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[^0]MONETARY AGGREGATES AND MONEY MARKET CONDITIONS

## Recent Developments

(1) Both the money supply and the adjusted bank credit proxy have grown at a faster pace from March to April on average than was Indicated as consistent with the target path adopted at the last FOMC meeting. At present, the money supply is estimated to have increased in April at a 12.5 per cent annual rate, compared with a 4.0 per cent rate specified earlier. And the average annual rate of growth of the adjusted proxy for the month is estimated at about 14 per cent, compared with a rate of 8 per cent indicated earlier.
(2) The greater strength in the money supply resulted mainly from a private demand deposit bulge at the end of March-opartly reflecting statistical aberrations--that turned out to be larger than estimated on the basis of preliminary data available at the previous FOMC meeting. Subsequently, more than two-thirds of the bulge eroded, but this was not quite as rapid a pace as earlier anticipated. The higher average level of the money supply also appeared to be related to a larger than expected demand for cash balances (for more detail see paragraph (7)). Time deposits appeared to be growing more than expected in early April, but around mid-month time deposit growth showed a pronounced slowing reflecting in part the recent rise in short-term interest rates. Treasury
bill rates (on an lavestment gield basis) generally moved back above celling rates on large CD's in the latter part of the month. Growth in deposits was associated, on the asset side of bank balance sheets, with bank financing of an advanced level of Goveznment securities dealers' Treasury bill positions in late March and early April and in bank acquisitions of municipal securities.
Weekly Path of Monetary Aggregates
Compared with Estimated Results
Adj. Cred. Proxy
Apr. 7

| $\frac{\text { Weekly }}{\text { April }}$ | 308.8 | 310.1 | 204.9 | 206.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 307.9 | 311.6 | 202.2 | 204.7 |
| 15 | 347.6 | $309.4{ }^{\text {p/ }}$ | 202.3 | $203.8{ }^{\text {p/ }}$ |
| 22 | 309.2 | $309.9{ }^{\text {P/ }}$ | 201.1 | $202.5{ }^{\text {P/ }}$ |
| 29 | 347.9 | $308.6^{\text {e/ }}$ | 202.0 | 203.0/ |
| Monthly averages |  |  |  |  |
| March | 306.0 | 306.2 | 201.2 | 201.5 |
| April | 308.1 | 309.8 | 2 Cl .9 | 203.6 |
| Annual rates of change: |  |  |  |  |
| March to April | 8.2\% | 14.1\% | 4.2\% | 12.5\% |
| p/ Preliminary. <br> e/ Estimated. |  |  |  |  |

(3) Soon after the April 7 meeting it became clear that the money supply and adjusted bank credit proxy paths were running ahead
of the desired patterns for April and also, though to a lesser extent, for the second quarter as a whole (which was taken to be midway between the paths of alternatives $A$ and $B$ in the previous blue book). Consequently, the Desk moved toward achieving a somewhat firmer atmosphere In the money market. Over the 4 statement weeks ending April 29, the Federal funds rate averaged about $8-1 / 8$ per cent, compared with an average of $7-3 / 4$ per cent in the preceding 4 -week period. Dealer loan rates rose commensurately to 9 per cent or above. Over the same period weekly average net borrowed reserves fluctuated in a wide $\$ 300-\$ 950$ million range, while average member bank borrowings ranged between about $\$ 500$ million and $\$ 1$ billion--but toward the upper end of these ranges in the later weeks of the period. As money market conditions tightened, both the adjusted credit proxy and the money supply moved back toward the April 7 target path, as can be seen (in the table above) from the narrowing differences as the month progressed between current estimates and target levels.
(4) The increase in the cost of day-to-day funds came at a time when dealer bill inventories were very large and when market demands for bills were not strengthening as much as expected. Moreover, the market interpreted the rise in day-to-day financing rates as indicating that the System's concern with monetary aggregates might lead to tighter credit conditions than had been earlier anticipated. Under these circumstances, and with the out look for the economy also appearing a little stronger and fiscal policy seeming to shift toward less restraint, dealers sought aggressively to lighten their positions.

Treasury bill rates adjusted sharply higher; the 3 -month Treasury bill, for example, was most recently bid around 6.85 per cent, some 40 basis points higher than its April 7 level, while the 6-month and l-year bills were about 7.20 per cent, representing a rise of around $8 \mathrm{C}-90$ basis points.
(5) Long-term market interest rates since early April have risen under the influences noted above combined with a continuing record volume of new issues. Yields on corporate,municipal and longterm U.S. Government securities are now close to their 1969 highs. The upward adjustment in yields in the Treasury coupon market also reflected anticipation of the Treasury refunding of about \$5 billion of publicly-held mid-May maturing issues at a time when the market was somewhat uncertain as to the meaning of "even keel". The Treasury announced a "rights" exchange into two outstanding intermediate-term issues--one maturing in three years (and priced to yield 7.98 per cent) and the other in just under seven years (yielding 8 per cent)--plus a simultaneous cash offering of $\$ 3-1 / 2$ billion of a $7-3 / 4$ per cent 18 -month note, priced to yield almost 7.80 per cent. The short note is being offered with 50 per cent tax and loan credit.
(6) The following table summarizes recent seasonally adjusted annual rates of change in major reserve, deposit and credit aggregates in comparison with selected earlier periods:

|  | Past <br> Year <br> (April over <br> Ap=11) | Past 6 months (April over $\qquad$ | Past 3 mont (April o Jancer | Apri |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Reserves | -0.1 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 19.0 |
| Nonborrowed Reserves | 0.4 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 22.9 |
| Money Supply | 2.8 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 12.5 |
| Time and savings deposits | -2. 2 | 4.4 | 11.9 | 21.6 |
| Savings accounts at nonbank thrift institutions | $2.1^{1 /}$ | $2.1^{1 /}$ | 5.4 | n. a. |
| Member bank deposits and |  |  |  |  |
| Total member bank deposits (bank credit proxy) | $-1.7$ | 4. 9 | 10.7 | 17.6 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars | -1.0 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 14.9 |
| Proxy plus Euro-dollars and other nondeposit sources | n. a. | 4.4 | 6.6 | 14. 1 |
| Commercial bank credit |  |  |  |  |
| (month end) |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans and investments of all comercial banks | 1.1 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 4.5 |
| LKI plus loans sold outright to affiliates and foreign branches | n.a. | 2.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| NOTE: All items are average based on an ayerage for mercial bank credit ser Wednesday of month. All are seasonally unadjust a long enough time to | of daily figu the month of es which are additions d numbers, s make seasonal | (with "other dnesday data) sed on total the total memb e data have n justments. | ondeposi except th tstanding bank dep been aval | ces" <br> - <br> last <br> serie <br> for |
| Through March 1970 only. |  |  |  |  |
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## Prospective Developments

(7) If the Committee wishes to continue on the policy course adopted at the previous meeting, it may wish to renew the second paragraph of the directive issued then, with certain modifications, as follows:

To implement this policy, the Comittee desires to see moderate growth in money and bank credit over the months ahead. System open market operations until the next meeting of the Commitee shall be conducted with a view to maintaining BANK RESERVES AND money market conditions consistent with that objective, taking account of the CURRENT fortheouing Treasury financing.

Moderate growth in money and bank credit at the last meeting of the Committee appeared to encompass an annual rate of increase for the money stock of around 3 per cent over the second quarter and a 5-1/2 per cent annual rate of growth for the adjusted bank credit proxy-although comments at the Committee meeting indicated that a reasonable range of variation around such a growth path was tolerable. Developments since the last meeting of the Committee suggest that the demand for money in the second quarter, at the given prospective growth in GNP, may have been underestimated. If so, the interrelationships among money growth, interest rates, and bank credit expansion contemplated
at the time of the previous meeting may not be mutually consistent-but, In view of short-run instabilities in financial flows, it is extremely difficult to evaluate how permanent emerging relationships may prove to be. Money demand may be larger than assumed partly because of greater demands for precautionary balances on the part of the public in an uncertain financial market atmosphere, particularly as reflected in the stock market, and perhaps, as the guarter progresses, because of greater transitory holdings of cash balances as a result of the Government pay raise and retroactive social security payments to the public.
(8) If in fact the demand for money is stronger than previously assumed, maintenance of the April 7 target path for money for the second quarter would imply higher interest rates and, therefore, smaller bank credit expansion than targeted on April 7. Conversely, maintenance of the April 7 target path for bank credit would imply more rapid growth in money and lower levels of interest rates. Given below for Comittee consideration is an adjusted set of target paths which compromises between these alternatives by allowing for somewhat greater growth in money and somewhat slower growth in bank credit than called for at the April 7 meting.

| Adjus Cred | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Bank } \\ \text { Proxy } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Money <br> Supply |  | Total Reserves |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| As of | Adjusted | As of | Adjusted | As of | Adjusted |
| April 7 | Path | April 7 | Path | April 7 | Path |

## Levels in billions of dollars

| March | $3 u 6.0$ | 306.2 | $2 \cup 1.2$ | 201.5 | 27.7 | 27.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| April | 308.1 | 309.8 | $2 \cup 1.9$ | 203.6 | 28.1 | 28.2 |
| May | 307.3 | $3 \cup 7.8$ | 203.1 | 204.2 | 28.1 | 27.9 |
| June | 310.2 | 309.2 | $2 \cup 2.7$ | $2 \cup 3.5$ | 27.8 | 27.8 |

Annual percentage rates of change (rounded to nearest half per cent

| March | 10 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 13 | -1 | -0 |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| April | 8 | 14 | 4 | 12.5 | 18 | -19 |  |
| May | -3 | -7.5 | 7 | 3.5 | -2.5 | -11 |  |
| June | 11.5 | 5.5 | -2.5 | -4 | -10.5 | -6.5 |  |
| Second |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quarter | 5.5 | 4 | $3^{1 /}$ | $4^{1 /}$ | 1.5 | 0.5 |  |

I/ March includes 4 days in which transactions through foreign agencies and Edge corporations reduced cash items and thus raised the reported money supply. June will not include such a period. An adjustment to remove the resulting bias in the rate of change over the second quarter would add about 1 percentage point to the quarterly rates shown in table.
(9) The adjusted pattern shown in the paragraph above allows for greater money stock growth over the quarter as a whole than earlier. But in May and June money stock growth drops off sharply, partly in reflection of the reduction in outstanding money stock that has been occurring over the course of April as the late March bulge has been worked off and, in June, partly because of a rise in U. S. Government deposits. In contrast to somewhat greater growth in the money stock over the quarter, the adjusted bank credit proxy rises $1-1 / 2$ percentage points less than specified earlier. This growth rate for the proxy assumes that Treasury bill rates decline from current advanced levels

Into a range of about $6-1 / 2-6-3 / 4$ pet cent for the 3 -month bill between now and mid-year. It is conceivable that the 3 -month bill rate might drop temporarily lower in this interval because of transitory supply scarcities, but it is likely that longer bill rates would not deciine as much as short rates over the period ahead since that area of the market will be influenced by the $\$ 3-1 / 2$ billion of 18 month notes being offered for cash by the Treasury.
(10) A weekly path for the May monetary aggregates consistent with the monthly "adjusted path" shown in paragraph (8) would be as follows:

| Week <br> Ending | Adjusted Bank <br> Credit Proxy | Money <br> Supply | Time <br> Deposits | Total <br> Resierves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April $29^{-/}$ | 308.6 | 203.0 | 198.4 | 28.1 |
| May | 6 | 308.3 | 203.0 | 198.7 |
| 13 | 307.6 | 203.9 | 198.8 | 28.2 |
| 20 | 307.5 | 204.6 | 198.9 | 28.0 |
| 27 | 307.9 | 205.0 | 199.2 | 27.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

e/ Estimated from partial data.
(11) The weekly pattern shown above assumes that "even Keel" considerations will be important until the mid-May settlement date for the Treasury financing. Thus, the Federal funds rate is expected to remain in the 8 to $8-1 / 2$ per cent range that has prevailed recently. After the even keel period, somewhat more fluctuation in the Federal funds rate may be expected, perhaps in a 7 to 9 per cent range, as the Desk reacts to possible off-target developments in the monetary aggregates. Net borrowed reserves may fluctuate widely in an $\$ C .5$ to $\$ 1.0$ billion range, with member bank borrowing in a $\$ 0.6$ to $\$ 1.1$ billion range.
(12) The weekly behavior of the monetary aggregates and money market conditions subsequent to the even keel period will depend heavily on the results of the Treasury financing. The weekly path of aggregates shown in paragraph (10) assumes an attrition of $\$ \mathbf{2} .5$ billion (or a shade above 50 per cent); net new cash borrowing by the Treasury, therefore, would amount to $\$ 1.0$ billion. If the attrition is larger and the Treasury obtains less new cash than estimated, a different weekly pattern in the path of the aggregates would be likely, with money supply perhaps strengthening as Government deposits increase less than expected.
(13) Time deposit growth over the quarter is likely to be significantly slower than contemplated four weeks ago. The rate of Increase in such deposits would be expected to diminish sharply to about a $5-1 / 2$ per cent annual rate in May and June from the rapid 18 per cent March-April rate. Banks would not be able to attract much in the way of additional domestic $C D$ money at the interest rate levels noted above. Consumer-type time deposits are still likely to be a source of funds, but growth is estimated to be modest in light of the need to pay for the AT\&T issue and in view of the competition from the new 18 -month Treasury cash issue (which is sold in minimum denominations of $\$ 1,000$ ). The time deposit pattern implicit in the target path for bank credit suggested in paragraph (8) is shown below:
-11-
Time and Savings Deposits

Levels (\$ billion)
194.3
197.8
198. 9
199.6

Annual rate of change
14.4
21.5 6.5 4 11
(14) With time deposit growth more constrained, banks once again will probably be adding to nondeposit sources of funds--perhaps at around a $\$ 100$ million per week rate for Euro-dollar and commercial paper taken together. Since these are relatively costly funds, however, the extent to which they will in fact add to such borrowings would appear to depend heavily on loan demands. Loan growth is assumed to strengthen from the relatively weak pattern indicated for March and April partly because the 8 per cent prime rate has become relatively more attractive to borrowers.
(15) Given the adjusted pattern of monetary aggregates, it is likely that the pressure of credit demand in long-tern markets will keep bond yields at relatively advanced levels through mid-year. Reception of the Treasury financing will be an important factor affecting credit markets; for instance, an unusually strong aversion to the longer options in the exchange would suggest that even current market rates are not sustainable. On the other hand, once the AT\&T offering is settled and the Treasury financing is digested, there may be room for longer-term rates to edge down, particularly if some of the recent pressures in shortterm markets abate and banks are not inhibited from active participation in the municipal securities markets.

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

| Period | Free reserves | $\begin{gathered} \text { Excess } \\ \text { reserves } \end{gathered}$ | Member Banks Borrowingos |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | R | erve $C$ | Other | Countr |
|  |  |  |  |  | Outside N Y. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | B N.Y. |  |  |  |
| ```Monthly (reserves weeks ending in):``` |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1969--January | - 477 | 359 | 836 | 131 | 302 | 149 | 253 |
| February | - 580 | 256 | 836 | 62 | 255 | 215 | 304 |
| March | - 635 | 202 | 837 | 58 | 233 | 254 | 293 |
| April | - 844 | 187 | 1,031 | 85 | 411 | 260 | 275 |
| May | -1,116 | 243 | 1,359 | 123 | 346 | 397 | 493 |
| June | -1,078 | 277 | 1,355 | 57 | 459 | 288 | 550 |
| July | -1,045 | 266 | 1,311 | 89 | 250 | 364 | 608 |
| August | - 997 | 214 | 1,211 | 81 | 253 | 256 | 621 |
| September | - 744 | 282 | 1,026 | 83 | 236 | 222 | 485 |
| October | - 995 | 195 | 1,190 | 106 | 327 | 293 | 464 |
| November | - 975 | 238 | 1,213 | 120 | 387 | 250 | 456 |
| December | - 849 | 278 | 1,127 | 268 | 310 | 220 | 329 |
| 1970--January | - 759 | 169 | 928 | 148 | 287 | 232 | 261 |
| February | - 916 | 210 | 1,126 | 106 | 317 | 289 | 414 |
| March | - 751 | 129 | 880 | 90 | 225 | 287 | 278 |
| April p | - 726 | 140 | 866 | 227 | 331 | 120 | 188 |
| $\begin{array}{lr} \text { Weekly: } & \\ \hline \text { 1969--Sept. } & 3 \\ & 10 \\ & 17 \\ & 24 \end{array}$ | - 838 | 402 | 1,240 | 57 | 286 | 233 | 664 |
|  | - 349 | 391 | 1,740 | 64 | 39 | 172 | 465 |
|  | - 886 | 132 | 1,018 | 128 | 331 | 136 | 423 |
|  | - 901 | 204 | 1,105 | 83 | 306 | 328 | 388 |
| Oct. $\begin{array}{rr}1 \\ & 8 \\ & 15 \\ & 22 \\ & 29\end{array}$ | -1,116 | 320 | 1,436 | 95 | 531 | 257 | 553 |
|  | - 828 | 139 | 967 | 170 | 112 | 267 | 418 |
|  | -1,129 | 218 | 1,347 | 210 | 396 | 302 | 439 |
|  | - 857 | 158 | 1,015 | -- | 275 | 344 | 396 |
|  | -1,099 | 80 | 1,179 | 53 | 322 | 293 | 511 |
| Nov. 5 | -1,032 | 296 | 1,328 | 121 | 422 | 295 | 490 |
| 12 | - 873 | 371 | 1,244 | 350 | 296 | 189 | 409 |
| 19 | - 925 | 146 | 1,071 | -- | 390 | 260 | 421 |
| 26 | -1,072 | 138 | 1,210 | 8 | 438 | 260 | 504 |
| Dec. $\begin{array}{rr}3 \\ & 10 \\ 17 \\ & 24 \\ & 31\end{array}$ | - 988 | 203 | 1,191 | 266 | 307 | 241 | 379 |
|  | - 903 | 297 | 1,200 | 293 | 264 | 264 | 379 |
|  | - 946 | 98 | 1,044 | 164 | 296 | 301 | 296 |
|  | - 832 | 261 | 1,09t | 296 | 356 | 150 | 292 |
|  | - 576 | 528 | 1,104 | 319 | 334 | 153 | 290 |
| 1970--Jan $\begin{array}{rr}7 \\ & 14 \\ & 21 \\ & 28\end{array}$ | - 567 | $28=$ | 852 | 196 | 327 | 87 |  |
|  | - 788 | 77 | 865 | 234 | 281 | 188 | 162 |
|  | - 760 | 203 | 963 | 75 | 340 | 296 | 252 |
|  | - 918 | 112 | 1,030 | 86 | 200 | 358 | 386 |
| Feb. $\begin{array}{rr}4 \\ & 11 \\ 18 \\ & 25\end{array}$ | -1,047 | 211 | 1,258 | 75 | 383 | 317 | 483 |
|  | - 862 | 207 | 1,069 | 130 | 351 | 267 | 321 |
|  | - 861 | 249 | 1,110 | 218 | 261 | 246 | 385 |
|  | - 893 | 172 | 1,065 | -- | 271 | 329 | 465 |
| Mar. $\quad 4$ | - 638 | 198 | 836 | 32 | 46 | 419 | 339 |
|  | - 861 | 71 | 932 | 169 | 349 | 190 | 224 |
|  | - 667 | 150 | 817 | 146 | 216 | 185 | 270 |
|  | - 840 | 96 | 936 | 11 | 289 | 357 | 279 |
| Apt. $\begin{gathered}1 \\ 8 \\ \\ 15 p \\ 22 p \\ \\ 29 p\end{gathered}$ | - 610 | 339 | 949 | 232 | 264 | 161 | 292 |
|  | - 317 | 179 | 496 | -- | 269 | 49 | 178 |
|  | - 946 | 74 | 1,020 | 322 | 509 | 48 | 141 |
|  | - 833 | 138 | 971 | 517 | 252 | 83 | 119 |
|  | - 925 | -32 | 893 | 63 | 361 | 260 | 209 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(In per cent, annual ratei based on monthly averagea of daily figures)


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


[^1]
(1/ Private demand deposits include demand deposits of indiniduds, partnerships, and corporations and $n$
$\frac{3}{3}$ Inchudes
Includes (1) demand derosits at a
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5 Inclides increases in required reserves due to changes in Regulations $M$ and $D$ of approximately $\$ 400$ million since $0 c t o b e r ~ 16, ~ 1969$.
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[^1]:    1/ Private demand deposits include demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and cirporations andmithornk dembits
    2/ Includes currency outside the 7 reasury, the Federal Restrve, and the vaults of all commercial lanks
    
    process collection and federal Reserve float; and (2) foreign demand balances at federal Rescrve bonks.
    / Excludea interbank and U.S. Government time deposits.
    

