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[^0]MONETARY AGGRECATES AND
MONEY MARKET CONDITIONS

## Recent developments

(1) Pressures have moderated considerably in a number of financial markets since the last meeting of the Comittee. In longterm credit markets, yields on newly-issued corporate bonds, State and local securities, and U.S. Treasury bond yields have declined by about 40-70 basis points. Most recently, however, there have been some signs of hesitation in this bond market rally. Also, investors are behaving quite selectively in regard to the quality of bond issues, and spreads between the highest rated and lower rated issues have increased.
(2) In short-term markets, Treasury bill rates have dropped below levels prevailing in the first three weeks of June. The 3-month bill has generally fluctuated around $6-1 / 2$ per cent since the last Comittee meeting, but was most recently quoted at 6.40 per cent. Commercial paper rates, on the other hand, have tended to edge upwards, reflecting the fall-off of investor confidence in some large paper issuers. There was, more notably, a diminished availability of credit in this market, with outstanding nonbank-related paper declining by over $\$ 2$ billion, or considerably more than seasonally, in the week ending July 1 and showing only a very minor recovery in the ensuing
week. Much of the liquidation of outstanding comercial paper was financed out of bank loans. At all weekly reporting banks, in the two weeks ending July 8 loans rose by $\$ 2.5$ billion (all of this increase occurred in the week ending July 1 and was concentrated in loans to finance companies and businesses), and the volume of large-denomination CD's expanded by $\$ 2.2$ billion, mainly in the $30-89$ day maturity area for which rate ceilings have been suspended. Credit availability in the commercial paper market appears to have improved in recent days; in general, banks have demonstrated that they are willing to stand behind commercial paper borrowers, by actually extending credit and by granting additional bank lines. However, the practice of differential pricing is spreading, and investors continue to be selective. Thus further net attrition remains possible, though it probably will not be of end-ofJune dimensions.
(3) With the need for bank financing enlarged by the actual and potential attrition of comercial paper, bank deposits grew more rapidly than earlier projected in the two statement weeks ending July 8, mainly as a result of a faster-than-expected rise in CD's. While money supply and private demand deposit growth in late June and early July was also substantially faster than anticipated, partial data suggest that the rate of growth subsided in the statement week just past and that the outstanding money supply in that week may be back to the level projected at the time of the last FOMC meeting. The churning associated with comercial paper market uncertainties
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may have been partly responsible for the apparently temporary bulge in the money supply; also there was a larger-than-seasonal drop in overnight Euro-dollar borrowings by U.S. commercial banks (which affected "cash items") around the end of the fiscal year. Reflecting these various influences, rates of increase for the money supply and bank credit in July are now projected to be considerably above those contemplated on the assumption of unchanged money market conditions at the time of the last FOMC meeting--even though the faster-than-expected rise in time deposits has been partially offset by a decline in use of non-deposit sources of funds.

Adjusted Credit Proxy Money Supply

| Projected at | Actual | Projected at |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Last Meeting | Results | Last Meeting $/$ Actual |

1970

| Month |  | Levels |  | Levels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June | 311.5 | 311.2 | 203.8 | 203.7 |
| July | 313.2 | 315.6 | 205.2 | 205.6 |

Week ending

| June 10 | 310.6 | 310.6 | 203.2 | 203.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| June 17 | 311.8 | 311.1 | 204.3 | 203.9 |
| June 24 | 311.6 | 310.5 | 203.8 | 202.1 |
| July 1 | 311.8 | 312.2 | 203.6 | 204.5 |
| July 8 | 311.7 | 314.2 | 204.4 | 205.6 |
| July 15 | 313.0 | 314.4 e/ | 205.4 | 205.4 e/ |
|  | \% Annual Rates of Change | \% Annual Rates of Change |  |  |

Month

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June
8.0
7.4
\(-1.0\)
\(-1.2\)
July
6.5
17.0 pr
8. 0
11.0 pr
e/ Partly estimated.
pr/ Projected.
\(1 /\) Projections were based on an assumption of no change in money market conditions and allowed for the suspension of ceiling rates on 30-89 day CD's.
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(4) The recent moderation of overall financial pressures was facilitated not only by expansion of bank credit but also by a related reduction in the Federal funds rate to a weekly average level around

7-1/4--7-3/8 per cent during the three weeks ending July 8. In the week ending July 15, however, the Federal funds rate backed up to a $7-1 / 2$ to 7-3/4 per cent range, and large System repurchase agreements were made during that week to keep it from moving even higher. During the two weeks ending on July 1 , the lower level of the Federal funds rate was accompanied by net borrowed reserves that averaged around $\$ 940$ million. During the two weeks ending July 15 , however, member bank borrowing increased by $\$ 550$ million to an average of $\$ 1.5$ billion, with borrowings highest in the most recent statement week; and net borrowed reserves increased by around $\$ 600$ million to $\$ 1.4$ billion. The rise in borrowings was related chiefly to emergency discount window accommodation of banks lending to previous issuers of commercial paper; reports indicate that average bank borrowings of about $\$ 400$ million were for such purposes during the past two statement weeks. Because of this special discount window assistance, there was no additional pressure on the Federal funds rate in the initial days as borrowings built up. But as borrowings were sustained at a high and rising level, pressures on the Federal funds rate did increase, although the funds rate has remained low relative to the level of member bank borrowings as compared with experience earlier in the year.
(5) The following table summarizes seasonally adjusted annual rates of change in major aggregates for selected periods:

|  | Past Year (June over June) | ```First Half of }197 (June over December)``` | Second Quarter of 1970 (June over March) | Latest <br> Month <br> (June over May |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Reserves | - 2.0 | -0.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 |
| Nonborrowed Reserves | -0.3 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 5.8 |
| Money Supply | 2.4 | 4. 1 | 4.4 | - 1.2 |
| Time and Savings Deposits | 0.1 | 7.1 | 13.8 | 8.4 |
| Savings accounts at nonbank thrift institutions | 3.0 | 4. 3 | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| Member bank deposits andrelated sources of funds |  |  |  |  |
| Total member bank deposits (bank credit proxy) | -0.7 | 3.4 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars | $-0.7$ | 1.9 | 5.8 | 6.8 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars and other nondeposit sources | 1.2 | 3.6 | 6.7 | 7.4 |
| $\frac{\text { Commercial bank credit }}{\text { (month end) }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans and investments of all commercial banks | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 1.2 |
| ```L&I plus loans sold outright to affiliates and foreign branches 3.4 4.0 5.4 1.2``` |  |  |  |  |
| Non-bank commercial paper | 21.8 | 14.0 | 14.3 | -37.3 |
| NOTE: All items are averages of daily figures (with "other nondeposit sources" based on an average for the month of Wednesday data), except the commercial bank credit series, which are based on total outstanding on last Wednesday of month, and the non-bank commercial paper series, which are end-ofmonth data. All additions to the total member bank deposit series are seasonally unadjusted numbers, since data have not been available for a long enough time to make seasonal adjustments. |  |  |  |  |

## Prospective developments

(6) Of the three financial markets which were of concern to the Comittee in its last two meetings--the stock, bond, and commercial paper markets--pressures have abated on the first two but problems remain in the commercial paper market. In view of the continued pressure on profits and on liquidity in some areas, difficulties could arise in credit markets which cannot be foreseen at the moment--for example, if a large industrial or financial concern were to be forced into bankruptcy. Thus, it would appear reasonable for the FOMC to continue to show some concern for the possible emergence of undue pressures on financial markets, although conditions at the moment do not seem to necessitate the degree of concern shown in the last two FOMC directives. In general, during the past few weeks, credit market conditions appear to have improved enough for the FOMC, if it wishes, to return to the type of emphasis on monetary aggregates that was contained in the directives issued in March and April.
(7) Of the two alternatives shown below for the second paragraph, alternative A calls for continuing the same degree of concern with financial markets as the previous two directives. Alternative B calls for giving more emphasis to monetary aggregates in day-to-day open market operations, while providing for modifications in case excessive pressures on financial markets develop. Both directives take account of the forthcoming Treasury refunding, to be announced on July 29 , of $\$ 5-1 / 2$ billion of publicly-held coupon issues maturing August 15.

## Alternative A

"To implement this policy, in view of persisting market uncertainties and $\ddagger \ddagger q u \ddagger d \ddagger \in y-s t z a \ddagger n s$ TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FORTHCOMING TREASURY FINANCING, open market operations until the next meeting of the Comittee shall continue to be conducted with a view to moderating pressures on financial markets. To the extent compatible therewith, the bank reserves and money market conditions maintained shall be consistent with the Committee's longer-run objective of moderate growth in money and bank credit, ALLOWING FOR taking aceount-of-the-Bouzdis-reguiatory-action-effeetive-3une-24 and-seme A possible CONTINUED censequent shifting of credit flows from market to banking channels."

## Alternative $B$

"To implement this policy, in-view-ef-persisting-market uneextainties-and-itquidity-stzains; THE COMMITTEE SEEKS TO PROMOTE MODERATE GROWTH IN MONEY AND BANK CREDIT OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD, ALLOWING FOR A POSSIBLE CONTINUED SHIFT OF CREDIT FLOWS FROM MARKET TO BANKING CHANNELS. SYSTEM open market operations until the next meeting of the Committee shall een-tinue-to be conducted with a view to moderatiag-pressufes-en finaneial-mazkets:--To-the-extent-e日mpatible-therewith;-the MAINTAINING bank reserves and money market conditions mafritafred shałł-be consistent with THAT the-Єemmitteels-łenger-qum objective,


#### Abstract

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(8) Only one set of interrelationships among monetary aggregates, money market conditions, and interest rates more broadly is discussed in the analysis that follows. This set can be considered as consistent with either alternative $A$ or $B$ since, so far as the staff can judge now, money market conditions similar to those recently prevailing might be accompanied by a moderate growth in the money supply and no strong upward pressure on interest rates. The maintenance of money market conditions on a fairly even plane will need to condition open market operations in any event in view of the large Treasury financing that will be in the market during much of the inter-meeting period. The practical difference between the two alternatives would be in reactions of the Desk to misses in the aggregates. Under alternative $B$, the Desk would be freer to react--though equally subject to "even-keel" considerations as in alternative A--should the aggregates be deviating from the indicated path, or from whatever modification of it the Committee may wish to make.
(9) The table below shows a growth path for monetary aggregates in which the money supply grows at a 5 per cent annual rate over the course of the third quarter and the adjusted bank credit proxy at a 14 per cent annual rate.

Growth of Monetary Aggregates (Daily averages, seasonally adjusted)

|  | Adjusted | Credit Proxy | Money | Supply | Total | Reserves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Months | Levels | Annual Rate of Change | $\underline{\text { Levels }}$ | Annual Rate of Change | Levels | Asmal Rate of Change |
| June | 311.2 | 7.4 | 203.7 | -1.2 | 27.9 | 0.2 |
| July | 315.6 | 17.0 | 205.6 | 11.0 | 28.0 | 4.0 |
| August | 318.8 | 12.0 | 205.9 | 2.0 | 28.4 | 18.5 |
| September | 322.0 | 12.0 | 206.2 | 1.5 | 28.5 | 5.0 |
| 3rd Qtr. September over Junel/ |  | 14.0 |  | 5.0 |  | 9.5 |

[^1](10) The relatively rapid expansion in the adjusted bank credit proxy reflects continued sizable growth in large CD's, and hence in time deposits as a whole. Time deposits are expected to rise at about a 30 per cent annual rate in July, but the rate of expansion should slow down as banks work through their initial adjustment to the increased availability of short-term $C D$ 's and as the need for additional financing of commercial paper market attrition subsides. Banks are expected to continue to receive fairly sizable net inflows of other time and savings deposits, if their good experience during the recent midyear interest crediting period is any guide. Over the quarter as a whole total time and savings deposits are expected to rise at a 25 per cent annual rate, but such deposits other than large $C D$ 's may rise at only about half that pace, which would be just a little more rapidly than in the second quarter. It is expected
that banks will substitute some of these expanded time deposits flows for non-deposit sources, thus probably resulting in at least some small net pay-down. This contributes to the considerably slower rate of growth for the credit proxy than for time deposits over the quarter.
(11) Money supply growth is likely to taper off in the period ahead as financial markets remain generally calm and as U. S. Government deposits rise. The annual rate of increase in August and September is expected to drop to around 2 per cent, reflecting in part some further adjustment in cash balances following the recent midyear surge.
(12) A weekly path for the monetary aggregates consistent with the monthly figures is shown below (daily average levels, seas. adj, in billions of dollars):

| Week ending | Adjusted Credit Proxy | Money Supply | Total Reserves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| July 15e/ | 314.4 | 205.4 | 28.4 |
| July 22 | 315.5 | 206.0 | 28.2 |
| July 29 | 317.9 | 205.8 | 28.2 |
| August 5 | 318.3 | 205.5 | 28.2 |
| August 12 | 318.7 | 205.7 | 28.5 |
| August 19 | 318.6 | 206.7 | 28.5 |

[^2](13) In the period ahead money market conditions are likely to encompass a Federal funds rate generally in fairly wide 7-1/4--7-3/4 per cent range. Increased day-to-day financing demands associated with the forthcoming Treasury refunding, and with the most recent Treasury tax bill financing, will exert upward pressure on the funds rate. It is difficult at this point to predict bank demands for borrowings-and therefore pressures on the Federal funds market associated with any given
level of borrowings--in view of uncertainties afflicting the commercial paper market, but we would expect some diminution of borrowing demands from recent levels. Member bank borrowings may move back closer to \$1 billion, on average, with the Federal funds rate in the range noted above. Net borrowed reserves are likely to fluctuate around $\$ 900$ million.
(14) The 3 -month Treasury bill rate may be in a 6-1/4--6-5/8 per cent range over the next four weeks. Over the short-run, the bill rate could be on the low side as a result of technical factors. Dealer bill positions are not large and are relatively low in short bills. In addition, there could be an enlarged demand for bills from holders of maturing Treasury securities who do not opt for the exchange. On the other hand, the Treasury is likely to need about $\$ 4$ billion of new cash by late August or early September, some of which might be raised in the bill area, and some of which could be raised in connection with the August refunding. Moreover, if, as suggested in paragraph (9), growth in money and bank deposits slows as the summer progresses; this may lead to diminished demand for bills. However, should GNP turn out to be weaker than projected for the third quarter, bill rates could remain on the low side in reflection of reduced credit demands from other sectors of the economy.
(15) Over the longer run--between now and early next year--we would expect bond yields to decline significantly further as the rate of inflation moderates. In the period immediately ahead, though, such
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interest rates could level off or even rise a bit, in a technical reaction to the large recent yield declines and as the volume of new corporate and State and local Government securities coming to market remains large in a period when the Treasury is engaged in a sizable refunding. However, if loan demands on banks were to waaken over the next few weeks, banks may be in a position to place more of their funds in securities, which could help both the Goverament and municipal market and lead to an improved tone for corporate offerings.

Table 1
MARGINAL RESERVE MEASURES
(Dollar amounts in millions, based on perzod averages of daily figures)



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Table 3
aggregate reserves and monetary variables
Seasonally Adjusted
(Based on monthly averages of daily figures)

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Excludes interbank and U.S. Government time deposits.
$\overline{5}^{\prime}$ Include increases in required reserves due to changes in Regulations $M$ and $D$ of approximately $\$ 400$ million since october 16 , 1969 .

Table 4
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$\frac{1}{2} /$ Includes currency outside the Treasury, the federal Reserve, and the vaults of all commercial banks.
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Table 5
source of federal reserve credit
Retrospective Changes
(Dollar amounts in millions of dollars, based on weekly averages of daily figures)


Figures in parenthesis reflect reserve effect of match sale-purchase aggrement.
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[^1]:    1/ The daily average for the quarter of the outstanding money stock in the Third quarter would be $4-1 / 2$ per cent above that for the second quarter at an annual rate. Similar figures for the first and second quarters are 2.6 and 6 per cent, respectively.

[^2]:    e/ Partly estimated.

