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## MONEY MARKET AND RESERVE RELATIONSHIPS

## Recent developments

(1) Preliminary estimates indicate that growth in the adjusted bank credit proxy for both March and the first quarter was in line with annual rates regarded as desirable at the time of the last Comittee meeting. While the money supply and time deposits appear to have grown somewhat more rapidly than projected over the period as a whole, for a time between meetings the emerging weekly evidence suggested that these aggregates were falling short of the earlier blue book figures. However, in the final--Easter--week of March, the preliminary data indicate that a very large bulge in private demand deposits developed. This reflected for the most part technical factors affecting cash items and related to the 4-day holiday week-end abroad and perhaps also the postal strike and the air traffic slowdown.

BOARD STAFF PROJECTIONS OF CHANGES IN MONETARY AGGREGATES COMPARED WITH ESTIMATED RESULTS

For March and First Quarter (Seasonally adjusted annual rates)

Expectations at last meeting

March 20
Projection

Current
Fstimate

QI (March over December)

| Adjusted Proxy | +0.3 | -0.1 | +0.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Money Supply | +2.0 | +1.6 | +3.2 |
| Time Deposits | -0.2 | -0.2 | +0.2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| March (March over February) |  |  |  |
| Adjusted Proxy | +10.3 | +7.9 | +9.9 |
| Money Supply | +6.6 | +11.4 | +1.4 |
| Time Deposits | +12.5 | +11.9 | +13.7 |

(2) Time deposits in Match showed their first major monthly increase on average in over a year, as had been projected. The size of the increase was a little larger than anticipated, due in large measure to steeper than forecast declines in short-term market rates. While a build-up of foreign official $C D$ 's continued to account for a sizable part of the March growth in total time accounts, the pick-up in flows to consumer-type time and savings accounts--first evident in February--strengthened further during March. Also, as Treasury bill yields dropped below $C D$ rate ceilings, sales of $C D^{\prime} s$ to domestic holders began to develop.
(3) Despite the generally strengthened deposit flows, growth in the adjusted bank credit proxy for March was about as projected in the last blue book. In addition to a modest short-fall in U.S. Government deposits as compared with estimates, the main factors offsetting greater deposit gains were larger cut-backs than forecast in Euro-dollar borrowing and slower than estimated growth in bank-related commercial paper. From the end of February to the end of March, Euro-dollar borrowings of major banks were reduced by more than $\$ 1$ billion, while other nondeposit sources of funds, after their growth slowed in the early weeks of March, showed a net contraction of $\$ 160$ million in the week ending March 25 (the latest for which data are available).
(4) Treasury bill yields have dropped 20 to 50 basis points on balance from the levels prevailing at the time of the last Committee meeting,
and other short-term rates have dropped commensurately. For a brief period about ten days ago, bill yields reached substantially lowet levels. This temporary further decline reflected actions by dealers to build up inventories and sizable seasonal demands for bills-arising from the pay-off of maturing tax bills, from bank window dressing, and from the Cook County property tax date--coming at a time when official statements and emerging financial statistics both seemed to be confirming market expectations that monetary policy had become less restrictive. Since late March, bill yields have backed up, with the 3 -month isaue most recently bid at about 6.35 per cent, as dealer bill positions expanded sharply to more than $\$ 4$ billion and in partial reflection of a normal seasonal reversal in yields.

RECENT YIELDS ON TREASURY BILLS
(Per cent per annum)

|  | Maturities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 month | 6 month | 1 year |
| Level at close of day before March 10 Meeting | 6.86 | 6.72 | 6.52 |
| Recent Low (March 24) | 6.08 | 6.19 | 6.26 |
| April 2 Close | 6.35 | 6.40 | 6.31 |
| Memo: <br> Investment Yield (April 2) | 6.51 | 6.67 | 6.70 |
| CD Ceilings | 6.75 | 7.00 | 7.50 |

(5) Money market conditions on balance have been somewhat more comfortable over the last four weeks than in the prior intermeeting period. Early in the period the Desk sought to achieve easier conditions that would help to offset the observed shortfall in the monetary aggregates relative to expectations, but more recently money market conditions have been permitted to firm up a little again, partly under the pressure of dealer financing needs. Over the inter-meeting weeks as a whole, the effective Federal funds rate averaged close to $7-3 / 4$ per cent, compared to an average of about 8-3/4 per cent in the preceding 4-week period, and dealer financing costs declined to an average of around $8-3 / 8$ per cent in New York. Net borrowed reserves have fluctuated in a fairly wide $\mathbf{\$ 6 7 5 - \$ 9 0 0}$ million range. Excluding the most recent week, when bank uncertainties about reserve positions and preparation for the quarterly statement data increased bank use of the discount window, member bank borrowings have averaged about $\$ 875$ million.
(6) The following table compares recent changes in major reserves, deposit and credit aggregates with earlier selected periods (in seasonally adjusted annual rates):

|  | 1969 <br> (Dec. over Dec.) | Q 3 '69 (Sept. over June) | Q4 '69 <br> (Dec. over Sept.) | $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Reserves | -1.6 | -9.3 | 1.4 | -3.4 |
| Nonborrowed Reserves | -3.0 | - 4.8 | -0. 1 | -0.8 |
| Money Supply | 2.5 | -- | 1.2 | 3.2 |
| Time and savings deposits | $-5.3$ | -13.3 | -- | 0.2 |
| Savings accounts at nonbank thrift institutions | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.3 | $-1.0^{1 /}$ |
| Member bank deposits and |  |  |  |  |
| Total member bank deposits (bank credit proxy) | -4.0 | -9.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars | -1. 7 | - 6.2 | -0.3 | -1.9 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars and other nondeposit sources | n.a. | - 4.0 | 2.0 | 0.4 |
| Commercial bank credit |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans and investment of all commercial banks | 2.4 | - 0.8 | 2.1 | $-0.4$ |
| L\&I plus loans sold outright to affiliates and foreign branches | 3.4 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| NOTE: <br> "other nondeposit sour Wednesday data), exc are based on total additions to the tota Wednesday total loan adjusted numbers, si enough time to make | A11 items rces" based pt the comm tstanding o 1 member ba and invest ce data hav easonal adj | re average o on an averag rcial bank c last Wednes $k$ deposit se ents series not been av stments. | daily figu for the mo edit series ay of month ies and the re seasonal ilable for | es (with th of wnich All last y un- long |
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Prospective developments
(7) If the Cotmittee wishes to continue on the policy course adopted at the March meeting, it may want to renew the second paragraph of the directive issued then, with the addition of a reference to the Treasury financing, as follows (alternative A):

To implement this policy, the Committee desires to see moderate growth in money and bank credit over the months ahead. System open market operations until the next meeting of the Committee shall be conducted with a view to maintaining money market conditions consistent with that objective, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FORTHCOMING TREASURY FINANCING. The path given below for monetary aggregates could be considered as consistent with the directive (data shown are seasonally adjusted monthly average levels in billions of dollars). It should be stressed that while we have specified point estimates, variations around these individual estimates are likely and should be acceptable, provided they are not cumulative in one direction.

|  | Adjusted bank credit proxy | Money Supply | Time Deposits | Total <br> Reserves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { March }{ }^{\text {p/ }}$ | 306.0 | 201.2 | 194. 2 | 27.7 |
| April | 308.0 | 201. 9 | 197.5 | 28.1 |
| May | 307.0 | 203.0 | 199.6 | 28.0 |
| June | 309.6 | 202.5 | 201. 9 | 27.8 |
| Annual rate of crease, second quarter | 4-1/2\% | 2-1/2\% | 16\% | 1-1/2\% |

[^1](8) The money supply bulge at the end of March is likely to be followed by rather sharp declines in the money supply over the next few weeks--a development somewhat similar to last January. After this adjustment from the end-of-March bulge, the money supply path turns upward and the average level for June is somewhat greater than in the previous blue book, but with the annual rate of increase a somewhat slower 2-1/2 per cent because of the inflated March average level. For the adjusted credit proxy, the June average level is about the same as in the previous blue book.
(9) A weekly pattern spanning the inter-meeting period consistent with the monthly path of monetary aggregates noted above is shown below (in billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted), although it must be recognized, of course, that a weekly pattern is subject to even more random fluctuation than monthly figures.

| Week <br> Ending | Adjusted Bank <br> Credit Proxy | Money <br> Supply | Time <br> Deposits | Total <br> Reserves |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 1 ${ }^{\text {P/ }}$ | 308.8 | 204.9 | 195.6 | 27.9 |
| April 8 | 307.9 | 202.2 | 196.5 | 27.8 |
| April 15 | 307.6 | 202.3 | 197.3 | 28.3 |
| April 22 | 309.2 | 201.1 | 198.0 | 28.1 |
| April 29 | 307.7 | 202.0 | 198.4 | 28.2 |
| May 6 | 307.7 | 202.2 | 198.9 | 28.3 |

[^2]The weekly pattern shown here would lead to an average annual rate of Increase from March to April of about 4 per cent for the money supply, 8 per cent for the adjusted proxy, and 20 per cent for time deposits (reflecting in large part strength at the end of March). A rather sizable drop in U.S. Government deposits is anticipated in April, and an even larger drop is likely to develop in May. This does not allow for the earlier timing of the Federal pay raise, and if the Treasury balance for this or other reasons tends to drop too low, the Treasury may come in for cash borrowing before the second quarter ends, a possibility not allowed for in our projections.
(10) This aggregate pattern for the weeks ahead may require a Federal funds rate fluctuating in a $7-9$ per cent range. Rates may have to move to the upper end of the range if short-term interest rates begin to stimulate more rapid growth in time deposits and particularly the adjueted bank credit proxy than is desired. Net borrowed reserves may fluctuate in a $\$ 650$ million-- $\$ 1.1$ billion range, with member bank borrowings in a $\$ 750$ miliion to $\$ 1.2$ billion range.
(11) The growth path shown for time deposits, both weekly and over the months ahead, assumes that-the 3 -month Treasury bill rate will remain generally withing a $6-1 / 8--6-5 / 8$ per cent range, and that there will be no significant further decline in other short-term rates. A bill rate in that range would appear to be consistent with some slowing of growth in time deposits from the very rapid $\$ 800$ million per week pace of the latter half of March, which if it were to continue, would lead to an even larger rate of time deposit growth
than the 10 per cent shown above for the second quarter. In April, growth in time deposits is expected to slow somewhat as the month progresses, largely as a result of less active CD issuance by banks, as explained below. In May, payment for the large AT\&T bond offering may also slow down time deposit inflows. Moreover, the stimulus from widespread advertising by banks of the new higher ceiling rates on consumer-type time deposits is likely to diminish as time ses on.
(12) Consistent with growth in the adjusted bank credit proxy held to about a $4-1 / 2$ per cent, annual rate, over the second quarter, net growth in large $C D$ 's and nondeposit sources of funds are estianzed to be around $\$ 150$ million per week. As banks obtain time deposits in relatively sizable volume, they are not likely to add to, and may make further repayments of, relatively high cost Euro-dollar and commercial paper borrowings. We have not, however, assumed further significant net repayment of such funds, partly because the greater strength now projected for GNP may sustain credit demand. Even so, growth in the adjusted bank credit proxy continues quite moderate, largely as a result of a substantial drop in U.S. Government deposits over the quarter as a large Federal cash surplus is utilized to retire debt.
(13) To keep expansion of banks' money market liabilities within the dimensions of the preceding paragraph might require a 3 month bill rate in the upper half of the $6-1 / 8--6-5 / 8$ per cent range
mentioned earlier, unless the Comittee wishes to permit somewhat greater growth in bank credit. As seasonal downward pressures on bill rates develop as the quarter progresses, this may mean that the Desk would have to supply less reserves than would otherwise be the case, thus exerting upward pressure on money market rates. There is the possibility that such pressures would lead to a reversal of market expectations that could back up interest rates on a broader scale.
(14) Long-term interest rates over the next few weeks are not expected to decline much, if at all, in any event. The corporate calendar remains large, and, with short-term interest rates remaining arourd current levels, there is little reason to anticipate that investor expectations of credit easing will induce them to become more willing buyers of long-term debt instruments. Moreover, the Treasury at the end of April will be announcing a refunding of almost $\$ 5$ billion of publicly-held maturing coupon issues, and if market conditions warrant might also include a prerefunding of about $\$ 5-1 / 2$ billion of publicly-held August maturities. Alternative path
(15) If the Committee desires to see somewhat mose growth in money and bank credit over the months ahead, it may wish to consider the following directive language (alternative E ):

To implement this policy, the Comittee desires to see SOMEWHAT MORE moderate growth in money and bank credit over the months ahead THAN SOUGHT AT THE PRECEDING MEETING. System open market operations until the next meeting of the Committee shall be conducted with a view to maintaining money market conditions consistent with that objective, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FORTHCOMING TREASURY FINANCING.

The following path of the monetary aggregates might be taken to be consistent with this directive.

|  | Aajusted <br> proxy | Money <br> Supply | Time <br> Deposits | Total <br> Reserves |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MarchP/ | 306.0 | 201.2 | 194.2 | 27.7 |
| April | 308.3 | 201.9 | 197.7 | 28.1 |
| May | 307.8 | 203.1 | 200.5 | 28.1 |
| June | 310.9 | 202.9 | 203.4 | 28.0 |
| Annual rate of <br> increase, <br> second quarter | $6-1 / 2 \%$ | $3-1 / 2 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $4-1 / 2 \%$ |

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Most of the additional expansive effect on the aggregates from this path develops after April. It is assumed that Desk operations supply more reserves
than under the previous alternative as April progresses, and that Treasury bill rates drop in the latter part of the month to around 6-1/8 per cent or below as the market comes to sense a further easing in monetary policy at a time when short-term rates may be tending to decline somewhat for seasonal reasons.
(16) A weekly pattern over the next several weeks consistent with this alternative path is shown below.

| p/ | Adjusted proxy | Money Supply | Time Deposits | Total <br> Reserves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April $1^{\text {d }}$ | 308.8 | 204.9 | 195.6 | 27.9 |
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With this pattern, the annual rate of increase in April, on average, for the adjusted proxy would be around 10 per cent; for the money supply 4 per cent; and for time deposits 22 per cent. It is assumed that banks would use part of the deposit funds obtained to reduce other borrowings.
(17) Under this alternative, money market condtions in April would, on the whole, be somewhat less firm than under the first alternative. The Federal funds rate might drop below 7 per cent at
times, and generally would not rise much above 8 per cent. Member bank botrowings would generally renain under $\$ 900$ million, and perhaps decline to as little as $\$ 600$ million. Net borrowed reserves would probably fluctuate in a $\$ 500-\$ 800$ million range. (18) Long-teru interest rates ray decline for a time as a result both of the initial impact on expectations of such an easing in policy and the enhanced ability of bamks to acquire securities. However, it is possible that before the end of the second quarter, interest rates could begin to rise again. Such an outcome would be particularly likely if there were indications of further easing fiscal restraints, with a consequent intensification of inflationary expectations and increased anticipatory borrowing.
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