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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 25, 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. 20	May 5*	May 12*	May 19	
<u>United States</u>	+ 8	- 1	- 7	+19	+ 6	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+ 5	-12	+20	+ 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	0	+ 2	-13	+20	+ 2
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	+ 7	-11	+14	- 2
Suburban Boston	"	+ 3	- 7	-16	+33	+ 9
Cambridge	"	+ 2	+14	- 8	+19	+11
Lynn	"	+ 2	+13	-18	+30	- 3
Quincy	"	- 1	+ 5	-16	+28	+ 4
Lowell	"	- 3	-12	-14	+17	+ 7
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 8	+35	+ 7	+20	+10
Providence	H. I.	- 3	+ 7	-16	+20	- 2
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	+ 2	- 5	r+18	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 7	-13	-12	+11	+ 1
New York-N.E., New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	+ 4	- 4	r+20	+ 7
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+10	- 5	+18	+11
New York	N. Y.	+ 4	+ 2	- 4	r+18	+ 6
Rochester	"	+ 8	- 3	-12	+12	0
Syracuse	"	+ 9	+ 2	- 3	r+20	+ 2
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 9	- 3	+ 6	r+13	+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+18	+ 8	+20	r+21	+19
Trenton	N. J.	+ 2	- 9	- 7	+15	0
Lancaster	Pa.	+11	+ 5	+ 3	+16	+ 8
Philadelphia	"	+ 8	- 3	+10	+13	+ 8
Reading	"	+ 9	+ 9	- 2	+15	+ 7
Scranton	"	+10	+ 4	- 8	- 1	+23
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 4	-23	-16	r+19	+ 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+11	- 6	- 6	+20	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 4	+ 6	-11	+ 7	-13
Akron	Ohio	+ 8	- 1	-10	+18	+10
Cincinnati	"	+ 8	-23	- 5	+36	+12
Cleveland	"	+12	+ 1	r- 6	+19	+ 5
Columbus	"	+11	-10	- 9	+20	+15
Springfield	"	+ 9	- 8	-14	+30	- 3
Toledo	"	+ 6	- 5	-10	+15	- 2
Erie	Pa.	+14	- 1	- 6	+18	+ 1
Pittsburgh	"	+16	- 3	- 5	+16	+ 6
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+10	+ 1	- 5	+24	+ 7

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		Apr. 28	May 5*	May 12*	May 19	
<u>Richmond District</u>	+10	- 3	- 5	+20	+12	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+12	- 1	- 7	r+25	+ 9
Downtown Washington	"	+ 3	- 6	-14	r+15	0
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	0	- 9	r+20	+15
Richmond	Va.	+ 9	-14	+ 9	+12	+11
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+10	- 2	- 6	r+25	+12	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+11	0	- 2	+28	+12
Jacksonville	Fla.	+16	- 3	+ 6	+24	+15
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 5	- 6	- 8	r+23	+10
Augusta	"	+ 3	-20	- 1	+ 9	+21
New Orleans	La.	+ 9	+ 6	- 7	+34	+12
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 9	+ 4	- 6	r+37	+18
Nashville	"	+ 8	- 2	-11	+31	+10
<u>City</u>						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 8	-15	- 1	+22	+ 8
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 8	- 3	- 9	+13	+ 5	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 8	- 3	- 8	+13	+ 6
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 9	- 1	- 9	+10	+10
Detroit	Mich.	+ 8	- 6	-10	+12	+ 2
Milwaukee	Wis.	+12	+20	- 3	+21	+ 8
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+10	+ 2	- 5	+33	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 9	+13	- 1	+22	+25
Louisville	Ky.	+11	- 1	-12	+27	+12
St. Louis	Mo.	+11	+ 1	- 4	+31	+ 9
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 7	0	0	+57	-20
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 7	+ 5	-11	+21	+ 5	
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 7	+ 3	-13	+17	+ 4
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+ 9	-10	+26	+ 9
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+12	+ 2	0	+26	+ 4

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 5	- 6	-11	+23	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Colo.	+13	0	r-10	r+25	+13
Topeka	Kans.	+10	0	-11	+42	+11
Wichita	"	+ 3	- 5	-17	r+25	+ 9
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 7	-14	-24	+ 4	+13
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+10	+ 5	- 7	+15	+ 2
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 9	+ 1	- 2	+35	+15
Tulsa	"	+ 5	- 6	-10	+36	+15
<u>City</u>						
Joplin	Mo.	**	+24	+ 7	+53	**
Kansas City	"	+ 1	-11	-14	+13	+ 1
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 8	- 7	- 7	+31	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 5	-10	-15	+27	+ 9
El Paso	"	+ 8	-11	+ 4	+31	- 3
Fort Worth	"	+11	+ 5	+ 1	+ 8	+ 4
Houston	"	+ 9	- 5	-12	+40	+ 8
San Antonio	"	+ 3	-12	+ 2	+16	-14
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 9	+ 1	- 9	+16	r+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 3	0	-12	+16	+ 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 3	-11	-13	+ 6	+ 8
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 2	+ 7	r-13	+24	+ 4
Sacramento	"	+10	+ 2	r-15	+29	+13
San Diego	"	+11	+ 1	- 2	+26	+11
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 7	- 4	-12	+16	0
San Francisco City	"	+ 8	- 4	r-11	+15	- 1
Oakland City	"	+ 6	- 2	r-12	+20	- 1
San Jose	"	+ 6	+ 3	r- 9	+ 3	+16
Portland	Ore.	+ 3	+ 3	r- 3	+ 9	+ 3
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 6	+ 1	-14	+14	+ 9
Seattle	Wash.	+ 6	+10	r- 4	+23	+11
Spokane	"	+ 7	+ 1	+ 1	+14	-10
Tacoma	"	+ 8	- 1	0	+21	- 3

r--Revised.

**--Data not available.

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