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CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

During the week ended March 2 member bank reserve balances decreased \$25,000,000. Reductions in member bank reserves arose from increases of \$19,000,000 in money in circulation and \$30,000,000 in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks and decreases of \$28,000,000 in Reserve bank credit and \$17,000,000 in gold stock, offset in part by an increase of \$4,000,000 in Treasury currency and decreases of \$24,000,000 in nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts and \$41,000,000 in Treasury cash. Excess reserves of member banks were estimated to be approximately \$1,390,000,000, a decrease of \$20,000,000 for the week. Inactive gold included in the gold stock and in Treasury cash amounted to \$1,191,000,000 on March 2, a decrease of \$23,000,000 for the week.

The principal changes in holdings of bills and securities were a decrease of \$12,000,000 in United States Treasury bonds, and increases of \$10,000,000 in United States Treasury notes and \$2,000,000 in United States Treasury bills.

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and the year ended March 2, 1938, were as follows:

	Increase or decrease since		
	Mar. 2 1938	Feb. 23 1938	Mar. 3 1937
	(In millions of dollars)		
Bills discounted	10	—	+3
Bills bought	1	—	-2
U. S. Government securities	2,564	—	+134
Industrial advances (not including 13 million commitments - March 2)	17	-1	-6
Other Reserve bank credit	-29	-27	-23
Total Reserve bank credit	2,563	-28	+106
Gold stock	12,767	-17	+1,324
Treasury currency	2,669	+4	+134
Member bank reserve balances	7,215	-25	+555
Money in circulation	6,343	+19	-64
Treasury cash	3,579	-41	+959
Treasury deposits with F. R. banks	185	+30	-31
Nonmember deposits and other F.R. accounts	677	-24	+144

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED

(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>Mar. 2, 1938</u>	<u>Feb. 23, 1938</u>	<u>Mar. 3, 1937</u>
A S S E T S			
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	9,173,603	9,167,600	8,847,402
Redemption fund - F. R. notes	9,308	9,155	11,449
Other cash	<u>455,851</u>	<u>439,441</u>	<u>266,405</u>
<u>Total reserves</u>	9,638,762	9,616,196	9,125,256
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	6,471	6,661	6,572
Other bills discounted	<u>3,163</u>	<u>3,487</u>	<u>767</u>
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	9,634	10,148	7,339
Bills bought in open market	550	550	3,083
Industrial advances	17,453	17,517	23,106
U. S. Government securities:			
Bonds	702,683	714,683	533,682
Treasury notes	1,185,103	1,175,103	1,303,971
Treasury bills	<u>676,229</u>	<u>674,229</u>	<u>592,574</u>
<u>Total U. S. Government securities</u>	2,564,015	2,564,015	2,430,227
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	2,591,652	2,592,230	2,463,755
Due from foreign banks	169	169	225
F. R. notes of other banks	19,569	16,155	22,180
Uncollected items	568,503	493,619	649,595
Bank premises	44,861	44,929	46,020
All other assets	<u>46,646</u>	<u>44,634</u>	<u>48,248</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	12,910,162	12,807,932	12,355,279
L I A B I L I T I E S			
F. R. notes in actual circulation	4,144,684	4,126,230	4,195,436
Deposits:			
Member bank - reserve account	7,215,012	7,240,498	6,660,138
U.S. Treasurer - General account	184,501	155,041	216,471
Foreign bank	124,158	145,809	108,924
Other deposits	<u>296,461</u>	<u>297,660</u>	<u>171,342</u>
<u>Total deposits</u>	7,820,132	7,839,008	7,156,875
Deferred availability items	597,762	495,425	656,079
Capital paid in	133,217	133,217	132,281
Surplus (Section 7)	147,739	147,739	145,854
Surplus (Section 13 b)	27,683	27,682	27,190
Reserve for contingencies	32,984	32,985	36,200
All other liabilities	<u>5,961</u>	<u>5,646</u>	<u>5,364</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,910,162	12,807,932	12,355,279
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	80.6%	80.4%	80.4%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	640	830	- -
Commitments to make industrial advances	13,031	13,078	19,537

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON MARCH 2, 1938
(In thousands of dollars)

A S S E T S

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	9,173,603	488,865	3,819,419	478,090	616,210	285,698	230,428	1,692,108	273,865	186,009	262,266	175,011	665,634
Redemption fund - F.R.notes	9,308	547	1,064	1,072	789	702	1,338	776	697	354	442	478	1,049
Other cash	455,851	48,920	111,074	36,075	39,751	28,086	18,002	66,418	14,329	9,477	27,238	13,170	43,311
<u>Total reserves</u>	9,638,762	538,332	3,931,557	515,237	656,750	314,486	249,768	1,759,302	288,891	195,840	289,946	188,659	709,994
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U.S.Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	6,471	691	2,520	1,238	461	370	404	150	187	- -	153	47	250
Other bills discounted	3,163	87	440	888	156	149	455	18	- -	100	463	271	136
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	9,634	778	2,960	2,126	617	519	859	168	187	100	616	318	386
Bills bought in open market	550	41	215	56	51	24	19	68	3	2	16	16	39
Industrial advances	17,453	2,650	4,316	3,413	990	1,706	126	682	201	573	468	927	1,401
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	702,683	51,589	202,679	57,992	69,347	37,353	29,451	77,391	31,373	22,814	36,203	27,341	59,150
Treasury notes	1,185,103	87,005	341,826	97,808	116,955	62,997	49,669	130,522	52,913	38,477	61,059	46,113	99,759
Treasury bills	676,229	49,645	195,049	55,810	66,736	35,947	28,341	74,477	30,192	21,955	34,841	26,313	56,923
<u>Total U.S. Gov't securities</u>	2,564,015	188,239	739,554	211,610	253,038	136,297	107,461	282,390	114,478	83,246	132,103	99,767	215,832
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	2,591,652	191,708	747,045	217,205	254,696	138,546	108,465	283,308	114,869	83,921	133,203	101,028	217,658
Due from foreign banks	169	12	64	17	15	7	6	21	3	2	5	5	12
F. R. notes of other banks	19,569	249	3,968	797	1,320	2,013	1,896	2,801	2,073	557	1,416	492	1,987
Uncollected items	568,503	56,147	133,584	45,406	58,638	47,609	19,747	81,204	26,527	13,489	32,480	22,792	30,880
Bank premises	44,861	2,992	9,940	4,805	6,190	2,687	2,112	4,569	2,333	1,493	3,142	1,269	3,329
All other assets	46,646	2,961	13,701	4,453	5,097	2,795	1,865	4,442	1,826	1,617	2,156	1,737	3,996
TOTAL ASSETS	12,910,162	792,401	4,839,859	787,920	982,706	508,143	383,859	2,135,647	436,522	296,919	462,348	315,982	967,856

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON MARCH 2, 1938
(In thousands of dollars)

LIABILITIES

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
F.R.notes in actual circulation	4,144,684	277,527	918,258	311,083	417,063	197,631	153,621	970,012	179,059	136,462	167,407	81,350	335,211
Deposits:													
Member bank - reserve account	7,215,012	412,863	3,249,175	384,596	450,621	234,514	187,733	989,375	205,991	127,777	238,367	186,343	547,657
U.S.Treasurer - General account	184,501	8,033	98,379	2,488	9,186	496	2,962	32,756	3,352	3,408	8,344	4,058	11,039
Foreign bank	124,158	8,895	44,862	12,107	11,366	5,312	4,324	14,702	3,706	2,841	3,583	3,689	8,771
Other deposits	296,461	4,694	247,828	762	4,001	7,979	2,960	949	6,245	3,450	877	3,528	13,188
<u>Total deposits</u>	7,820,132	434,485	3,640,244	399,953	475,174	248,301	197,979	1,037,782	219,294	137,476	251,171	197,618	580,655
Deferred availability items	597,762	56,220	160,836	44,238	58,283	47,241	19,382	83,061	27,651	13,625	33,696	25,993	27,536
Capital paid in	133,217	9,404	50,944	12,277	13,154	4,952	4,446	13,026	3,893	2,903	4,143	3,925	10,150
Surplus (Section 7)	147,739	9,900	51,943	13,466	14,323	4,964	5,626	22,387	4,667	3,153	3,613	3,892	9,805
Surplus (Section 13 b)	27,683	2,874	7,744	4,411	1,007	3,409	730	1,429	545	1,001	1,142	1,270	2,121
Reserve for contingencies	32,984	1,448	8,210	2,000	3,177	1,401	1,602	7,285	1,215	1,936	934	1,776	2,000
All other liabilities	5,961	543	1,680	492	525	244	473	665	198	363	242	158	378
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,910,162	792,401	4,839,859	787,920	982,706	508,143	383,859	2,135,647	436,522	296,919	462,348	315,982	967,856
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	640	46	230	63	59	27	22	76	19	15	19	19	45
Commitments to make industrial advances	13,031	1,508	4,344	141	1,446	1,555	284	- -	485	41	97	268	2,862

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS AND SECURITIES

	Total	Within 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 days to 6 months	6 months to 1 Year	1 Year to 2 Years	2 Years to 5 Years	Over 5 Years
Bills discounted	9,634	7,815	419	768	300	318	14	- -	- -	- -
Bills bought	550	93	- -	86	371	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Industrial advances	17,453	1,590	470	402	354	1,865	3,324	5,204	4,244	- -
U. S. Government securities	2,564,015	126,282	90,644	129,204	183,568	318,164	133,569	303,605	629,629	649,350

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT ON MARCH 2, 1938
(In thousands of dollars)

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F.R.bank by F.R.agent	4,458,426	312,365	1,016,366	336,990	443,644	207,676	170,704	994,658	190,682	140,268	174,852	90,936	379,285
Held by Federal Reserve bank	313,742	34,838	98,108	25,907	26,581	10,045	17,083	24,646	11,623	3,806	7,445	9,586	44,074
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<u>In actual circulation</u>	4,144,684	277,527	918,258	311,083	417,063	197,631	153,621	970,012	179,059	136,462	167,407	81,350	335,211
Collateral held by agent as security for notes issued to bank:													
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	4,532,632	341,000	1,035,000	337,000	448,000	208,000	156,000	1,000,000	196,632	136,500	177,000	93,500	404,000
Eligible paper	8,466	728	2,919	1,446	468	519	635	168	187	98	604	316	378
U. S. Gov't securities	25,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	20,000	- -	- -	5,000	- -	- -	- -
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<u>Total collateral</u>	4,566,098	341,728	1,037,919	338,446	448,468	208,519	176,635	1,000,168	196,819	141,598	177,604	93,816	404,378