	1,140	712	932	798
May	e/550	785	597	e/550	593	895
June	e/1,100	887	887	e/1,000	1,006	551
July		535	1,107	e/550	567	806
August		740	540		516	403
September		703	1,114		465	651
October		879	862		597	456
November		864	518		519	474
December		900	920		455	435
1st quarter	2,151	2,204	3,139	1,935	2,143	2,276
2nd quarter	e/2,439	2,567	2,623	e/2,262	2,531	2,244
3rd quarter		1,979	2,760		1,548	1,860
4th quarter		2,642	2,300		1,571	1,365
1st half	e/4,590	4,771	5,762	e/4,197	4,674	4,520
Three quarters		6,750	8,522		6,222	6,380
Year		9,392	10,823		7,793	7,746
Excluding finance companies 4/						
1st quarter	1,722	1,999	2,899			
2nd quarter	e/2,139	2,412	2,586			
3rd quarter		1,716	2,731			
4th quarter		2,503	2,213			
Year		8,630	10,429			

e/ Estimated.

p/ Preliminary.

r/ Revised.

1/ Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of net proceeds.

2/ Investment Bankers Association of America estimates of principal amounts.

3/ Includes \$718.3 million AT&amp;T convertible debenture issue.

4/ Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and consumer finance companies.

Other Security Offerings <sup>1/</sup>

(In millions of dollars)

	Long-term					
	Foreign government <sup>2/</sup>			Federal agency <sup>3/</sup>		
	1960	1959	1958	1960	1959	1958
January	4	81	196	182	199	1,163
February	175	60	53	150	--	251
March	70	2	--	150	175	--
April	33	58	139	148	--	523
May		50	198		--	--
June		42	120		--	--
July		85	9		--	164
August		1	5		98	--
September		35	17		150	--
October		33	58		--	220
November		30	123		--	--
December		70	74		86	--
Year		547	992		707	2,321
	Short-term					
	State and local government <sup>4/</sup>			Federal agency <sup>3/</sup>		
	1960	1959	1958	1960	1959	1958
January	268	190	233	479	359	371
February	345	428	460	463	500	208
March	365	295	273	512	489	144
April	365	563	357	509	486	209
May	<sup>5/</sup> 267	411	354	986	675	161
June		245	264		289	329
July		246	289		727	437
August		467	423		365	206
September		399	369		665	330
October		235	231		733	454
November		343	415		471	114
December		358	243		288	137
Year		4,179	3,910		6,047	3,098

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.<sup>2/</sup> Data presented in this exhibit differ from those in Exhibit E in that refunding issues, as well as new capital issues, are included. Long-term securities are defined as those maturing in more than one year.<sup>3/</sup> Includes securities offered in the United States by foreign governments and their subdivisions and by international organizations. Sources: Securities and Exchange Commission.<sup>4/</sup> Issues not guaranteed by the U. S. Government. Sources: long-term, Securities and Exchange Commission; short-term, Federal Reserve.<sup>5/</sup> Principally tax and bond anticipation notes, warrants or certificates and Public Housing Authority notes. In some instances FHA notes included may have a somewhat longer term than one year. Source: Bond Buyer.

## Exhibit I

Large Long-term 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 2/
1959 - May	342	258	50
June	284	635	60
July	110	194	50
August	363	263	98
September	199	214	175
October	400	294	20
November	421	163	--
December	230	217	70
1960 - January	279	388	100
February	262	283	320
March	384	225	191
April	309	370	71
May	139	234	28

## Large Individual Issues Offered during June

Issuer	Type 3/	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net interest cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>CORPORATE</u>						
Florida Lt. & Pwr. Co.	Com. stk.	23.1				
Mich. Wisc. P. L. Co.	1st mtg. p.l. bds.	30.0	1980	5-7/8	5.70	Baa
So. Elec. Generating Co.	1st mtg. bds.	40.0	1992	5-1/4	5.20	A
Natl. Cash Register Co.	S.F. deb.	40.0	1985	4-3/4	4.75	A
Northwestern Bell Tel. Co.	Deb.	45.0	1998	4-7/8	4.80	Aaa
Midwestern Gas Transm. Co.	1st mtg. bds.	60.0	1980	5-3/4	5.70	--
Baltimore Gas & Elec. Co.	1st ref. mtg. bds.	25.0	1980	4-7/8	4.75	Aaa
Consol. Edison Co. of N.Y.	1st ref. mtg. bds.	50.0	1990	4-3/4	4.70	Aa
James Talcott, Inc.	Sr. notes	20.0	1980	5-1/2	5.58	--
Harvey Aluminum Co.	Com. stk.	17.1				
Gulf States Utilities Co.	1st mtg. bds.	17.0	1990	4-7/8	4.82	Aa
Tampa Electric Co.	1st mtg. bds.	25.0	1990	5	4.84	Aa
Montgomery Ward Credit Corp.	Deb.	50.0	1990	4-7/8	4.92	--

## Large Individual Issues Offered during June (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type 3/	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
King Co. Sch. Dist. #1, Washington	G.O.	10.0	1962-80/70	3.67	2.75-3.75	A
Memphis, Tennessee	G.O.	17.7	1961-90	3.33	2.25-3.50 <sup>4/</sup>	Aa
Penna. Gen. State Auth.	Rev.-Rent.	25.0	1963-87/70	3.61	3.80-3.70	--
Los Angeles Dept. of Wtr. and Pwr., California	Rev.-Ut.	15.0	1961-90/65	3.68	2.40-3.75	Aa
State of Kentucky	G.O.	30.0	1962-71/68	2.94	2.40-3.00	Aa
State of Michigan	Rev.-S.T.	25.0	1961-85/74	3.94	2.70-4.00	A
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Rev.-Ut.	15.0	1961-90	3.56	2.25-3.60	Aa
Phila. Sch. Dist., Penna.	G.O.	10.0	1962-85	3.71	2.70-3.80	A
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	G.O.	17.0	1961-80/75	3.89	2.50-3.90	A
State of Connecticut	G.O.	28.9	1961-80	3.06	2.10-3.15	Aaa
Oroville-Wyandotte Irrig. Dist., California	Term	47.9	2010	4.17	4.05	--
State of Maryland	Serial	14.1	1966-85/80	4.17	3.10-3.75	--
Alabama Educational Auth.	G.O.	13.5	1963-75	2.98	2.40-3.00	Aaa
State of Ohio	Rev.-S.T.	50.0	1962-80/65	4.00	3.00-3.95	Aa
New York State Power Auth.	G.O.	15.0	1960-70	2.77	1.65-2.85	Aaa
	Term	80.0	2006	4.14	4.13	--
Maryland State Roads Comm.	Serial	20.0	1965-80	4.14	3.25-3.80	--
State of California	Rev.-S.T.	20.0	1961-75/68	3.52	2.25-3.50	Aa
Florida Development Comm.	G.O.	75.0	1962-86	3.94	2.50-4.00	Aa
Dallas Ind.Sch.Dist., Texas	Rev.-Ut.	16.8	1965-90/64	4.84	3.75-4.75	Baa
	G.O.	15.0	1961-80	3.44	2.20-3.55	A
<u>OTHER</u>						
Alberta Mun. Finance Corp.	S.F. deb.	30.0	1985	4-7/8	4.91	Aa

- 1/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of \$15 million and over; State and local government security offerings of \$10 million and over.
- 2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.
- 3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G.O. denotes general obligations; Rev.-Ut., revenue obligations secured only by income from public utilities; Rev.-Q.Ut., revenue bonds secured only by revenue from quasi-utilities; Rev.-S.T. revenue bonds secured by revenue from specific taxes only; Rev.-Rent., revenue bonds secured solely by lease payments.
- 4/ 1/4 per cent bonds of 1989 and 1/10 per cent bonds of 1990 not reoffered.

## Exhibit J

**Forthcoming Large Long-term 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/
1959 - June 30	165	116	50	272	500	50
July 31	238	356	--	305	406	--
Aug. 31	198	385	25	517	402	25
Sept. 30	374	270	--	694	470	--
Oct. 30	385	115	--	509	336	--
Nov. 30	226	295	70	271	485	70
Dec. 31	210	445	30	280	545	30
1960 - Jan. 29	207	210	45	252	310	45
Feb. 29	301	255	35	372	385	35
Mar. 31	299	250	--	344	280	--
Apr. 29	202	243	--	357	258	--
May 31	483	277	30	553	502	60
June 30	237	180	30	455	380	30

**Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of July 1**

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u><b>CORPORATE</b></u>			
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.	1st mtg. bds.	50.0	July 7
Mississippi River Fuel Co.	S.F. deb.	24.0	July 8
Commercial Credit Co.	Senior notes	50.0	July 12
Northern Illinois Gas Co.	1st mtg. bds.	30.0	July 14
American Can Co.	Deb.	40.0	July 14
State Loan & Finance Co.	S.F. deb.	20.0	July 20
*Southern Counties Gas Co.	1st mtg. bds.	23.0	July 27
Seaboard Finance Co.	S.F. deb.	40.0	Aug. 2
El Paso Natural Gas Co.	Com. stk.	30.0	Aug. 11
Consumers Power Co.	Conv. deb.	38.1	(rights expire) Aug. 12
Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.	Deb.	25.0	(rights expire) Indefinite
Commerce Oil Refining Corp.	Deb., bds. & com.	45.0	Indefinite
*Trustors' Corp.	Participation certif.	40.0	Indefinite
<u><b>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b></u>			
Salt River Proj. Agric. Imp. & Pwr. Dist., Arizona	Rev.-Ut.	19.0	July 6
State of North Carolina	G.O.	10.7	July 6
District of Columbia Armory Board	Rev.-Ut.	19.8	July 7

## 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>			
Chicago, Illinois	G.O.	37.0	July 7
Santa Clara Co., California	G.O.	11.5	July 12
Nassau Co., N. Y.	G.O.	27.1	July 12
Carmen-Smith Hydro-Elec. Proj., Ore.	Rev.-Ut.	25.0	July 19
*Washington Toll Bridge Auth.	Rev.-Ut.	30.0	July 20
Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel Comm.	Rev.-Ut.	200.0	Indefinite
<u>OTHER</u>			
Liberian Iron Ore Ltd.	Bds. & stk.	30.0	July 14

\*--Included in table for first time.

1/ Includes corporate and other issues of \$15 and over; State and local government issues of \$10 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.

Note.--Deletions for reasons other than sale of issue: Illinois Bell Telephone Company's \$61 million stock issue offered to stockholders--AT&amp;T subscribed for 99 per cent of the shares.

**Yields on New and Outstanding  
Electric Power Bonds, Rated Aa and A 1/**

Date	Aa-rated offering yields		A-rated offering yields	
	Actual (per cent)	Amount above seasoned yields (basis points)	Actual (per cent)	Amount above seasoned yields (basis points)
1952-1959 - High	5.30 (12/8/59)	87	5.65 (9/18/59)	123
Low	2.93 (3/31/54)	-3	3.00 (3/17/54)	-15
1959 - July	*4.93	31	5.07	17
Aug.	4.83	23		
Sept.			*5.65	60
Oct.	5.13 <sup>2/</sup>	36	5.33	43
Nov.	*5.08	42		
Dec.	*5.30	63	5.45	51
1960 - Jan. 7			5.30 <sup>2/</sup>	28
Feb. 25	5.08	44		
26	5.10	46		
Mar. 15	4.90 <sup>2/</sup>	32		
16	4.73 <sup>2/</sup>	17		
18			5.00	11
29			4.93	7
Apr. 6	4.85	33		
8			4.98	21
14	4.94	39		
21			5.30	50
27	4.95	39		
May 10	4.88	32		
12			5.10	26
25			5.20	33
June 17			5.00	16
28			4.82	1
29			4.84	3

\*--Single observation, not an average.

1/ Covers only 30-year first mortgage bonds, as reported in Moody's Bond Survey. Except where indicated, the actual yield figure and the amount above seasoned yields are averages of offerings during the indicated period and of the differences between these new offering yields and yields on seasoned issues of similar quality for the same day. Average maturity for the seasoned issues varies from 26 to 28 years.

2/ Provides for a 5-year period during which issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate. Monthly averages so marked include one or more issues with such a provision. Other issues have no such provision.

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Part II - Canada

The spread favoring the Canadian short Treasury bill over the United States bill widened to 0.88 per cent, the largest since early February, as the Canadian and United States rates moved in opposite directions. The premium on the 3-month forward Canadian dollar continued and the net incentive to hold the Canadian bill rose to a 1960 high of 0.94 per cent per annum. Bond yields continued to decline to new lows for the year. Stock prices also declined. The Canadian dollar steadied close to 102 (U.S. cents).

Money market conditions. The average yield on the 3-month Treasury bill at last Thursday's auction increased to 3.07 per cent from 2.98 per cent a week ago. The 6-month bill rate also rose to 3.23 per cent as compared with 3.19 per cent a week ago. The chartered banks decreased their holdings of Treasury bills by \$46 million while the general public made net purchases of \$40 million and the Bank of Canada holdings increased \$5 million. The average closing rate on day-to-day loans increased to 3.03 per cent compared with 2.93 per cent in the previous week.

The spread favoring the Canadian short Treasury bill over the United States bill increased to 0.88 per cent as the rate on the Canadian bill rose and the United States bill rate declined. With the continued premium on the 3-month forward dollar, the net incentive to hold the Canadian bill rose to a high for the year at 0.94 per cent per annum.

Bond market conditions. Bond yields reached new lows for the year for most maturities. The spread between selected comparable Canadian and United States securities (Thursday yields for bills and Wednesday yields for bonds) were as follows (figures in parenthesis refer to the previous week):

0.88 per cent on a 91-day bill (0.59)  
0.62 per cent on a 182-day bill (0.40)  
0.45 per cent on an 8-year bond (0.43)  
1.01 per cent on a 20-year bond (0.99)  
1.25 per cent on a 35-year bond (1.28)

The general public decreased their bond holdings by \$17 million; the chartered banks bought \$11 million and the Bank of Canada \$5 million during the week.

A \$50 million, 14-year, 5-3/4 per cent noncallable bond was offered by the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada last week at par and immediately jumped to a premium. Corporate bond prices also rose last week.

Exchange rate. The Canadian dollar rose to 102.12 (U.S. cents) on June 27, and fluctuated within narrow limits around 102 through the week.



Stock exchange conditions. Industrial stock prices on both Canadian exchanges continued to decline during the early part of last week but share prices in Toronto rose sharply on Friday June 30:

	<u>Toronto</u>	<u>Montreal</u>	<u>New York Standard and Poor</u>
1960 - High	532.94	320.0	65.02
Low	484.60	277.9	57.00
June 20	490.50	279.8	60.96
24	489.00	280.0	61.46
27	487.50	278.2	61.00
28	484.00	277.1	60.57
29	485.75	276.0	60.59
30	488.00	275.1	60.52

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Selected Canadian Money Market and Related Data

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	3-mo. Treas. bills			Canadian dollar			Net incentive to hold Can. bills/
	Canada a/	U.S. b/	Spread over U.S.	Spot c/	3-mo. forward	discount premium (+) d/	
1959 - High	6.16	4.49	2.96	105.51	--	--	--
Low	3.25	2.80	0.30	102.58	--	--	--
1960 - High	5.14	4.63	0.90	105.27	--	0.31	0.94
Low	2.65	2.19	-0.69	101.31	--	-0.72	-0.57
June 9	2.65	2.63	0.02	101.88	101.92	0.18	0.20
16	2.71	2.32	0.39	101.67	101.77	0.37	0.76
23	2.98	2.39	0.59	101.84	101.91	0.24	0.83
30	3.07	2.19	0.88	102.03	102.05	0.06	0.94

a/ Average yield at weekly tender on Thursday.

b/ Composite market yield for the U.S. Treasury bill on Thursday close of business.

c/ In U.S. cents.

d/ Spread between spot rate and 3-month forward Canadian dollar on Thursday closing, expressed as per cent per annum.

e/ Spread over U.S. Treasury bill (column 3), plus 3-month forward discount or premium (column 6).

Selected Government of Canada Security Yields

	6-mo. Treas. bills		Intermediate bonds (8 yr.)		Long-term bonds			
	Canada a/	Spread over U.S. b/	Canada c/	Spread over U.S. d/	(20 year)		(35 year)	
					Canada e/	Spread over U.S. f/	Canada g/	Spread over U.S. h/
1959 - High	6.24	--	5.37	--	5.30	--	5.05	--
Low	5.11	--	4.50	--	4.44	--	4.73	--
1960 - High	5.33	0.85	5.55	1.11	5.42	1.22	5.28	1.61
Low	2.89	-0.69	4.49	0.21	4.85	0.87	4.94	0.98
June 9	2.89	0.06	4.54	0.42	4.96	0.98	5.05	1.37
16	2.92	0.38	4.53	0.49	4.95	1.05	5.04	1.39
23	3.19	0.40	4.50	0.43	4.87	0.99	4.96	1.28
30	3.23	0.62	4.50	0.45	4.85	1.01	4.94	1.25

a/ Average yield at weekly tender on Thursday.

b/ Spread between Canadian auction rate and composite market yield of U.S. bill on close of business Thursday.

c/ Government of Canada 2-3/4 per cent of June 1967-68.

d/ Spread over U.S. Government 2-1/2 per cent of 1963-68.

e/ Government of Canada 3-1/4 per cent of October 1979.

f/ Spread over U.S. Government 3-1/4 per cent of 1978-83.

g/ Government of Canada 3-3/4 per cent of September 1996 - March 1998.

h/ Spread over U.S. Government of 1995.

**Canada: Changes in Distribution of Holdings of Canadian  
Government Direct and Guaranteed Securities**  
(millions of Canadian dollars, par value)

	<u>Bank of Canada</u>		<u>Government</u>	<u>Chartered banks</u>		<u>General public</u>		
	<u>Treas. bills</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Treas. bills</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Savings bonds</u>	<u>Treas. bills</u>	<u>Bonds</u>
April 27	- 10	+ 7	+ 2	+ 7	- 18	- 8	+ 3	+ 7
May 4	+ 9	+ 14	+ 1	+ 17	- 7	- 7	- 26	- 8
11	- 3	0	+ 2	+ 14	- 2	- 8	- 26	0
18	- 15	+ 4	- 8	+ 7	+ 17	- 7	- 6	- 15
25	0	- 4	- 3	+ 40	+ 1	- 7	- 39	+ 5
June 2	- 54	- 48	- 2	+ 32	+ 8	- 7	- 4	+ 73
9	- 1	0	- 9	- 9	+ 5	- 7	+ 9	- 3
16	+ 20	+ 13	- 12	- 41	+ 5	- 3	- 52	- 11
23	- 4	+ 13	- 17	+ 5	- 2	- 7	- 1	+ 4
30	+ 5	+ 5	0	- 46	+ 11	- 7	+ 40	- 17

Source: Bank of Canada, Weekly Financial Statistics.

**Sales of New Government, Municipal, and Corporate Bonds**  
(millions of Canadian dollars)

	1960 to June 27	1959 to June 29	1958 to June 20
Government (direct)	3,749.0	3,950.0	3,970.0
Government (guaranteed)	--	150.0	300.0
Provincial (direct)	150.0	111.0	205.0
Provincial (guaranteed)	233.8	198.8	182.0
Municipal	292.3	225.6	257.3
Corporation	309.1	172.5	560.2
	4,734.2	4,807.9	5,474.5
Less short term	3,120.0	3,475.0	3,020.0
	1,614.2	1,332.9	2,454.5

Of the above, the following amounts have been sold in the United States

Provincial (direct)	25.0	75.0	100.0
Provincial (guaranteed)	52.0	56.2	70.0
Municipal	110.7	44.5	106.8
Corporation	50.3	24.0	102.1
	238.0	199.7	378.8

Source: Weekly Bond Sales Summary, A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.