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CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

During the week ended March 23 member bank reserve balances increased \$5,000,000. Additions to member bank reserves arose from decreases of \$3,000,000 in money in circulation, \$5,000,000 in Treasury cash and \$14,000,000 in nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts, and increases of \$3,000,000 in gold stock and \$2,000,000 in Treasury currency, offset in part by a decrease of \$16,000,000 in Reserve bank credit and an increase of \$6,000,000 in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks. Excess reserves of member banks on March 23 were estimated to be approximately \$1,560,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000 for the week. Inactive gold included in the gold stock and in Treasury cash amounted to \$1,183,000,000, a decrease of \$5,000,000 for the week.

Principal changes in holdings of bills and securities were increases of \$8,000,000 in United States Treasury bonds and \$2,000,000 in United States Treasury notes, and a decrease of \$10,000,000 in United States Treasury bills.

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and the year ended March 23, 1938, were as follows:

	Increase or decrease since		
	Mar. 23 <u>1938</u>	Mar. 16 <u>1938</u>	Mar. 24 <u>1937</u>
(In millions of dollars)			
Bills discounted	10	+2	+2
Bills bought	1	—	-2
U. S. Government securities	2,564	—	+134
Industrial advances (not including 13 million commitments - March 23)	17	—	-6
Other Reserve bank credit	1	-17	+2
Total Reserve bank credit	2,592	-16	+129
Gold stock	12,781	+3	+1,240
Treasury currency	2,674	+2	+137
Member bank reserve balances	7,333	+5	+755
Money in circulation	6,325	-3	-50
Treasury cash	3,545	-5	+822
Treasury deposits with F. R. banks	270	+6	-9
Nonmember deposits and other F. R. accounts	575	-14	-11

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**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED**

(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>Mar. 23, 1938</u>	<u>Mar. 16, 1938</u>	<u>Mar. 24, 1937</u>
A S S E T S			
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	9,197,203	9,188,602	8,844,385
Redemption fund - F.R. notes . . .	9,874	9,600	12,095
Other cash	<u>477,843</u>	<u>478,179</u>	<u>270,407</u>
<u>Total reserves</u>	9,684,920	9,676,381	9,126,887
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U.S. Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed . . .	6,415	5,193	6,175
Other bills discounted	<u>3,108</u>	<u>2,956</u>	<u>1,517</u>
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	9,523	8,149	7,692
Bills bought in open market . . .	542	542	3,310
Industrial advances	17,314	17,259	22,666
U. S. Government securities:			
Bonds	732,320	723,595	631,784
Treasury notes	1,165,691	1,164,191	1,231,343
Treasury bills	<u>666,004</u>	<u>676,229</u>	<u>567,100</u>
<u>Total U.S. Government securities</u>	2,564,015	2,564,015	2,430,227
<u>Total bills and securities</u> . . .	2,591,394	2,589,965	2,463,895
Due from foreign banks	177	177	232
F. R. notes of other banks	19,889	20,613	19,810
Uncollected items	531,219	742,758	618,002
Bank premises	44,852	44,865	45,973
All other assets	<u>42,130</u>	<u>40,698</u>	<u>42,933</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	12,914,581	13,115,457	12,317,732
L I A B I L I T I E S			
F. R. notes in actual circulation	4,119,858	4,124,888	4,166,726
Deposits:			
Member bank - reserve account . .	7,333,050	7,328,137	6,578,279
U.S. Treasurer - General account .	269,586	263,623	278,659
Foreign bank	113,661	103,356	102,999
Other deposits	<u>198,646</u>	<u>222,136</u>	<u>223,223</u>
<u>Total deposits</u>	7,914,943	7,917,252	7,183,160
Deferred availability items . . .	530,381	724,619	619,573
Capital paid in	133,306	133,297	132,236
Surplus (Section 7)	147,739	147,739	145,854
Surplus (Section 13 b)	27,683	27,683	27,490
Reserve for contingencies	32,950	32,950	36,176
All other liabilities	<u>7,721</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>6,517</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,914,581	13,115,457	12,317,732
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F.R. note liabilities combined	80.5%	80.4%	80.4%
Contingent liability on bills pur- chased for foreign correspondents	222	630	- -
Commitments to make industrial advances	12,904	12,911	19,135

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON MARCH 23, 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	9,197,203	485,358	3,891,432	460,754	620,922	272,043	227,180	1,672,038	265,465	177,508	257,562	168,832	698,109
Redemption fund - F.R. notes	9,874	471	1,714	924	607	581	1,246	610	631	733	404	457	1,496
Other cash	477,843	48,669	117,364	36,269	44,159	27,851	19,360	73,689	15,450	10,032	29,677	13,441	41,882
<u>Total reserves</u>	<u>9,684,920</u>	<u>534,498</u>	<u>4,010,510</u>	<u>497,947</u>	<u>665,688</u>	<u>300,475</u>	<u>247,786</u>	<u>1,746,337</u>	<u>281,546</u>	<u>188,273</u>	<u>287,643</u>	<u>182,730</u>	<u>741,487</u>
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U.S.Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	6,415	857	2,340	1,274	476	478	424	90	85	- -	138	38	215
Other bills discounted	3,108	89	288	656	230	270	593	11	40	77	354	254	246
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	<u>9,523</u>	<u>946</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>1,017</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>461</u>
Bills bought in open market	542	41	207	56	51	24	19	68	3	2	16	16	39
Industrial advances	17,314	2,667	4,325	3,290	970	1,791	122	686	154	556	467	913	1,373
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	732,320	53,764	211,227	60,439	72,271	38,929	30,693	80,655	32,697	23,776	37,730	28,495	61,644
Treasury notes	1,165,691	85,580	336,228	96,205	115,040	61,965	48,855	128,384	52,045	37,847	60,059	45,357	98,126
Treasury bills	666,004	48,895	192,099	54,966	65,727	35,403	27,913	73,351	29,736	21,623	34,314	25,915	56,062
<u>Total U.S. Gov't securities</u>	<u>2,564,015</u>	<u>188,239</u>	<u>739,554</u>	<u>211,610</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>136,297</u>	<u>107,461</u>	<u>282,390</u>	<u>114,478</u>	<u>83,246</u>	<u>132,103</u>	<u>99,767</u>	<u>215,832</u>
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	<u>2,591,394</u>	<u>191,893</u>	<u>746,714</u>	<u>216,886</u>	<u>254,765</u>	<u>138,860</u>	<u>108,619</u>	<u>283,245</u>	<u>114,760</u>	<u>83,881</u>	<u>133,078</u>	<u>100,988</u>	<u>217,705</u>
Due from foreign banks	177	12	72	17	16	7	6	21	2	2	5	5	12
F. R. notes of other banks	19,889	383	3,502	910	1,295	1,503	2,075	2,578	1,933	932	1,908	539	2,331
Uncollected items	531,219	52,768	124,596	40,874	47,961	46,680	23,447	69,557	26,321	14,418	26,935	23,716	33,946
Bank premises	44,852	2,991	9,940	4,805	6,190	2,687	2,109	4,569	2,333	1,497	3,142	1,269	3,320
All other assets	42,130	2,634	12,344	4,070	4,645	2,567	1,673	3,962	1,652	1,454	1,955	1,571	3,603
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>12,914,581</u>	<u>785,179</u>	<u>4,907,678</u>	<u>765,509</u>	<u>980,560</u>	<u>492,779</u>	<u>385,715</u>	<u>2,110,269</u>	<u>428,547</u>	<u>290,457</u>	<u>454,666</u>	<u>310,818</u>	<u>1,002,404</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON MARCH 23, 1938
(In thousands of dollars)

L I A B I L I T I E S

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
F.R.notes in actual circulation	4,119,858	297,776	902,189	308,450	413,136	195,526	150,733	962,982	177,113	136,424	164,958	79,729	330,842
Deposits:													
Member bank - reserve account	7,333,050	381,740	3,455,631	357,243	458,460	214,165	178,759	988,688	194,275	120,161	238,022	175,583	570,323
U.S.Treasurer - General account	269,586	15,349	118,176	13,168	15,624	12,011	12,029	28,836	7,697	4,181	9,426	12,049	21,040
Foreign bank	113,661	8,148	41,495	11,090	10,411	4,866	3,590	13,466	3,395	2,602	3,282	3,282	8,034
Other deposits	198,646	4,336	149,379	1,213	4,458	6,398	2,615	2,047	8,009	3,441	425	2,870	13,455
<u>Total deposits</u>	<u>7,914,943</u>	<u>409,573</u>	<u>3,764,681</u>	<u>382,714</u>	<u>488,953</u>	<u>237,440</u>	<u>196,993</u>	<u>1,033,037</u>	<u>213,376</u>	<u>130,385</u>	<u>251,155</u>	<u>193,784</u>	<u>612,852</u>
Deferred availability items	530,381	53,533	119,932	41,561	46,069	44,747	25,054	69,160	27,460	14,219	28,351	26,200	34,095
Capital paid in	133,306	9,405	50,943	12,278	13,157	4,950	4,452	13,095	3,896	2,902	4,144	3,938	10,146
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	32,950	1,448	8,210	2,000	3,177	1,401	1,603	7,257	1,215	1,929	934	1,776	2,000
All other liabilities	7,721	670	2,036	629	738	342	524	922	275	444	369	229	543
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,914,581	785,179	4,907,678	765,509	980,560	492,779	385,715	2,110,269	428,547	290,457	454,666	310,818	1,002,404
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	222	16	73	22	20	10	14	27	7	5	6	6	16
Commitments to make industrial advances	12,904	1,483	4,261	121	1,510	1,547	281	--	485	41	89	268	2,818

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	9,523	7,817	558	454	247	417	30	--	--	--
Bills bought	542	--	--	449	93	--	--	--	--	--
Industrial advances	17,314	1,898	72	346	610	1,656	3,285	6,758	2,689	--
U.S. Government securities	2,564,015	56,383	63,623	173,474	287,477	263,752	123,851	349,714	574,647	671,094

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT ON MARCH 23, 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.F.agent	4,441,195	331,916	1,005,441	329,201	439,779	204,428	168,735	988,336	189,922	140,128	174,959	89,926	378,424
Held by Federal Reserve bank	321,337	34,140	103,252	20,751	26,643	8,902	18,002	25,354	12,809	3,704	10,001	10,197	47,582
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<u>In actual circulation</u>	4,119,858	297,776	902,189	308,450	413,136	195,526	150,733	962,982	177,113	136,424	164,958	79,729	330,842
 Collateral held by agent as security for notes issued to bank:													
 Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury													
Eligible paper	4,509,632	341,000	1,015,000	337,000	445,000	207,000	162,000	1,000,000	193,632	136,500	177,000	91,500	404,000
U. S. Gov't securities	8,349	900	2,607	1,472	498	688	708	101	85	77	480	280	453
	15,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	10,000	- -	- -	5,000	- -	- -	- -
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<u>Total collateral</u>	4,532,981	341,900	1,017,607	338,472	445,498	207,688	172,708	1,000,101	193,717	141,577	177,480	91,780	404,453