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SPECIAL WEEKLY REPORT ON DEPARTMENT STORE SALES--UNITED STATES SUMMARY

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Sales in selected departments

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Department	Percentage change from a year ago					Monthly unadjusted indexes (1947-49 average monthly sales = 100)									
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	1955				1954					
	Sept. 17	Sept. 10	Sept. 3	Aug. 27	Sept. 17	Aug.	July	June	May	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	
GRAND TOTAL SALES <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	+ 1	+ 9	+ 7	+ 4	+ 5	p 93	79	97	99	101	87	76	96	93	
Furniture and bedding	+ 7	+17	+17	+ 2	+10	p140	115	116	121	115	131	110	104	108	
Domestic floor coverings	+ 9	+24	+13	+ 4	+10	p 81	63	73	85	91	77	61	62	80	
Major appliances	+29	+26	+23	+30	+25	p107	126	93	87	72	73	92	88	65	
Radio, phonograph, TV	+16	+ 1	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	p 99	78	88	78	123	89	73	73	73	
Total of 4 departments <u>1/</u>	+11	+16	+15	+ 7	+11	p114	101	98	99	101	100	90	87	87	
ALL OTHER SALES <u>1/</u>	c	+ 8	+ 5	+ 4	+ 4	p 90	76	97	99	101	85	74	97	94	

p--Preliminary

r--Revised

1/ Monthly indexes for this category are not released publicly; they are shown here solely to permit comparisons with department changes.

2/ Figures are based on the abbreviated sample described in note below and are presented here solely to permit comparisons with departmental changes. For weekly movements of total department store sales, refer to the regular weekly sales report H.8a (based on about 550 stores).

Note:--Total national sample is comprised of some 115 stores (varies slightly among departments) of the approximately 350 stores regularly reporting monthly departmental figures.

Sales in Selected Departments

(Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago)

	Furniture and bedding				Domestic floor coverings				Major household appliances						
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending
	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17
United States	+ 7	+17	+17	+ 2	+10	+ 9	+24	+13	+ 4	+10	+29	+26	+23	+30	+25
Boston	-22	+39	+15	+ 6	+ 7	+34	+56	+49	+ 4	+34	+ 8	+46	+48	-17	+15
New York	- 7	+24	+17	- 3	+ 7	+ 5	+50	+ 7	+ 9	+17	+22	+27	+ 5	+24	+20
Philadelphia	+13	+17	+ 4	- 3	+ 6	-10	+ 3	+ 9	-43	-10	- 7	-17	+ 4	- 4	- 6
Cleveland	+30	+25	+48	+20	+31	+40	+34	- 1	+11	+19	+33	+51	+16	+22	+29
Richmond	+ 6	+26	+13	+ 4	+11	- 6	+39	+16	- 2	+ 9	+61	+63	+59	+94	+71
Atlanta	+94	+19	+34	+ 9	+33	+92	0	+74	+23	+35	+96	-38	+15	+61	+24
Chicago	- 1	- 1	+14	-15	- 1	- 2	0	+12	+ 1	+ 2	+14	+22	+23	+28	+22
St. Louis	-10	+ 5	+12	- 2	+ 1	+ 2	-17	+13	-23	- 9	- 1	+17	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6
Minneapolis	+ 8	+18	-10	- 8	- 1	-24	+19	-24	+11	- 9	+ 5	- 3	- 8	+26	+ 3
Kansas City	+36	+45	+25	+28	+32	-10	+59	+11	-17	+ 6	+13	+12	+30	+20	+19
Dallas	-21	+49	- 7	+15	+ 5	0	+25	+40	+44	+26	+44	+29	+43	+61	+44
San Francisco	- 7	- 4	0	+14	+ 1	-20	r- 3	-12	+21	- 3	+32	+63	+35	+25	+38
	Radios, phonographs, television, etc.				Total of 4 departments				Grand Total--entire store 2/						
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending
	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17	Sept.17	Sept.10	Sept.3	Aug.27	Sept.17
United States	+16	+ 1	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	+11	+16	+15	+ 7	+11	+ 1	+ 9	+ 7	+ 4	+ 5
Boston	-13	- 3	+ 2	-22	-10	- 6	+34	+24	- 4	+ 9	-10	+11	+31	- 2	+ 5
New York	+45	+41	+ 8	+ 9	+28	+ 3	+31	+14	+ 1	+11	- 7	r+16	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3
Philadelphia	-11	-28	- 2	+ 7	- 9	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4	- 9	0	- 3	+ 9	- 2	- 4	0
Cleveland	+50	0	+22	+35	+27	+36	+25	+31	+21	+28	+ 7	+21	+ 8	+ 9	+11
Richmond	+ 6	+19	- 5	+26	+10	+10	+32	+16	+16	+18	+ 6	+19	+ 9	+11	+11
Atlanta	+ 7	-10	-21	-15	- 9	+73	- 6	+23	+17	+23	+16	r+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 7
Chicago	+ 3	- 6	+11	- 8	0	+ 2	+ 3	+15	- 3	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	+ 7	+ 5	+ 4
St. Louis	+35	+ 5	-17	+ 7	+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 6	- 4	+ 1	- 4	- 3	- 2	- 5	- 3
Minneapolis	+17	0	-32	+ 6	- 5	0	+ 9	-15	+ 6	- 2	- 3	+ 5	0	+ 3	+ 1
Kansas City	- 5	-23	-26	- 4	-14	+10	+19	+13	+13	+13	+ 4	+ 5	+11	+ 7	+ 7
Dallas	+11	+24	+19	+33	+21	+ 5	+34	+20	+36	+23	+ 8	+13	+12	+10	+11
San Francisco	+ 3	-12	-13	+ 3	- 4	- 2	+ 4	- 1	+15	+ 4	+ 2	- 3	- 1	+ 4	0

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