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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 18, 1956WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
	Jan.- Mar.	Week ending			
		Apr. 21	Apr. 28	May 5*	May 12*
<u>United States</u>	+ 8	+ 1	- 1	- 7	+19
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+ 1	+ 5	-12	+20
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	0	+ 3	+ 2	-13	+20
Downtown Boston	- 1	+ 1	+ 7	-11	+14
Suburban Boston	+ 3	+ 7	- 7	-16	+33
Cambridge	+ 2	- 4	+14	- 8	+19
Lynn	+ 2	+ 5	+13	-18	+30
Quincy	- 1	+ 6	+ 5	-16	+28
Lowell	- 3	+24	-12	-14	+17
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	+ 8	+14	+35	+ 7	+20
Providence	- 3	-13	+ 7	-16	+20
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	+ 7	+ 2	- 5	+19
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	+ 7	+11	-13	-12	+11
New York-N.E.New Jersey	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4	- 4	+21
Newark	+ 6	+ 7	+10	- 5	+18
New York	+ 4	+ 7	+ 2	r- 4	+20
Rochester	+ 8	+20	- 3	-12	+12
Syracuse	+ 9	- 3	+ 2	- 3	+19
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 9	0	- 3	r+ 6	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	+18	+ 5	+ 8	r+20	+22
Trenton	+ 2	- 9	- 9	r- 7	+15
Lancaster	+11	+12	+ 5	r+ 3	+16
Philadelphia	+ 8	- 3	- 3	r+10	+11
Reading	+ 9	+ 2	+ 9	- 2	+15
Scranton	+10	+17	+ 4	- 8	- 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	+ 4	+18	-23	r-16	+11
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+11	- 2	- 6	- 6	+20
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	+ 4	-11	+ 6	-11	+ 7
Akron	+ 8	+ 8	- 1	-10	+18
Cincinnati	+ 8	-13	-23	- 5	+36
Cleveland	+12	0	+ 1	- 7	+19
Columbus	+11	- 6	-10	- 9	+20
Springfield	+ 9	+ 4	- 8	-14	+30
Toledo	+ 6	- 1	- 5	-10	+15
Erie	+11	- 7	r- 1	- 6	+18
Pittsburgh	+16	+ 7	r- 3	- 5	+16
Wheeling-Steubenville	+10	0	+ 1	- 5	+24

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+10	-4	-3	r-5	+20
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+12	-6	-1	r-7	+26
Downtown Washington "	+3	-9	-6	r-14	+16
Baltimore Md.	+3	-2	0	-9	+19
Richmond Va.	+9	+5	-14	+9	+12
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+10	-6	-2	-6	+24
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+11	-4	0	-2	+28
Jacksonville Fla.	+16	-4	-3	+6	+24
Atlanta Ga.	+5	-9	-6	-8	+22
Augusta "	+3	-20	-20	-1	+9
New Orleans La.	+9	0	+6	r-7	+34
Knoxville Tenn.	+9	-15	+4	-6	+36
Nashville "	+8	-9	-2	-11	+31
City					
Tampa Fla.	+8	-7	-15	-1	**
<u>Chicago District</u>	+8	-1	-3	-9	+13
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+8	+2	-3	-8	+13
Indianapolis Ind.	+9	+1	-1	-9	+10
Detroit Mich.	+8	0	-6	-10	+12
Milwaukee Wis.	+12	-7	+20	-3	+21
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+10	-9	+2	-5	+33
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+9	-26	+13	-1	+22
Louisville Ky.	+11	-2	-1	-12	+27
St. Louis Mo.	+11	-9	+1	-4	+31
Memphis Tenn.	+7	-5	0	0	+57
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+7	+2	+5	-11	+21
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+7	+4	+3	-13	+17
St. Paul "	+8	-8	+9	-10	+26
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+12	+27	+2	0	+26

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 5	- 1	- 6	-11	+23
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Colo.	+13	+ 9	0	- 9	+24
Topeka Kans.	+10	+ 4	0	-11	+42
Wichita "	+ 3	- 4	- 5	r-17	+26
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 7	- 6	-14	-24	+ 4
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+10	+14	+ 5	- 7	**
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 9	+ 2	+ 1	- 2	+35
Tulsa "	+ 5	+18	- 6	-10	+36
<u>City</u>					
Joplin Mo.	**	- 6	+24	+ 7	**
Kansas City "	+ 1	-14	-11	r-14	+13
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 8	- 3	- 7	- 7	+31
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 5	+ 1	-10	-15	+27
El Paso "	+ 8	-12	-11	+ 4	+31
Fort Worth "	+11	-18	+ 5	+ 1	+ 8
Houston "	+ 9	+ 3	- 5	-12	+40
San Antonio "	+ 3	-10	-12	+ 2	+16
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 9	+ 6	+ 1	- 9	+16
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+ 3	- 1	0	-12	+16
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 3	- 3	-11	-13	+ 6
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 2	+ 1	+ 7	-14	+24
Sacramento "	+10	+46	+ 2	-17	+29
San Diego "	+11	+12	r+ 1	- 2	+26
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 7	+14	- 4	-12	+16
San Francisco City "	+ 8	+14	- 4	-10	+15
Oakland City "	+ 6	+ 8	r- 2	-11	+20
San Jose "	+ 6	+22	r+ 3	- 8	+ 3
Portland Ore.	+ 3	0	+ 3	- 2	+ 9
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 6	+ 5	+ 1	-14	+14
Seattle Wash.	+ 6	+ 6	r+10	- 5	+23
Spokane "	+ 7	+16	+ 1	+ 1	+14
Tacoma "	+ 8	+11	r- 1	0	+21

r--Revised.

**--Data not available.

*--Comparisons are affected by the fact that Mother's Day is one week later this year than last.