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PREFACE

These two volumes are a continuation of the memoranda on *Commercial Banks* issued in 1931, 1934 and 1935, and of *Money and Banking*, 1935/36 and 1936/37, issued in 1936 and 1937.

The first volume, entitled *Monetary Review*, contains five studies dealing with gold and exchanges, banking policy and Government finance, changes in the supply of money, the status of central banks and, finally, commercial banking legislation. These studies cover the period from 1929 to February 1938; but the events of the last two or three years are dealt with in greater detail. Tables summarising the principal monetary statistics of about forty countries are appended.

In the second volume, Commercial and Central Banks, two changes have been made since last year. First, balance-sheets of the central banks of forty-four countries are given in addition to the accounts of commercial banks. These balance-sheets have not been recast into the standard form employed in the memoranda on Central Banks issued in 1924, 1925 and 1926, but are shown in their original form. The title of the volume has been changed, in order to indicate that it covers to a large extent the subjects previously dealt with in the separate memoranda on central and commercial banking. Secondly, the practice of prefacing each chapter with an introductory note summarising the important monetary and banking developments of the past year, which was dropped in 1936, has now been partially resumed, such introductory notes being given for ten countries.

The tables, containing monthly or yearly national statistics relating to central and commercial bank accounts and other monetary data, are carried in most cases up to the end of 1937. The statistics are, as usual, accompanied by brief notes explaining the data given, and summarising recent legislative and other measures.

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Detailed information relating to monetary and banking developments in forty-nine countries will be found in the companion volume :

" COMMERCIAL AND CENTRAL BANKS".

A. — GOLD AND EXCHANGES.*

Production of Gold.

According to preliminary estimates, the world output of gold outside the U.S.S.R. was 6.9% higher in 1937 than in 1936. This rate of increase was smaller than in the preceding year, as will be seen from the following table :

	Union of	South Africa		countries g U.S.S.R.)	World (excluding U.S.S.R.)			
	Annual Production	Percentage increase from preceding year	Annual Production	Percentage increase from preceding year	Annual Production	Percentage increase from preceding year		
1929	215.2	0.6	169.7	0.7	384.9	0.6		
1930	221.5	3.0	179.1	5.3	400.6	4.2		
1931	224.8	1.5	201.3	12.3	426.1	6.2		
1932	238.9	6.3	222.8	10.9	461.7	8.4		
1933	227.7	- 4.7	241.1	8.1	468.8	1.5		
1934	216.6	- 4.9	264.7	10.0	481.3	2.6		
1935	222.7	2.8	291.4	9.8	514.1	6.8		
1936	234.3	5.0	334.5	14.8	568.8	10.6		
1937 "	242.6	3.5	365.5	. 9.3	608.1	6.9		

GOLD PRODUCTION. \$ (000,000's) of old gold content.

Provisional.

The expansion of gold output in the Union of South Africa — the largest goldproducing country — has been checked by State taxation and by the policy of the mining companies tending to concentrate production on low-grade ores. In other countries outside the U.S.S.R., production has responded more freely to the rise in the price of gold. In 1937, gold production in these countries was as much as 115% higher than in 1929, whereas the Union of South Africa showed an increase of only 13% above the level of 1929. The share of the Union of South Africa in the total world output of gold outside the U.S.S.R. declined, accordingly, from 56% in 1929 to 40% in 1937. Details regarding the geographical distribution of gold production in the period 1929-1937 will be found in Table VII of the Appendix. This table can also be consulted for estimates of gold production in the U.S.S.R.

Currency depreciation in the gold-mining countries has undoubtedly been the main stimulus to the expansion of gold production which has taken place. In 1936, the average percentage depreciation (in relation to 1929) of the currencies of twenty-three goldproducing countries outside the U.S.S.R.,¹ weighted according to their gold output

^{*} NOTE. — The unit in which the international statistics on gold contained in this chapter are expressed is the United States dollar of old gold content (\$1 = 1.50463 grammes of fine gold, or \$20.67 = one ounce of fine gold), indicated in the text by the sign \$(old). When only the sign \$ is used, the figures refer to United States dollars of new gold content (\$1 = 0.8886 grammes of fine gold, or \$35 = one ounce of fine gold).

¹ These countries accounted for 96% of the total world output of gold outside the U.S.S.R. in 1936.

in 1936, was approximately 43%. On the assumption — which is true in most cases — that currency depreciation has entailed a corresponding rise in the price of gold received by producers, this means that the price of gold in these countries was, on the average, 76% higher in 1936 than in 1929. (At the same time, the average of the percentage changes in wholesale price indices, weighted in the same manner, in sixteen of these countries for which such indices are available, indicates that prices of commodities other than gold were about 15% lower in 1936 than in 1929.) If the rise in the price of gold in the twenty-three countries between 1929 and 1936 is weighted according to the 1929 figures for gold production, the percentage increase obtained is 73%. The difference between the two percentages is to some extent a reflection of the natural tendency of gold production to expand most in countries where the greatest rise in the price of gold has taken place.

Monetary Gold Reserves.

The yearly changes which have taken place since 1928 in the aggregate visible monetary gold stocks of all countries except the U.S.S.R., expressed in United States dollars of old gold content, are summarised in the following table.

	Total at end of year	Increase (+) or decrease () during year \$(old) 000,000's	Percentage change during year %
1929	10,249	+ 332	+ 3.3
1930	10,801	+ 552	+ 5.1
1931 	11,061	+ 260	+ 2.4
1932	11,640	+ 579	+ 5.0
1933	11,618	- 22	- 0.2
1934	12,532	+ 914	+ 7.3
1935	12,804	+ 272	+ 2.1
1936	12,979 •	+ 610 •	+ 4.9 •
1937 ^b	13,781 •	+ 802 •	+ 6.2 •

TOTAL MONETARY GOLD RESERVES (EXCLUDING U. S. S. R.).

Excluding Spain, for which the last figure available, referring to the end of July 1936, amounted to \$(old)425 million.
 Provisional. The total includes Italy; no regular returns are available for that country, but an official statement referring to February 20th, 1937, showed the reserve at \$(old)123 million, and, according to a later statement, the amount remained unchanged until March 1938.

The average yearly rate of increase during the whole period 1929-1937 was 3.6%; during the four years 1934-1937 it was 5.1%. Excluding Spain and the U.S.S.R., total visible gold reserves at the end of 1937 were 41% higher than at the end of 1929.² The absolute amount of the increase which took place in 1937 was considerably more than twice as great as the increase which occurred during 1929.

These figures are expressed in a unit of constant gold content, and therefore reflect changes in the physical quantity of gold held in central monetary reserves. The depreciation of currencies between 1929 and 1937 greatly increased the value of gold in terms of national currencies. A calculation made for thirty countries, which held 98% of the total monetary gold reserves at the end of 1937 (excluding Italy, Spain and the U.S.S.R.), shows that in 1937 the percentage currency depreciation in relation to 1929, weighted according to gold reserves in 1937, amounted on the average to 41%. This corresponds to a rise in the price

² If the figure for the end of 1929 is compared with that for the end of September 1937, and if account is taken of the \$(old)825 million of gold held by the British Exchange Equalisation Fund on the latter date, the percentage increase obtained is 48%.

of gold by 70%.³ Two statements may thus be made on the basis of the data given. First, the actual money value of total visible gold reserves in 1937 was 140% — or nearly two and a-half times — higher than in 1929. Secondly, the current money value of the increase in total gold reserves during 1937 was more than four times greater than that of the increase which occurred during 1929.

The first of these statements is of limited significance. In a number of countries (notably in the United Kingdom and the "sterling group"), the gold reserve held at the moment of devaluation was not written up In countries which did write up their gold reserves, the result was in most cases a rise in the reserve ratio of central banks, but not necessarily a direct expansion in the supply of money. The revaluation of gold had no such direct monetary effect where, for example, the resulting "profit" was applied to the repayment of Government debt to the central bank.⁴ In certain cases, a part or the whole of the gold released by the revaluation was allocated to exchange stabilisation funds, as in the United States, Belgium, France, Switzerland; to the extent that this was done, the revaluation affected neither the book value of the central bank's gold reserve nor, therefore, its reserve ratio. Certain other methods of utilising the revaluation " profits " have, however, had a direct effect in expanding the volume of central bank cash available to the public. In the Argentine, Italy and Roumania, revaluation profits have partly or wholly been used for Government expenditure ; and in Belgium (April 1935) and France (July 1937) revaluation profits have been allocated to special funds for the purchase of Government securities.

More important is the fact that the price at which additional gold was purchased for central reserves in 1937 was, on the average, 70% higher than in 1929. The effect of the increase in the physical quantity of new gold forthcoming, which itself is largely a consequence of the rise in the price of gold in producing countries, is thereby considerably magnified. The combined effect of these two factors on the supply of money has to some extent been "sterilised" in recent years. The various methods of "sterilisation" will be mentioned later. Here it need only be noted that, even in countries where the gold stock has not been written up, gold purchases are in many cases effected directly by central banks at the current market price; in the balance-sheets of the banks, the newly acquired gold is entered nominally at the old legal price, but the difference between that and the cost price is also entered on the assets side -- either under a special item or among "sundry assets " -and tends equally to increase the banks' sight liabilities. In this way, even though the surplus value of the gold held at the moment of devaluation remains dormant, the gold purchases subsequent to the depreciation of the currency exert their full influence on the supply of money. The procedure described has been practised, for example, in the Scandinavian countries,⁵ and also in Switzerland, where, after the devaluation, the "book-keeping" gold price of the National Bank has been somewhat below the market price. The situation is somewhat different in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, where the central banks are believed to adhere strictly to the old statutory gold price and purchase gold only from

⁶ The procedure followed by the Bank of Norway has been slightly different : gold " provisionally held abroad " is entered at actual purchase price, while gold in the vaults of the Bank — shown as " cover reserve " — is booked at the old mint parity.

³ The figure obtained is almost exactly the same if currency depreciation is weighted according to the share of the different countries in the total value of world trade in 1936 (excluding countries which maintain their old currency parities by exchange control).

⁴ This was the case for example, in Czechoslovakia on the occasion of the first devaluation in February 1934, the total "profit" being so applied; in France in October 1936, when 6 milliard frances out of the total 17 milliards of the first revaluation profit were used in this way; in Roumania in November 1936, when a revaluation "profit" of 4.3 milliard lei was used in part to extinguish a Government debt of 2 milliard lei; and in Japan in August 1937 (see the chapter on Japan in Vol. II of this publication).

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the exchange equalisation funds, which bear the book-keeping loss involved ;⁶ but this procedure, which — to the extent of the difference between the legal and the market price of gold — restricts the expansive effect of central bank gold purchases, is of course connected with the particular methods adopted in these two countries for the deliberate purpose of "sterilising" the inflow of gold.

Distribution of Gold.

The distribution of recorded monetary gold reserves by countries during the years 1928-1937 is shown in detail in Table VI of the Appendix. On the basis of that table, the following percentage figures have been calculated to illustrate the share of the principal countries or groups of countries in the total monetary gold stocks of the world.

End of:	1929	1933	1936	1937
1. United States of America	40	36 %	51	55
2. France	17	27	14	11
3. United Kingdom	7	8	12	12
4. Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland	5	10	8	9
Total, six above-named countries	69	81	85	87
5. Thirteen "sterling" countries ^b	6	6	6	5
6. Germany, Italy, Japan •	14	6	3	2
7. All other countries ⁴	11	7	6	6
Total	100	100	100	100

PERCENTAGE SHARE IN TOTAL GOLD RESERVES.⁸

* Excluding Spain and the U.S.S.R.

^b Including Canada, which, though not usually regarded as being technically a member of the "sterling area", is more conveniently placed in this group than in any other. The other countries included are : Australia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, India, Latvia, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, and the Union of South Africa. Ireland and Siam held no central gold reserves on the dates covered by the table.

• The last available figure for Italy, referring to February 20th, 1937, was assumed for the end of 1937 in calculating the percentages in the table. A figure which has become available since then, referring to March 1938, shows the amount at (old) and (o

^d Mostly countries with exchange control and - Austria and Czechoslovakia excepted - predominantly agricultural.

The inequality of the distribution of gold was further accentuated in 1937. At the end of that year, the United States held more than half the world's gold stock, while that country's share in the total value of world trade was about 11%. More than four-fifths of total gold reserves were concentrated in the six countries participating in the "tripartite" monetary agreement concluded in the autumn of 1936, which are at the same time the world's principal creditor States : the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

The share of the thirteen "sterling" countries remained remarkably stable between 1929 and 1936. The decline which it showed in 1937 is mainly accounted for by reductions in the gold reserves of Finland and Norway which occurred in the second quarter of the year — at the time of the "gold scare" — and which were accompanied by corresponding increases in the foreign exchange reserves of these countries.⁷

⁶ The only practical significance of these "losses" appears to be that they reduce the resources and the "offsetting capacity" of the funds, unless the borrowing powers of the funds are correspondingly enlarged. In the case of the United Kingdom, these "losses" had reduced the total assets of the Fund from £375 million to about £260 million by the end of March 1937. Between the end of September 1936 and the end of 1937, the gold reserve of the Netherlands Bank, as published, rose by practically 700 million gulden. As the market price of gold was about 25% above the legal price during this period. the assets of the Netherlands Exchange Fund must have been reduced from the original allotment of 300 million to only about 125 million gulden at the end of 1937.

⁷ A similar movement was observable in Switzerland, where the gold reserve of the National Bank declined from 2,718 million frances at the end of March to 2,531 millions at the end of September 1937, while its foreign assets rose from 18 millions to 405 millions.

The last group — "all other countries" — includes China. As the result of a purchase of silver by the United States, the gold reserve of China increased from (old) million at the end of June to (old) million at the end of July 1937; the figure was unchanged at the end of August, the date of the last available return; it has been entered for the end of 1937 in calculating the table, though the amount probably declined in the latter part of the year.

Origin and Disposal of Gold Supplies.

As is well known, large amounts of gold have been made available since 1931 not only by current production, but also by dishoarding in India and other Eastern countries and by the return of coin, old jewellery, etc. from private ownership in Western countries. On the other hand, current gold supplies have been absorbed, not only by central monetary reserves, but also to a certain extent by industrial consumption, while very substantial amounts have "disappeared" into undisclosed official holdings and private hoards in the West. In order to illustrate the trend of recent changes and to indicate at least the approximate order of magnitude of the factors involved, estimates of the various sources and uses of gold from the end of 1930 to the end of September 1937 are given in the accompanying table. These estimates are in many cases rough and uncertain, but they may nevertheless be found useful for purposes of illustration.⁸

	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	First nine months of 1937	End of Dec. 1930 to end of Sept. 193
Origin :		1						1
Production (excl. U.S.S.R.)	426	462	469	481	514	569	452	3,373
Receipts from :								
U.S.S.R	59	48	40	51	15	7	118	338
Private holdings in India	76	209	138	122	95	65	22	728
China, Egypt, Straits Settlements	43	67	40	31	17	15	15	228
Return of coin		38	58	30	21		—	147
Return of scrap	62	96	86	85	65	53	40	487
Total	666	920	831	800	728	709	647	5,301
Disposal :								
Increase in central gold reserves (excl. U.S.S.R.)	260	579	- 22	914	272	610	661	3,274
Industrial consumption	78	51	45	39	46	50	37	346
	338	630	23	953	318	660	698	3,620
Balance, indicating increase in undisclosed offi- cial holdings or private hoards in Western			:					
countries.	328	290	808	- 153	410	49	51	1,681
Total, as above.	666	920	831	800	728	709	647	5,301

ORIGIN AND DISPOSAL OF GOLD SUPPLIES. \$,(000,000's) of old gold content.

The data on gold production and central gold reserves included in this table are those which were given above. They exclude the U.S.S.R. No official returns giving the gold production of the U.S.S.R. in absolute figures have been available since 1927, and the estimates, shown in Table VII of the Appendix, made on the basis of statements

• Except for production and central gold reserves, the table is based on estimates published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, August 1937, page 704.

regarding the annual percentage increase of production, must be regarded as highly uncertain. Similarly, the figures on central gold reserves in the U.S.S.R., so far as they are available, involve questions on which information is lacking.⁹ A more fundamental reason for excluding these figures is that, in the monetary system of the Soviet Union, gold reserves do not possess the same significance as in most other countries. The adjoining table therefore only takes into account the gold recorded in the Customs returns of other countries mainly Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States — as imported from the U.S.S.R. It is probable that the quantity of gold which has left the U.S.S.R. has been larger than these figures suggest. The trade returns of a number of countries are not sufficiently detailed, but it is believed that the error arising from this source does not materially affect the order of magnitude of the amounts concerned.

The figures given in the table indicate that, prior to 1937, the recorded receipts of gold from the U.S.S.R. were much smaller than the amounts received from India and other Eastern countries. In the first nine months of 1937, however, there was a sudden increase in exports from the U.S.S.R., while releases from the East, which had fallen off steadily since 1932, showed a further decline. Of the total of (old) 20 million of gold which was made available in 1932, as much as 458 millions, or half, came from sources other than production outside the U.S.S.R. In 1936, these other sources accounted for only 140 millions out of a total of 709 millions.

The estimates in the lower part of the table suggest that the amount of gold absorbed in industrial uses remained very low even in 1936 — a year of advanced economic recovery — as compared with 1931. Changes in fashions appear to have played a part in this decline, but the main reason lies probably in the fact that, in 1936, the cost of gold in terms of other commodities was, on an average, about twice as high as in 1929.¹⁰

The balance representing the changes in undisclosed official holdings and private hoards is naturally affected by errors and omissions in all other items of the table, and can therefore only be taken as a rough indication of the order of magnitude of these changes. As gold hoarding on a large scale did not begin until the latter part of 1931, and the first Exchange Equalisation Fund was not set up till the middle of 1932, the last figure given under this item, showing the amount of gold which "disappeared" between the end of 1930 and September 1937, indicates the approximate total of gold held in undisclosed official reserves and private hoards on September 30th, 1937. This figure of \$(old)1,680 million includes the holdings of Exchange Stabilisation Funds, except those of the American Fund, which are included in the published monetary gold stock of the United States. The amount held by the British Fund on September 30th, 1937, is officially stated to have been 39.9 million ounces of fine gold. This represents \$(old)800 million, or practically half the total amount of gold "disappeared" since the end of 1930. A large part of the remaining half must have been held by the Stabilisation Funds of France, the Netherlands and Switzerland, whose combined initial resources amounted to \$(old)443 million, of which, however, probably less than two-thirds was held in gold at the end of September 1937. In a number of other countries, too, undisclosed gold reserves of central banks or Governments are believed to exist. In Belgium, for example, the balance-sheet of the central bank for the end of 1937 revealed the existence of an additional gold reserve of about \$(old)76 million, which had formerly been included under a different heading. Undisclosed official reserves

^{*} See footnote 7 to Table VI of the Appendix in the preceding edition of this volume.

¹⁰ Through the depreciation of currencies, the price of gold had risen, in the majority of cases, by about 70% since 1929, while prices of other commodities were on an average some 15% below the level of 1929.

are also known to be held in Germany and may perhaps be estimated at roughly (old)40 million at the end of September 1937, or more than twice as much as the published gold stock of the Reichsbank.¹¹ Lastly, it may here be mentioned that, according to an estimate which will presently be described, the gold held on private account in London appears to have been in the neighbourhood of (old)250 million on September 30th, 1937. Outside London, therefore, private hoards in Western countries — on the assumption that, prior to 1931, they were not considerable in amount — appear to have been relatively small on that date, especially if allowance is made for the probable existence of undisclosed official reserves other than those mentioned.

If the cumulated "balance", shown in the table for the end of September 1937, is calculated for the same date in 1936 (immediately before the establishment of Exchange Stabilisation Funds in France, the Netherlands and Switzerland), the figure obtained is \$(old)2,078 million. Some \$(old)400 million of gold were accordingly dishoarded by the public or released from official holdings between September 1936 and September 1937. The "balance" appears to have decreased by approximately \$(old)350 million in the last quarter of 1936, by some 25 millions in the first quarter of 1937, by over 250 millions in the second quarter, and to have increased again by roughly 200 millions during the third quarter and by some 50 millions during the fourth quarter of 1937.¹² The large decrease which occurred in the last quarter of 1936 appears to have been mainly due to the liquidation of private hoards in countries other than the United Kingdom.¹³ The amount dishoarded was perhaps even larger than the figure of \$(old)350 million would suggest, since over 400 millions "disappeared" into the newly established Stabilisation Funds of France, the Netherlands and Switzerland, which was only offset to the extent of 315 millions by the transfer of gold from the British Fund to the Bank of England on December 15th, 1936. The second large decrease in the "balance", which occurred in the second quarter of 1937, appears to have been mainly due to a sharp reduction in private holdings in London in consequence of apprehensions regarding the future price of gold. The disturbance thus caused in the London gold market was accentuated by shipments of 'over \$(old)70 million of gold received from the U.S.S.R. during the same quarter.

¹¹ The estimate is based on a comparison of gold movements, as reported in the official Customs returns, with the movements of the published gold reserves. Prior to 1934, the two moved closely parallel. The differences which appeared from 1934 onwards are shown below ; they are taken to indicate changes in undisclosed official reserves, since the German exchange control does not allow private individuals to hold gold.

		Change in published reserve (held in Germany)	Net imports (+) or exports ()	Change in undisclosed reserves
			Reichsmarks (000,000's)	
1934 .		- 285.3	- 243.1	+ 42.2
1935 .		+ 4.4	+ 106.5	+ 102.1
1936 .		- 22.0	4.6	+ 17.4
First nine months of 1937 .		+ 9.7	- 10.0	0.3
-	Cotal	293.2	- 83.7	+ 162.0

Industrial consumption during this period, estimated at some 70 million marks, was probably more than offset by the 73 millions of gold released by the liquidation of the private note-issuing banks in 1936.

¹² The wide margin of error which necessarily attaches to these rough estimates may be emphasised once more. In particular, it should be remembered that the figures given in the text take no account of the Spanish gold reserve, for which no information is available since July 1936, when it was shown at \$(old)425 million. If — as there is reason to suppose — this reserve declined in the latter part of 1936 and during 1937, other "invisible" official holdings and private hoards decreased less or increased more than the figures suggest.

¹⁸ The dishoarding which occurred in France during the last quarter of 1936 probably did not amount to much more than \$(old)50 million, or 2,100 million frances of the 1928 parity, this sum being the proceeds of a Government loan issued to private holders in exchange for their gold. In the Netherlands and Switzerland, however, the amount of gold released from private hoards during this period is believed to have been very considerable. The publication, at half-yearly intervals, of official returns of the gold holdings of the British Exchange Equalisation Fund, which was begun in 1937, renders a comparison between gold movements and official reserves in the United Kingdom of some interest. Net imports or exports of gold, according to Customs returns, and changes in the gold stock of the Bank of England from the end of 1930 to September 30th, 1937, are shown below, in millions of ounces of fine gold :

	Net imports (+) or exports (—)	Changes in holdings of Bank of England	Balance, indicating changes in other holdings
1931	7.28	— 6.33	0.93
1932	+ 2.79	— 0.21	+ 3.00
1933	+ 31.25	+ 16.68	+ 14.57
1934	+ 19.46	+ 0.47	+ 18.99
1935	+ 9.86	+ 1.88	+ 7.98
1936	+ 32.69	+ 26.75	+ 5.94
First nine months of 1937	+ 10.48	+ 3.00	+ 7.48
	+ 99.25	+ 42.24	+ 57.01

If it is assumed that industrial consumption of gold in the United Kingdom during this period was approximately balanced by the return of coin, jewellery, etc. from private ownership, which is known to have occurred on a large scale after the depreciation of the pound sterling, holdings of gold other than those of the Bank of England appear to have amounted to about 57 million ounces at the end of September 1937. The Exchange Equalisation Account held 39.9 million ounces on that date. The great bulk of the remaining 17 million ounces, worth about £120 million at the market price (equivalent to about (old)) was no doubt held on foreign account.¹⁴ It cannot, however, be supposed that it represents only private hoards deposited for safe custody in London. Probably to a greater extent than at the end of 1930, central banks of certain countries — especially of countries belonging to the "sterling area" — hold part of their gold reserves in London. It is difficult to make allowance for these holdings in estimating the amount of private hoards in London, but it seems safe to say that the latter amounted to less than £100 million in September 1937.

At the end of March 1937, the cumulated " balance ", calculated in the same manner, was 54.53 million ounces. On the same date, the Exchange Equalisation Account held 26.67 million ounces. Other holdings in London thus appear to have amounted to 27.86 million ounces, equivalent to about £195 million.¹⁵ The net decline of some £75 million in these " other holdings " during the six months ending September 30th, 1937, reflects the dishoarding movement which occurred in the second quarter of the year.

In the last quarter of 1937 and the first two months of 1938, there was revival of gold hoarding in London on a large scale. As the official returns regarding the Exchange Equalisation Fund are issued only at half-yearly intervals and with a delay of three months,

¹⁴ No British resident is allowed to hold more than £10,000 in the form of gold.

¹⁶ According to a private estimate of the movements in the gold holdings of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, published by F. W. PAISH in *Economica*, August 1937 which, for the end of March 1937, arrives at a figure almost identical with the official roturn, the gold held by the Fund at the end of September 1936 amounted to about 34 million ounces. The cumulated "balance" for that date was about 60 million ounces. "Other holdings" in London would thus appear to have amounted to about 26 million ounces, equivalent to a little over £180 million, at the end of September 1936.

It should be noted that the Fund's gold is not necessarily all held in the United Kingdom : some of it may have been held under earmark abroad, especially in New York, and this would affect the estimated amount of "other holdings" in London. Judging however, from the published figures on earmarked gold in the United States, this factor would not seem to make an appreciable difference to the order of magnitude involved.

the movement of "other holdings" during this period cannot be judged at the time of writing (end of February 1938).

" Sterilisation " of Gold.

In view of the expansion of the physical quantity of current gold supplies and of the increase which has occurred in the value of gold per physical unit in terms of national currencies, the "sterilisation" of gold with the object of preventing an "excessive" expansion of the volume of money has come to receive considerable attention in recent years. It may be of interest briefly to review the various methods of sterilisation which have been practised.

In the first place, it should be observed that the hoarding of gold on the part of the public represents an effective form of sterilisation. Its importance has been seen from the estimates given in the preceding section. The interest cost associated with sterilisation is in this case borne by the private individuals concerned, who voluntarily forgo any return on that part of their assets which is held in gold. Monetary policy cannot, of course, rely on this form of sterilisation ; changes in the amount of private gold hoards are liable to occur under the influence of extraneous factors and are capable of affecting the amount of central monetary gold reserves accordingly. Special methods have therefore been devised by the monetary authorities in certain countries for the purpose in question.

The rise in the proportion of gold reserves to total assets of central banks which has taken place in a great number of countries may be regarded as another form of sterilisation. It is not suggested that central banks, when increasing their holdings of gold, have deliberately reduced their other assets. The decline in the other assets which has in many cases occurred has often been a reflection of the increased liquidity of the market, which has made possible a reduction in its indebtedness to the central bank. Reference to Table IV of the Appendix will show that, of the thirty-seven countries included for which continuous figures going back to 1929 are available, there was an increase in the book value of gold reserves and a decrease in total domestic assets of the central bank between 1929 and 1937 in the following sixteen countries : Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, the Netherlands Indies, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Yugoslavia ; in all but eight of the thirty-seven countries there was a rise in the published gold reserve between 1929 and 1937. The increase in the relative importance of gold in the accounts of central banks is further illustrated by another table given in the Appendix — Table V — which shows that, in the great majority of the countries included, the ratio of central bank gold reserves to total sight liabilities has increased during the period considered. Minimum reserve ratios are prescribed by law in most countries, but maximum ratios have nowhere been applied, and sterilisation can, theoretically, proceed until the ratio rises to 100%. The cost ¹⁶ of this form of sterilisation is, of course, reflected in the profit-and-loss accounts of central banks. Net profits earned by central banks have shown a fairly widespread decline in recent years, though not only on account of the change in the form of the central banks' assets, but also as a result of the fall in discount rates. Central banks, however, are not, generally speaking, governed by profit motives, and the rise in the reserve ratio does not necessarily impel them to expand their earning assets.

^{16 &}quot; Cost " is throughout taken in a narrow sense, which does not include the value of the sterilised gold itself.

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In certain countries — the United Kingdom, the United States, the Netherlands, the Argentine — gold imports have been sterilised by special methods, under which Governments or Government funds take up gold with the proceeds of loans issued in the market.¹⁷ In the United Kingdom, the borrowing powers of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, by which this policy is carried out, were increased by £200 million — from £375 million to £575 million — at the beginning of July 1937. As is shown on page 51 below, the borrowing which had been effected for this purpose up to the end of March 1937 amounted to nearly £375 million.¹⁸ By the end of September 1937, this figure had risen to nearly £475 million.

Unlike the British Fund, the borrowing which can be effected by the United States Treasury under the gold sterilisation procedure initiated on December 24th, 1936, is not legally restricted by any upper limit. The Treasury's "inactive" gold account showed a net increase of \$1,202 million,¹⁹ of \$(old)710 million, during 1937, which is considerably more than [the \$(old)600 million of estimated world production |of gold outside the U.S.S.R. The [total [monetary gold stock of the United States — which includes the "inactive" fund — rose by \$1,502 million, the difference being due to the "de-sterilisation" of \$300 million in September 1937 for the purpose of expanding the cash reserves of the member banks. On February 14th, 1938, it was officially announced that, as from January 1st, 1938, the sterilisation procedure would be applied only to amounts exceeding \$100 million of gold acquired during each quarter and that up to that limit, therefore, gold purchases would be allowed to enlarge the cash basis of the banking system.

The interest cost of gold sterilisation by Government borrowing appears to have been of little importance in the United Kingdom, the United States and the Netherlands, where rates of interest — and especially short-term rates — have recently ruled at low levels. Besides the direct interest cost of sterilisation loans, however, the effect which the increased borrowing might have on the cost of other State borrowing must also be taken into account. In the United Kingdom, moreover, where the authorities have considered a large expansion of the floating debt undesirable for various reasons, the interest cost of sterilisation is not reflected by the Treasury-bill rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ %, but also, at least in part, by the higher rates at which the various funding loans have been issued since 1933.²⁰ In the Argentine, where substantial amounts of gold were sterilised in 1936 and 1937 by Government borrowing, the interest rate on the new loans issued for this purpose was from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ %. The interest cost of sterilisation was in this case met by a commission of 0.5 and 0.4% respectively charged on the purchase and sale of foreign exchange in the " official " market.

In the United States, the increase in the reserve requirements of the member banks of the Federal Reserve System may be regarded as another form of sterilisation. The enormous inflow of gold which occurred after 1933 raised the reserve balances of the member banks to exceptionally high levels. In order to prevent this increase from unduly affecting the domestic supply of credit, the legal minimum reserve ratios were doubled from August 1936 to May 1937. In the last quarter of 1937, member-bank reserve balances amounted, on an average, to about \$7,000 million. Of this amount, about \$6,000 million were required reserves. If the original ratios be regarded as normal, this means that half the latter figure, or about \$3,000 million, was "blocked" for the purpose of sterilising a corresponding amount of gold, the interest cost of this sterilisation being borne by the

¹⁷ See the preceding edition of this publication, Monetary Review 1936 /37, Section C.

¹⁸ This does not mean that the Fund had exhausted its sterling resources, for, as stated on page 50 below, it had received £75 million of additional sterling securities through reductions in the fiduciary issue of the Bank of England.

¹⁹ When the sign \$ is used in the text without any other indication, it refers to United States dollars of new gold content. ²⁰ See page 51 below.

member banks. It is to be noted that, unlike such methods as that represented by the "inactive" gold fund, the absolute amount sterilised varies in this case with the volume of total deposits, their geographical distribution, and their distribution as between demand and time deposits;²¹ this variability is, of course, a consequence of the fact that reserve requirements were not originally designed for purposes of gold sterilisation, but for the purpose of enforcing a certain degree of relative cash liquidity in the commercial banking system.

The total gold sterilised in the United States and the United Kingdom alone by means of the special methods described was about \$(old)3,900 million on September 30th, 1937.²² The amount, it may be observed, is considerably higher than world production of gold (excluding the U.S.S.R.) *plus* receipts from the U.S.S.R. during the whole period from the end of 1930 to the end of September 1937, which is shown at \$(old)3,700 million in the table given in the preceding section. This comparison throws into relief the inequality of the distribution of gold, and detracts somewhat from the significance of conclusions based on world aggregates of monetary gold supplies.

Movements of Short-term Funds.

A large part of the gold acquired by the United States and the United Kingdom originated in exports of capital from France. Between the end of 1930 and the end of September 1937, the Bank of France lost on balance (old)664 million of gold. If reckoned from the end of 1934, when the gold stock of the Bank of France stood near its highest level during the period considered, the loss amounted to (old)1,783 million. As will be seen in the following chapter, the effect which the outflow of gold might have had on the domestic money supply in France was offset by Government borrowing at the Bank of France beginning in the middle of 1935, and by the purchases of Government bonds by the *rentes* stabilisation fund set up in July 1937. The "sterilisation " of the effects of the outflow of gold in France had its counterpart in sterilisation of the inflow in the United States and the United Kingdom.²³

The flow of capital to the United States from the beginning of 1935 may be illustrated by Diagram 1 below.²⁴ This diagram shows the cumulated net inflow of capital, subdivided according to the two main forms in which this inflow has taken place and according to the principal countries of origin, and traces in addition the cumulated total net imports of gold, subdivided also by principal countries of origin. The large proportion of funds emanating from Europe can be seen by comparing the second section of the diagram with the first. A comparison of line F with line A will show the large proportion of gold imports

²³ Just as gold sterilisation, broadly speaking, by tending to prevent a rise in commodity prices, removes a corrective to increased gold production or to discrepancies in international balances of payments on current account, so the sterilisation of the outflow of gold may tend to remove the check imposed on capital exports through a shortage of funds available for expatriation.

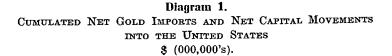
²⁴ Based on figures contained in "Statistics of Capital Movements between the United States and Foreign Countries and of Purchases and Sales of Foreign Exchange in the United States ", published by the United States Treasury Department. Reference should be made to this publication regarding the classification, scope and nature of the transactions recorded. The figures for security purchases as plotted in the diagram include small amounts of brokerage balances shown separately in the original data.

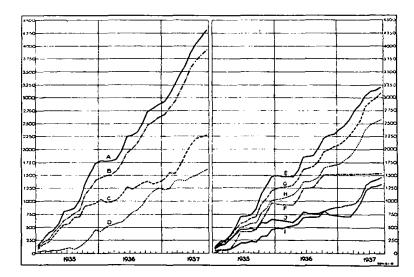
²¹ The logal reserve ratios in force since May 1st, 1937, are : on time deposits, 6%; on demand deposits, in central reserve city banks, 26%; in reserve city banks, 20%; and in country banks, 14%

²² Of this amount, the United States accounts for (0,1)2,500 million or 4,200 million : 1,200 million held in the inactive fund *plus* 3,000 million sterilised by the increased reserve requirements. The United Kingdom's share was (0,1),400 million or 4,75 million (valued at the market price of 27 per ounce), made up as follows : about 2280 million held in the Exchange Equalisation Fund; 275 million sterilised by reductions of the fiduciary issue of the Bank of England; and about 2120 million sterilised by the application of the old statutory price to the transfers of gold from the Fund to the Bank ("loss" borne by the Fund).

from France. Up to the latter part of 1936, these were nearly as large as the total net capital imports from the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland combined (line H). It appears, in fact, that large amounts of French capital have found their way to the United States *via* the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and have been recorded in the American statistics as coming from these latter countries.

- A. Total gold imports.
- B. Total capital imports.C. Total capital movement in banking funds.
- D. Total capital movement in security purchases.
- E. Gold imports from the United Kingdom, France and Netherlands.
- F. Gold imports from France.
- G. Capital imports from Europe.
- H. Capital imports from United Kingdom, France, Netherlands and Switzerland.
- I. Capital imports from France, Netherlands and Switzerland.
- J. Banking funds from United Kingdom, France, Netherlands and Switzerland.





The quarterly totals of capital transferred to the United States are set out in the following table, showing also net imports of gold during each quarter.

CAPITAL MOVEMENTS AND GOLD IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES.

		Inflow	of capital				
\$ (000,000's)	Banking funds	Banking funds as % of total	Total	Gold imports (including earmarking			
1935 J	215.2	85	38.3	253.5	285.8		
и	236.7	63	141.9	378.6	516.2		
ш	147.7	75	50.2	197.9	221.3		
IV	263.9	45	317.5	581.4	715.9		
1936 I	19.3	19	83.2	102.5	24.3		
п	293.7	65	159.8	453.5	447.7		
ш	76.6	24	237.7	314.3	216.3		
IV	7.2	2	317.8	325.0	342.6		
1937 I	170.5	53	152.5	323.0	339.2		
и	546.3	87 .	84.2	630.5	650.7		
ш	182.9	52	167.1	350.0	394.2		
IV	644.1 •		142.5	501.6 *	0.9		

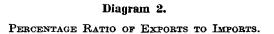
Net outflow.

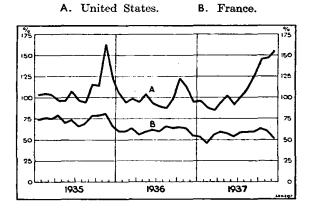
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The devaluation of the gold-bloc currencies at the end of September 1936 does not appear to have checked the movement of funds to the United States. Though the motives underlying the transfer of capital to the United States cannot always be safely deduced from the forms which it assumed, the attraction of rising share prices seems to have become the predominant influence on the flow of capital in the latter part of 1936. Of the total inflow in the last quarter of that year, 98% was invested in securities. For the whole year 1936, the share of security purchases (including the relatively small amounts of brokerage balances, which are intimately connected with security transactions) was 67%, as compared with 32% in 1935.

The inflow of capital which occurred in the first three quarters of 1937 amounted to a little over 1,300 million, or considerably more than the inflow of 1,195 million which was reported for the whole year 1936. During the second quarter of 1937 alone, the inflow amounted to 630 million, the largest quarterly total recorded during the period covered by the table, and was probably in large part a result of rumours regarding a possible appreciation of the dollar in terms of gold. Share prices in New York had begun to decline in the middle of March 1937; and 87% of the funds imported in the second quarter of 1937 took the form of an increase in foreign deposits with banks in the United States.

The reversal of the flow of capital in the last quarter of 1937 was mainly due to the stock-market decline in New York and to fears of a depreciation of the dollar in terms of gold. Already in the previous quarters of 1937, the excess of gold imports (including earmarking transactions) over capital imports had shown an increasing tendency. The outflow of capital which occurred in the last quarter of 1937 was not accompanied by a net export of gold. There was, indeed, a net import of gold amounting to \$130.6 million, but this was almost entirely offset by a sharp increase of \$129.7 million in gold earmarked for foreign account. Esti-





mates of the balance of payments of the United States for 1937 are not available at the time of writing, but it can reasonably be assumed that the discrepancy between the flow of capital and the movement of gold was largely due to a marked change in the balance of trade : as against a small import surplus of \$5 million in 1936, there was an export surplus of \$282 million in 1937, due to a sharp rise in exports and a decline in imports. The change in the relation between export and import values is illustrated by Diagram 2 above. The change set in after the first quarter of 1937. The ratio of exports to imports, which had shown a decline from 99.9% to 97.7% between the first and second quarters of 1936, rose from 89.8% in the first to 96.1% in the second quarter of 1937. Current expectations of an appreciation of the dollar may have contributed to this movement, but the principal factors responsible for it were undoubtedly the business recession and the increase in certain crop yields in the United States.

As indicated by Diagram 2, the movement of the French balance of trade, owing largely to the rise in industrial labour costs, was in the opposite direction, in spite of the depreciation

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of the franc. The ratio of exports to imports was on the average 74% in 1935, 60% in 1936, and 56% in 1937. Though there was an export of gold from the United States to France in the last quarter of 1937 amounting to \$40 million, it would appear that the return flow of capital to France which occurred during this period was in large part transferred " in the form of commodities "; to that extent, the repatriation of funds served merely to cover the trade deficit and failed to relieve domestic money-market conditions in France.

The amount of capital which returned to France in the last quarter of 1937 has been officially estimated at some 10 milliard francs.²⁵ This estimate does not appear to take into account the repayment, in December 1937, of the credit of £40 million — or approximately 5.9 milliard francs at current rates — which the French Treasury had obtained in London in February 1937. The repayment of this loan was covered to the extent of some 3.9 milliard francs by two new short-term loans raised by the Treasury in the Netherlands and Switzerland amounting to 150 million gulden and 200 million Swiss frances respectively.

In certain countries which have recently attracted large amounts of floating balances, measures have been taken which aim at checking the inflow instead of neutralising its effects on the domestic credit base. In Sweden, there was a sharp increase in foreign deposits early in 1937, due partly to current discussions regarding a possible appreciation of the currency. From March 15th, 1937, the Swedish banks agreed to pay no interest on deposits of foreign banks. On November 20th, 1937, they further agreed to reduce the maximum rate on foreign time-deposits of others than banks from 2% to $\frac{1}{2}\%$. Finally, an agreement with France came into effect on January 1st, 1938, under which the Swedish authorities agreed, in exchange for certain concessions to Swedish exports to France, to supply information on funds of French nationals held in Sweden. The total of foreign deposits in Sweden declined somewhat in the last quarter of 1937, as shown by the following figures :

77.1.6	Riksbank:	Commerc	Total								
End of	Deposits of foreign banks	Deposits of foreign banks	foreign deposits								
	Kronor (000,000's)										
March 1936	13.0	94.4	162.0	269.4							
September 1936	5.9	108.5	173.9	288.3							
March 1937	60.3	267.2	193.0	520.5							
June 1937	54.4	263.3	233.8	551.5							
September 1937	64.3	273.1	219.9	557.3							
December 1937	61.4	i 196.1	219,9	477.4							

FOREIGN DEPOSITS IN SWEDEN.

In Switzerland, an agreement was concluded between the banks and the National Bank on November 8th, 1937, which provided that, as from December 1st, 1937, existing foreign-owned sight deposits should cease to bear interest and should be converted into fixed deposits, and that new foreign funds were to be accepted only subject to the usual notice of withdrawal. Further, foreign funds, when deposited for less than six months, will be subject to a commission of 1%, and may bear interest only when deposited for a period of at least nine months.

No special measures against the influx of short-term funds have been taken in countries which have adopted a policy of "sterilisation". In the United States, it was announced in November 1936 that measures were being considered to make investments of foreign funds

25 See L'Activité économique, January 1938, page 320.

less attractive. The "sterilisation "scheme, however, was put into effect in the following month, and the other measures envisaged were not applied.

No data have been published regarding the amount of foreign short-term funds held in the United Kingdom. Certain rough deductions regarding the London balances of the countries forming the "sterling group" may be made from the table below, which shows the movement of central foreign-exchange reserves of fifteen "sterling group" countries from 1929 to 1937. It will be seen that the total increased rapidly in the years 1932-1934. In 1935 and 1936, the increase slowed down, but the rise which occurred in 1937 was again substantial, amounting to the equivalent of over £30 million.

CENTRAL FOREIGN ASSETS RESERVES OF FIFTEEN "STERLING GROUP" COUNTRIES. £ (000,000's).

End o	f :	1929	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
A ustralia		6.2	12.0	16.8	33.5	37.7	28.3	30.7	39.0
Denmark		5.0	0.8	— 0.3ª	— 1.4ª	- 3.7	- 4.0ª	- 2.3ª	3.4
Egypt		28.8	19.2	15.7	18.7	17.9	22.2	21.8	16.95
Estonia		1.1	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.9
Finland	.	3.5	3.0	3.8	6.9	7.4	6.9	7.7	10.5
India	.	54.5	24.2	40.4	42.2	60.4	62.7	62.9	62.9
Ireland	.	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.3	9.1	9.7
Latvia	. 1	2,2	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.5	L.1	1.7
New Zealand •	.				•	17.8	17.2	13.3	13.7
Norway	.	3.6	1.2	1.7	0.3	2.3	2.5	5.9	12.8
Palestine d		1.9	2.3	3.0	4.2	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.0 ^t
Portugal	.	3.7	4.6	4.3	1.1	2.3	2.7	3.9	3.96
Siam		8.9	0.1	0.4	7.6	9.2	9.8	10.3	10.9
Sweden	.	14.6	2.7	11.7	24.5	30.4	34.6	39.4	54.1
Union of South Africa	-	6.6			18.9	10.5	11.5	10.7	6.9
Total	. [147.7	79.6	106.0	164.5	205.6	208.6	219.8	252.3

Net foreign liabilities.

^b Provisional.

• Assets of the new Reserve Bank. Data relating to the external assets of the old banks of issue are not available.

^d March 31st of following year.

As these countries keep their exchanges in a fixed relationship with sterling, it is reasonable to assume that the bulk of their foreign balances are held in London; they appear to be largely invested in Treasury bills through the Bank of England. To the extent that these balances are acquired in transactions with countries outside the sterling area, their transfer to London tends to be neutralised by the Exchange Equalisation Fund in the same way as the inflow of "refugee " capital. To the extent, however, that they are acquired in transactions with the United Kingdom itself,²⁶ their investment in Treasury bills is not accompanied by an increase in the supply of bills on account of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, and therefore tends to reduce money rates in London.

The above table does not cover external assets of commercial banks in the sterling area. These, too, are believed to hold large balances in London. It is not possible to assume that their amount has moved parallel with central bank exchange reserves. In one case at least, the two have moved in opposite directions. From the above table, it may be seen that during 1937 the largest increase in central bank foreign assets occurred in Sweden, amounting to £15 million. In the twelve months ended September 30th, 1937, which cover

²⁶ It is probable that a substantial part of the balances in question has been acquired in this way. The United Kingdom's import surplus in trade with the fifteen countries mentioned rose from £101.5 million in 1936 to £131.0 million in 1937.

the period when discussions were current regarding a possible appreciation of the krona, the Riksbank's foreign exchange reserve rose by £25 million, and it may be noted that an item entitled "foreign bills", which includes British Treasury bills, rose by as much as £27 million (from £11 to £38 million), while other foreign assets fell by £2 million. During the same twelve months, the foreign assets of the Swedish commercial banks showed a net decrease of £15 million. It would seem that Swedish banks sold off their sterling bank balances to the Riksbank, which invested them in "foreign bills" — largely, no doubt, in British Treasury bills.

Sterling and the Dollar.

The relationship between sterling and the United States dollar was remarkably stable in 1937. The highest dollar rate recorded in London during the year (\$5.03 per £ on November 7th) was only 3.2% above the lowest (\$4.87375 per £ on March 6th). This apparent stability was nevertheless accompanied by considerable disturbances, which showed themselves mainly on the gold market in London.

Apart from the old statutory buying price of the Bank of England, the authorities maintain no fixed price for gold in the United Kingdom. The London gold market is a free market, where quotations fluctuate from day to day under the influence of demand and supply, event though the Exchange Equalisation Fund, being the largest single buyer or seller of gold in London, plays an important part in controlling the market. There is, however, one important standard to which the price of gold in London has to adjust itself namely, the buying price of the United States Treasury (\$35 per fine ounce, less the "handling charge " of $\frac{1}{4}$ %). The American buying price expressed in terms of sterling at the current exchange rate, less the handling charge and less the cost of shipment from London to New York, determines the so-called "shipping parity" — that is, the price at which a shipment of gold to New York yields neither profit nor loss. This " parity ", of course, is by no means fixed, but varies with the dollar rate in London. If the actual market price of gold in London falls below the shipping parity, a "discount" appears, making shipments to New York profitable. If, on the other hand, the price is above the shipping parity, gold is said to be at a " premium ", which, if it rises sufficiently high, tends to induce shipments from New York to London. It will be observed that the difference between the actual price and the shipping parity is determined by two factors : the course of the dollar rate and the movement of the market price itself. A discount, for example, may result either from a reduction in the dollar rate per \pounds (that is, from an appreciation of the dollar exchange) or from a fall in the price of gold in the London market.

Diagram 3 on page 25, covering the period from the beginning of October 1936 to the end of March 1938, shows (1) the dollar-sterling rate in London, (2) the price of gold bullion, (3) the difference between that and the shipping parity ("discount" or "premium") and (4) the amount of dealings in the London gold market. The data plotted are weekly averages of daily figures. It is important to note that the three last-mentioned series represent only the data referring to the "fixing" undertaken at daily meetings of the six principal London firms dealing in gold. They therefore completely exclude the transactions which take place after the "fixing" each day, which have at times been very considerable in amount and which often take place on terms appreciably divergent from those recorded at the "fixing". Large deals at substantially wider discounts or premia have, in fact, often been effected after the public "fixing" with the deliberate purpose of preventing excessive disturbances of confidence. A notable feature of Diagram 3 is the striking inverse correlation which it shows between the dollar-sterling rate (line A) and the price of gold in London (line B). This inverse correlation is a natural result of the relationship between sterling and the dollar. As the dollar price of gold is fixed, while the sterling price is free, fluctuations in the dollar rate tend to bring about fluctuations in the opposite direction in the sterling price of gold. The discounts or premia shown in line C of the diagram represent, in effect, deviations from the inverse correlation between lines A and B.

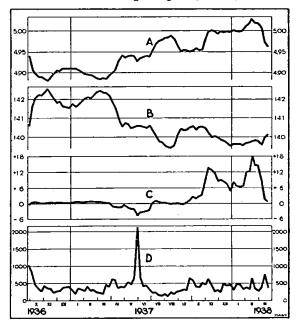
Early in April 1937, rumours of an impending reduction in the price of gold led to what came to be known as the " gold scare ", a violent dishoarding movement on the part of private owners of gold. The price of gold in London fell to a discount in relation to the "shipping parity ". The discount persisted for fully three months, disappearing only in the early part of July 1937. Under normal circumstances, the discount would soon have been eliminated by the shipments of gold to New York which private arbitrageurs would have found it profitable to undertake; their purchases of gold in London would have tended directly to raise the price of gold, and their sales of the dollar proceeds of the gold shipments would have tended to lower the exchange value of the dollar, and therefore, to depress the "shipping parity". On this occasion, however, the fear that a reduction in the dollar price of gold might take place during the time of transport kept private arbitrage in check. This fear persisted despite repeated denials by official quarters of an impending reduction in the price of gold. At times, moreover, shipping facilities proved technically insuffi-

Diagram 3.

THE DOLLAR EXCHANGE AND THE GOLD MARKET IN LONDON.

(Weekly averages.)

- A. Dollar rate per £.
- B. Price of gold (in shillings and pence per fine ounce).
- C. "Discount" (---) or "premium" (+) (in pence per fine ounce).
- D. Amount of dealings in gold (£,000's).



cient to cope with the quantities dishoarded in London.

Reference to the above diagram will show that the appearance of the discount in April was due to a fall in the London price of gold and not to an appreciation of the dollar in terms of sterling. The dollar actually depreciated in London in the course of April. The decline of the price of gold in the London market, a natural consequence of the selling pressure on the part of private holders, was greater than the decline which would have corresponded to the weakening of the dollar rate; hence a discount emerged. The weakening of the dollar in terms of sterling may appear surprising in view of the fact that the dishoarding of gold was accompanied by a precipitate movement of funds to the United States. This movement was due to the rumours of an appreciation of the dollar in terms of other currencies as well as in terms of gold, which was reflected in a wide premium on dollars for forward delivery. The premium itself, accentuated by the current weakness of the dollar, which was regarded as temporary, stimulated the transfer of balances to the United States, as it increased the return obtainable on dollar funds.

From the fact that the movement of capital to the United States — and the demand for dollars which it implied — failed to raise the sterling value of the dollar, it can probably be concluded that gold shipments took place in sufficient volume to provide the necessary dollars; in view of the difficulties of private arbitrage — illustrated by the persistence of an appreciable discount on gold — it may be presumed that the necessary operations were largely effected by the Exchange Equalisation Fund.

But even if the adequacy of the gold flow relatively to the capital movement may explain the failure of the dollar to appreciate, it cannot explain the depreciation of the dollar exchange which actually occurred in April. It may be that this depreciation was partly due to commercial factors, there having been a rapid increase in imports into the United States in the first quarter of 1937. The weakness of the dollar seems, however, to be mainly attributable to gold movements unconnected with capital transfers. In March 1937, the first substantial shipment of gold arrived in the United States from Japan. Exports of gold from Japan to the United States thereafter proceeded regularly throughout the year, amounting to \$246 million for the whole of 1937. Moreover, large shipments from the U.S.S.R., also beginning in March, found their way largely to the United States *via* London. As the dollar proceeds of these shipments were in large part converted into sterling and other currencies, the dollar was put under pressure in spite of the rush of funds to the United States.

The disturbed conditions prevailing in the London gold market in April are reflected in the large volume of the daily turnover (shown by line D in the diagram above). After a short period of comparative calm in the following month, the "scare" became very acute again in the first week of June, when both turnover and discount reached a maximum. Though the turnover showed thereafter a declining tendency, the discount remained substantial till the end of June, when it was announced that the Exchange Equalisation Fund would be increased by £200 million. During the first days of July, the discount quickly disappeared.

The effects of the "gold scare" were far-reaching and were not confined to the London gold market. The doubts concerning the stability of the price of gold led to a widespread movement, not only from gold into liquid balances, but also from securities into liquid balances, as the reduction in the gold price which was anticipated in spite of official denials was interpreted as a deflationary measure.

Developments in the last quarter of 1937 presented in many ways a sharp contrast to the "gold scare" of the second quarter. The increase in the volume of transactions which was observable in the London gold market early in October was due mainly to a resumption of gold hoarding on Continental account, being accompanied by a weakness of the French exchange. In the first half of the following month, however, the dollar rate showed a marked weakening in London, contrary to the normal seasonal movement. The price of gold declined somewhat in spite of the reappearance of hoarding, but the decline was much less than what would have corresponded to the depreciation of the dollar, and the premium on the "shipping parity" rose to unusually high levels, as can be seen from Diagram 3 above. The return flow of European capital from the United States, accompanied by rumours of a possible devaluation of the dollar in terms of gold, was mainly responsible for the pressure on the dollar.

The premium on the "shipping parity", unlike the discount, does not call private arbitrage into play, as the American Treasury sells gold only to central banks or Treasuries of the countries adhering to the tripartite declaration of the autumn of 1936 (Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom). Theoretically, therefore, no limit is set to a rise in the premium, apart from action taken by the authorities. It has been calculated that gold shipments from New York to London become profitable when the premium reaches one shilling and tenpence. The premium does not appear to have risen to this level — at least at the "fixing" — during the last quarter of 1937. Yet a small net import of gold from the United States to the United Kingdom was recorded in November and December, amounting to \$5.5 million. In addition, as was pointed out in the preceding section of this chapter, large increases in gold earmarked on foreign account occurred in New York during this period, part of which was no doubt for account of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, being paid for with the dollars taken up in checking the appreciation of sterling.

A consequence of the varying discount or premium shown by the price of gold in London was that the percentage fluctuation of the gold price in the course of 1937 was only 2.4%, or appreciably less than the range of 3.2% within which the dollar rate fluctuated during the year.

Since 1934, the annual percentage range of variation has moved as follows :

												1934	1935	1936	1937
Price of gold (%).					•	•						13.1	6.8	4.0	2.4
Rate of dollar (%)	•	٠	٠	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	5.7	5.7	4.1	3.2

On balance, the price of gold in London declined by 1.5% during 1937, while the sterling value of the dollar showed a net decline of 1.8%. Together with sterling, all currencies attached to sterling showed, of course, a similar appreciation in terms of the dollar and hence of gold. Outside the "sterling area", the weakening of the dollar during 1937 was also reflected in a slight appreciation of the gold value of the currencies of such countries as Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Roumania and Switzerland, as may be seen from the monthly indices given in Table II of the Appendix.

Within the "sterling area" — an area which accounted for more than a-third of the total value of world trade in 1936 — exchange rates in 1937 remained rigidly fixed. It is worth noting that the mutual stability of exchanges in the "sterling area" is, so long as it lasts, absolute. The countries composing the "sterling group" do not maintain exchange stability by maintaining a fixed price for gold while allowing the exchanges to move within gold points; even the small fluctuations which were thus possible under the gold standard are eliminated in the mutual exchange relationships within the sterling area, as the element of fixity applies, not to gold, but directly to the exchanges. The exchange stability within the sterling group has undoubtedly been of some importance in contributing to the increased relative stability of exchange rates which — apart from the devaluations of the former gold-bloc countries — has been observed in recent years in the world as a whole.

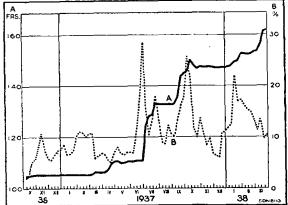
The French Franc.

The major centre of exchange disturbances in 1937 was France. The successive stages of the depreciation of the franc may be briefly retraced with the aid of Diagram 4 on page 28 showing the daily spot quotations of the pound sterling in terms of francs and the discount on three-months forward francs in London, from the beginning of October 1936 to the end of March 1938. During the five months from the beginning of October 1936 to the beginning of March 1937, the franc was remarkably stable at a shade over 105 francs per £. The substantial discount on forward francs, however, indicated the doubts with which the market regarded this stability. In the first week of March, the franc depreciated to 108. On March 5th,

Diagram 4.

THE FRANC-STERLING RATE (A) AND THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE DISCOUNT ON

THREE-MONTHS FORWARD FRANCS IN LONDON (B). (Weekly averages.)



by the Monetary Law of October 1st, 1936 — namely, 43 milligrammes of gold (nine-tenths fine) per franc, corresponding to a sterling rate of about 112. Domestic difficulties connected largely with the position of Government finances and the application of social reforms led to increased nervousness in June, when the flight of funds assumed alarming proportions and the forward discount rose to unusually high levels. The French Exchange Stabilisation Fund was exhausted by the middle of June and, in the second half of the month, 8.5 milliard francs of gold had to be transferred from the Bank of France to the Fund.

After a change of Government, a decree was issued on June 30th, which abolished the limits set to the gold value of the franc by the law of October 1st, 1936. On the following day, the franc was quoted at over 128 per £. At the same time, adherence to the Tripartite Agreement of September 25th, 1936, was reaffirmed by an exchange of communications between the French Ministry of Finance on the one hand and the Treasuries of the United Kingdom and the United States on the other.

At the end of June, banks were instructed by the authorities to restrict their business in foreign exchange, especially in forward exchange, and a Decree of July 8th imposed a 100% tax on profits obtained by forward operations between June 10th and June 30th. In the latter part of July, the gold and foreign exchange reserve of the Bank of France was revalued on the basis of the lower limit provided by the Law of October 1st, 1936, although this limit had been removed in respect of the exchange value of the franc. The increment of about 7 milliard frances resulting from the revaluation was credited to a fund established for the support of quotations of Government bonds.

The price of sterling in Paris, after declining somewhat in the first half of July under the influence of a moderate return flow of capital, increased further to nearly 134 francs during the second half of July.

however, the Government announced a

series of measures, including the removal of restrictions on private dealings in gold,

the issue of a large National Defence

Loan with a foreign exchange guarantee, and the reduction of extraordinary State

expenditure. Confidence was temporarily

restored, the flow of capital — which had been steadily outward in the preceding months — was reversed, and the exchange value of the franc strengthened somewhat. The improvement was only of short duration. In April, expectations of an appreciation of the dollar gave rise to a renewed joutflow of funds, and the franc

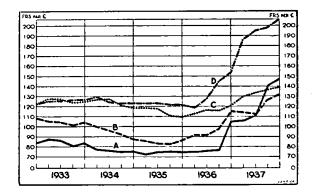
depreciated to the lower limit laid down

The exchange was steady in August, but renewed apprehensions concerning the internal situation led to a further depreciation of the spot rate and a marked widening of the forward discount in September. The sterling rate rose above 150 in the first part of October. At that level, a tendency towards repatriation of capital, reinforced by the breakdown of the stock market in New York, set in, and the rate returned to a level of about 147 frances per \pounds , which was maintained until the end of the year. Early in 1938, the pressure on the franc increased once more, and the price of sterling in Paris had risen to 162 by the end of March.

Though capital movements may have provided the main immediate occasion for the successive reductions in the value of the franc, there is no doubt that the growing trade deficit provided an important part of the pressure to which the currency was subjected in 1937. In terms of old (gold) dollars the adverse balance of trade in 1937 was 25% higher than in 1936, and as much as 105% higher than in 1935. The deterioration of the trade balance in 1937 is somewhat surprising in view of the further substantial exchange depreciation which took place in that year, and which might have been expected to check imports and to stimulate exports. It would seem, in fact, that, at least from the middle of 1937 onwards, both wholesale and retail prices in France, expressed in gold on the basis of 1930 = 100, were below "gold" prices in the United Kingdom expressed on the same basis; and if the probable under-valuation of the franc relatively to sterling in the base year is taken into account, the under-valuation of the franc which appeared in 1937 must have been even more marked than the comparison of "gold" prices suggests. This undervaluation is illustrated in the diagram below, comparing for every third month the actual exchange rate with the "theoretical" rates calculated by dividing the French price indices by the corresponding British indices (both on the basis of 1930 = 100) and multiplying the result by the price of sterling in 1930 (124.21 francs). It will be observed that, in the second half of 1937, line A (the actual franc-sterling rate) is higher than both line B (the "theoretical" rate according to wholesale prices) and line C (the "theoretical" rate according to cost of living).27

Diagram 5.

- "THEORETICAL "FRANC-STERLING RATES COMPARED WITH THE ACTUAL RATE. (In French francs per £.)
- A. Actual exchange rate.
- B. Rate according to wholesale prices in France as % of United Kingdom (1930 = 100).
- C. Rate according to cost of living in France as % of United Kingdom (1930 = 100).
- D. Rate according to money-wage rates in France as % of United Kingdom (1930 = 100).



It would appear that the change in the relation between costs and prices in France provides at least part of the explanation of the deterioration of the French trade balance and of the pressure on the exchange value of the currency. Line D in the above diagram represents the "theoretical" franc-sterling rate calculated on the basis of a comparison

²⁷ The choice of a different base year would only shift the curves representing the "theoretical" rates slightly upwards or downwards and would hardly change the shape of the curves. See Diagram 14 on page 41 of the preceding issue of this publication (Monetary Review, 1936/1937), where the "theoretical" rate according to wholesale prices is given on the basis of 1928 as well as 1930.

of the movement of money-wage rates in France and the United Kingdom.²⁸ This series must be treated with some reserve : the French index of hourly wage-rates, which it uses, refers to the Paris region only (mainly to metallurgical industries) and may therefore not be truly representative of the whole country ; on the other hand, the index does not take into account the paid holidays and certain other advantages which recent legislation has accorded to industrial workers in France ;²⁹ the British index is more comprehensive, but it refers to weekly wage-rates ; changes in the duration of the working-week are, however, believed to have been of little importance in the United Kingdom during the period in question. In spite of the imperfections involved in the calculation of the " theoretical " rate according to money wages (line D), the sharp and uninterrupted rise which it shows after the first quarter of 1936 is sufficiently striking to account, at least in part, for the unfavourable development of the French balance of trade.³⁰

Recent Tendencies in Exchange Control.

The chief immediate object of the imposition of exchange restrictions was the prevention of large-scale withdrawals of capital in the international liquidity crisis of 1931.³¹ The capital exports from the countries concerned were, as a rule, governed by factors other than interest differentials. They were therefore unresponsive to discount policy, and the loss of confidence giving rise to them would no doubt have been aggravated by uncontrolled currency depreciation.

The prohibition — or at least supervision — of capital exports has kept its place in all systems of exchange control. Some countries, such as Austria and Estonia, which have greatly relaxed their restrictions on commercial payments, have continued to enforce strict control in respect of capital transactions.³² Other debtor countries, which have no exchange restrictions in the ordinary sense, endeavour to prevent capital exports by other means, as in the case of Mexico, where a 4% tax on remittances other than commercial payments is in force.

It is not easy to ascertain to what extent the existence of exchange restrictions in debtor countries has been a hindrance to the resumption of inward capital movements of the "normal" type — in response to interest differentials — to these countries. Investors have naturally been reluctant to lend to countries where capital is permitted to flow only in one direction. Other factors unconnected with exchange control proper may, however, have been of greater importance in certain cases. Some short-term capital of European

²⁸ The wage indices used in this calculation are published at quarterly intervals in the International Labour Review of the International Labour Office.

²⁹ The application of the forty-hour week is, of course, reflected in the French index of hourly wage-rates. It is, in fact, one of the principal factors contributing to the rise in that index.

³⁰ Comparison between wage-rates in France and wage-rates in the United States reveals a less striking divergence between actual and "theoretical" exchange rates, as in the United States, too, there was a substantial increase in moneywages in 1936 and 1937. The divergence is nevertheless considerable :

•	Dec. 1935	June 1936	Dec. 1936	June 1937	Sept. 1937	Dec. 1937
Theoretical			29.3		34.7	36.9
Actual	15.2	15.2	21.4	22.5	28.4	29.5

The "theoretical" rates in this case are computed according to the same principles as in the case of the franc-sterling rate, 1930 being taken as base year. Both the "theoretical" and the actual rates shown represent monthly averages.

³¹ Sixteen countries introduced exchange control during the seven months from May to November 1931 : Argentine, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Uruguay, Yugoslavia.

³² It may be observed that, in certain countries of South-Eastern Europe, the strict prohibition of capital exports of the ordinary type did not prevent substantial capital exports in the special form of unsettled clearing balances accumulated in Germany during the years 1934-1937.

origin has recently moved to the Argentine. Some foreign capital has been placed for long-term investment in Estonia in the last few years. But the Argentine maintained the full service on the Federal Government debt throughout the depression, and Estonia maintained the service of all foreign debts.

It is of interest to note that certain countries have endeavoured to mitigate the obstructive effect of exchange control on the inward flow of capital by guaranteeing the free transfer of the service on *new* foreign investments. Thus a regulation was issued in Poland in November 1937 by which the transfer of principal and interest of new foreign loans may be effected without any special permit. Similar measures were taken in Italy in November 1936 and October 1937.

The international movement of capital has been affected, not only by exchange control in debtor countries, but also by restrictions imposed in creditor countries on foreign lending. These restrictions have in certain cases represented an indirect form of exchange control. The observations which follow are, however, concerned with exchange control in the narrow sense of direct intervention in the exchange market. It may be mentioned, however, that, in two cases at least, a relaxation of restrictions on foreign lending has occurred recently. In the Netherlands, following the devaluation of the florin, these restrictions were considerably relaxed in June 1937. They appear to have been re-imposed in September 1937, but removed again after a large conversion of Government debt had been successfully carried out in the autumn of 1937. In the United Kingdom, it was officially announced on February 1st, 1938, that the Foreign Transactions Advisory Committee set up in April 1936 would in future give sympathetic consideration to applications regarding certain types of foreign issues, namely, issues on behalf of British borrowers for the acquisition of assets or the development of enterprise in foreign countries, and issues involving the repatriation of foreign-owned British securities.

The prevention of capital withdrawals by means of exchange restrictions in debtor countries naturally involved a comprehensive control of commercial transactions. Particularly in countries which, in these circumstances, maintained the gold parity of their currencies or, at any rate, did not permit an adequate adjustment of their exchange rates, the emphasis shifted from the control of capital exports to the control of commodity imports. Thus the main object of exchange control came to be, in many cases, the maintenance of an over-valued exchange rate by a reduction of imports corresponding to the decline in the competitive power of the export trade. In a number of countries, moreover, exchange control was reinforced by systems of import licences, which were often closely bound up with the exchange restrictions proper and which tended to have essentially the same effect upon trade.

Special interest therefore attaches to the various methods which have recently been applied in certain exchange-control countries to carry out gradual adjustments of the exchanges with the minimum of psychological disturbance. The first example of the application of such methods was Austria, where a devaluation of the currency was effected by cautious steps between February 1932 and April 1934 and where at the same time exchange control was rendered practically ineffective in commercial intercourse with countries with "free" currencies. The Austrian method consisted in a progressive extension of the scope of "private clearing" operations permitted between exporters and importers. This method of legalising the "black market" has been widely adopted in South America. At least two other examples of it may be found in Europe. When Latvia devalued her currency in October 1936, it was officially stated that for some time previously direct exchange dealings between exporters and importers had been authorised at rates substantially below the official gold parity. In Bulgaria, a beginning was made with the "private clearing" system in the latter part of 1934. Under this system, exporters, after surrendering a certain percentage of their foreign exchange to the National Bank at the official rates, are authorised to sell the remainder in the free market, where the premium on "free" currencies has fluctuated between 32% and 35% since October 1936.

In three European countries — Yugoslavia, Hungary and Roumania — the central bank itself buys foreign exchange at a premium above the nominal parity in force and imposes a corresponding surcharge on foreign exchange sold to importers. In Yugoslavia, a premium of 20% was introduced in October 1932 and was raised to $28\frac{1}{2}\%$ in January 1933. The percentage of foreign exchange which exporters must tender to the National Bank was brought down by stages from 80% in 1931 to 25% in January 1938; it appears that the rates quoted on the free market do not differ by more than 7-8% from those paid by the Bank. In Hungary and Roumania, all exchange transactions have remained rigorously centralised. The premia introduced in Hungary in December 1932 and in Roumania in June 1935 — varying for different commodities and different currencies — were unified in both countries in December 1935 at a level of 50% and 38% respectively on the leading "free" currencies.

The over-valuation of the German mark is to some extent mitigated by a general system of export subsidies. Part of the German export trade, moreover, is conducted at rates which show a considerable depreciation on the official parity.

The exchange restrictions of Lithuania and Poland are remarkable in that their restrictive effect upon trade has not been alleviated, so far as is known, by an extensive system of export subsidies, exchange premia or any other indirect departure from the official gold parity. The introduction of exchange control in Lithuania and Poland is of comparatively recent date (October 1st, 1935, and April 26th, 1936, respectively). Both countries had pursued a vigorous policy of deflation during the depression. They imposed exchange control at a time when the trend of agricultural prices in the world market had already turned upward. From the introduction of exchange control to the end of 1937, the gold and foreign exchange reserves of Lithuania increased from 49 million litas to 85 million litas, while those of Poland rose from 396 million zloty to 471 million zloty.³³ The recent expansion in the trade of these countries has been particularly marked on the side of imports, as may be seen from the following figures :

	Lithuania : (Litas 000,000's)			<i>Poland :</i> (Zloty 000,000's)			
	Imports	Exports	Balance	Imports	Exports	Balance	
1935 1936 1937	127 154 212	152 190 208	+ 25 + 36 - 4	861 1,003 1,254	925 1,026 1,196	+ 64 + 23 58	

In certain cases, measures tending to relax exchange and import restrictions have recently been facilitated by the rise in prices in external markets as well as by exchange adjustments. In Denmark, for example, following upon a rise in the price of some of the

²⁹ Part of this increase has probably been due to the surrender — required by the exchange regulations — of foreign means of payment held by nationals. Both in Lithuania and in Poland, United States dollar notes circulated extensively in the post-war period.

country's principal export products, amendments were adopted in December 1937, which removed about a third of total imports from the licensing system. In Czechoslovakia, after the second devaluation of the crown in October 1936, exchange restrictions in respect of imports were abolished early in 1937; the import licensing system was retained, but the "free list" (*i. e.*, the list of commodities exempted from that system) was extended so as to cover about 50% of the total value of imports, as compared with about 20% previously. In Roumania, about 40% of imports were placed on the "free list" in July 1937; unlike Denmark and Czechoslovakia, however, freedom from import licensing did not in Roumania entail freedom of payment for the imports concerned, which continued to be restricted by the exchange regulations.

In Portugal, exchange restrictions were completely abolished in October 1937. Already for some years previously, exchange permits had been granted more freely and for increasing amounts.

Outside Europe and South America, the principal " restricted " currency is the Japanese yen. Exchange control, mainly intended to prevent a flight of capital, was imposed in Japan under a Law of July 1932 (" Law concerning the Prevention of Exports of Capital "). The control was extended to commercial transactions in January 1937 and was rendered considerably more stringent in July 1937.³⁴ In China, exchange restrictions were introduced in March 1938.

In all the South-American countries, except Peru, Venezuela ³⁵ and Ecuador, ³⁶ exchange restrictions are in force. Yet, in South America, exchange depreciation has, on the whole, been heavier than elsewhere, as may be seen from Table II of the Appendix. Exchange policy in South America has thus been different from the policy of most of the European exchange-control countries, where exchange restrictions were used for the defence of the old currency parities, though, in South America also, exchange control was no doubt partly intended to act as a brake on the exchange depreciation. In contrast to most of the European countries in question, where all exchange transactions were rigorously centralised under the appropriate authority, the free exchange market was officially recognised in the South-American countries at a relatively early stage.³⁷ In most cases exporters are required to deliver a certain percentage of their foreign-exchange proceeds to the authorities at the official rates and are allowed to dispose of the remainder in the free market, where rates have either been left to fluctuate under the influence of supply and demand, or — as in the case of Chile — have been "pegged" by the authorities. The percentage in question is not always uniform for all commodities, but is in certain cases varied so as to encourage the export of some particular commodity or commodities.

The margin between official and free rates which can be observed in South-American countries is of some interest in judging the severity of the exchange control, inasmuch as this margin provides a concrete indication of the strength of the demand for foreign exchange which is not satisfied at the official rates. The accompanying table illustrates the movement

³⁴ See the chapter on Japan in Vol. II of this publication (Commercial and Central Banks).

³⁵ It should be noted, however, that in Venezuela, under a Decree of December 1st, 1936, establishing export subsidies for the principal agricultural products, the foreign-exchange proceeds from the export of goods benefiting from such subsidies must be surrendered to a Government office, which retains a portion for official requirements and resells the remainder to the banks. See Vol. II of this publication, *Commercial and Central Banks*, Chapter on Venezuela.

³⁶ In Ecuador, exchange control was introduced in May 1932, abolished in October 1932, reintroduced in July 1936, and again abolished in July 1937. The final removal of exchange control in July 1937 was followed by a substantial depreciation of the sucre, as may be seen from Table II of the Appendix.

³⁷ In October 1931 in Bolivia, in August 1932 in Chile, in November 1933 in the Argentine, in February 1934 in Uruguay, in May 1934 in Brazil, and towards the end of 1934 in Colombia.

of the gold value of six South-American currencies according to official rates and free rates from 1934 to 1937. From the columns showing the percentage ratio of the official value of the currency to its value in the free market, it will be seen that, up to the middle of 1937, there was a marked tendency towards a narrowing of the margin between official and free rates. This was brought about either by an appreciation of the free rate, as in the Argentine and Uruguay, or by a depreciation of the official rate, as in Bolivia and Chile. In the former case, it reflected mainly an improved demand for the country's export products in the world market; in the latter, it represented mainly an official recognition of and adaptation to existing conditions. In both cases the reduction of the spread undoubtedly indicated a certain relaxation in the stringency of exchange control.

	1934		19	1935		1936		1937			1938	
	VI	XII	VI	XII	VI	XII	ш	VI	IX	XII	I	11
Argentine.				Ì								ĺ
Official rate	47.1	46.1	45.9	46.0	46.8	45.5	45.3	45.8	45.9	46.4	46.4	46.5
Free rate	34.4	35.0	36.8	38.1	38.7	41.5	41.8	42.3	41.7	40.8	40.6	37.2
Ratio of official to free rate	137	132	125	121	121	110	108	108	110	113	114	125
Bolivia.			1		1		I	1	1	1	i —	1
Official rate	42.3	39.1	42.2	38.3	16.0	15.6	9.7	9.8	9.9		-	1 -
Free rate].	9.7	9.9	7.3	4.9	5.5	6.6	8.0	8.0]
Ratio of official to free rate	<u>,</u>	•	435	387	219	318	176	148	124		—	
Brazil.	1	1	1			1)	1	1		1	1
Official rate	42.1	40.7	41.2	41.6	42.9	42.9	43.0	43.0	43.1		_	{ }
Free rate	31.5	33.8	27.0	27.3	28.5	29.3	30.2	32.4	31.6	26.9	25.9	28.8
Ratio of official to free rate	134	120	153	152	151	146	142	133	136		_	_
Chile.			1	1					}	1	1	1
Official rate	49.9	50.0	24.8	24.9	24.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.1	25.1
Free rate	18.9	20.5	20.2	19.0	18.2	18.7	18.7	18.7	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4
Ratio of official to free rate	264	244	123	131	136	134	134	134	129	129	129	129
Colombia.			1		1	1]		1		1	1
Official rate	35.3	39.4	33.1	34.8	34.7	34.8	34.6	34.6	34.6	32.9	33.7	33.4
Free rate		.	32.4	32.6	33.0	33.9	33.7	33.9	33.7	31.4	·	
Ratio of official to free rate			102	107	105	103	103	102	103	105		
Uruguay.	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Official rate	46.1	46.1	46.0	46.1	45.8	45.7	45.0	45.2	45.2	45.7	37.9	37.7
Free rate		23.0	23.1	26.0	28.5	31.1	31.0	33.1	33.0	30.6		
Ratio of official to free rate		200	199	177	161	147	145	137	137	150	·	l

VALUE OF CURRENCIES	S AS	Percentage	\mathbf{OF}	Gold	PARITY	IN	1929.
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The second half of 1937, however, witnessed developments for which the fall in prices of staple products in the world market appears, in part at least, to have been responsible. In the Argentine, the margin widened appreciably in the second half of 1937 as a result of a weakening of the free rate. During the first two months of 1938, the free rate depreciated further from about 17 pesos per £ to over 19 pesos per £. The official selling rate was left unchanged at 16 pesos per £. The bulk of Argentine import requirements are covered at official rates, and the depreciation of the free rate appears to reflect largely an outflow of foreign funds.

In Brazil, the weakening of the free rate began in August 1937, when a Pan-American conference of coffee-producing States failed to agree on a common restriction scheme. After the final breakdown of negotiations at the end of October, measures were taken in Brazil tending to remove the restriction policy which had been practised by Brazil alone. In order

to strengthen the competitive position of Brazilian coffee in the world market, the export tax on coffee, the proceeds of which had been used to acquire part of the crop for destruction, was considerably lowered and the quota of 35% of the exchange proceeds of coffee exports which had to be surrendered at official rates was abolished on November 17th, 1937. As this quota had been used by the Government for its foreign debt payments, the service of foreign debts was suspended at the same time. Official rates ceased to be quoted after November 17th, and the remaining "free" rate continued to depreciate under the influence of the fall in the price of coffee. The abolition of the official rate implied no relaxation of exchange control. On the contrary, a regulation of December 23rd, 1937, required all export bills to be sold to the Bank of Brazil, the Bank distributing the available supply of exchange for import requirements against payment of a tax of 3%.

In Colombia, the exchange position was similarly affected by the fall in the price of coffee. On November 17th, the issue of import permits was restricted and the "free" market subjected to Government control.

In Bolivia and Uruguay, likewise, the distinction between the official and the free market has tended to disappear. In Bolivia, rates in the two markets were made uniform in October 1937, quotations of the official rate being discontinued.³⁸ In Uruguay, a Decree of December December 4th, 1937, abolished the official rate, the new uniform buying rate of the central bank was fixed midway between the previous official and free rates at 7.60 pesos per £, and the selling rate at 8 pesos per £ for Government requirements and at a fluctuating and slightly higher level for private requirements.

The policy of maintaining the official value of the currency at a higher level than that ruling in the free market has, in most cases, been designed to secure a supply of foreign exchange at cheaper rates for the service of the Government's foreign debt, and has thus represented a special form of taxation. In Uruguay, apter the Decree of December 4th, this object was secured not only by the privileged rate applicable to Government requirements, but also by the maintenance of a substantial margin between buying and selling rates. In other countries, too, the monopoly of exchange dealings which the institution responsible for the administration of exchange control enjoys has been an attractive source of revenue to the authorities. In the Argentine, a system was introduced in November 1933 under which the foreign exchange surrendered by the exporters was sold to importers by auction. In 1935, the auction sales were abolished, but a high margin was established between the official buying rate (15 pesos to the \pounds) and the selling rate (17 pesos, reduced to 16 in December 1936). In Estonia, the margin between the central bank's buying and selling rates has been smaller than in the Argentine, but still substantially wider than it had been under competitive conditions. Profits on exchange constituted 33.5% of the bank's gross profits in 1934, as compared with 8.4% in 1929; after 1934, they declined owing to an extension of exchange dealings permitted to the private banks.

Exchange control has come to play an important part as an instrument of bilateral trade policy. In the Argentine, for example, foreign exchange at the official selling rates can only be obtained against exchange permits issued for imports, from each individual country up to the amount of that country's purchases of Argentine products. Importers who do not hold exchange permits can only cover their requirements at the higher rates ruling in the free market, and have, in addition, to pay a variable tax which always makes the cost of exchange 20% higher to them than to importers in possession of permits. By a Decree of January 28th,

³⁸ It appears, however, that multiple rates were reintroduced in March 1938.

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1938, this tax, which has been in force since April 1935, was reduced to 10%, but the depreciation of the free rate which occurred at the same time made the reduction ineffective in practice and even increased the cost of imports from countries with which the Argentine has a passive trade balance. In Greece, exchange regulations in force since January 1935 have similarly favoured imports from countries with which Greece has an export surplus. In Estonia, the private banks have been authorised since December 1934 to deal freely in the currencies of countries can only be obtained by application to the central bank. Germany, in particular, has been led by her exchange difficulties to build up an extensive system of bilateral barter and clearing agreements by which she has been able to expand her trade with other countries with " weak " currencies, notably in South-Eastern Europe and South America. To some extent, Germany's bilateral trade control has probably been an influence making for the continuance of exchange restrictions in other countries for the same purpose of bilateral trade regulation.

A further reason for the maintenance of exchange restrictions probably lies in the fact that the great majority of exchange-control countries are agricultural and mining States exporting foodstuffs and rax materials, and that their terms of trade, though they have improved since 1932, have failed to recover to the pre-depression level. On the basis of indices published in the *Review of World Trade*, 1936 (page 15), the relationship between prices of foodstuffs and raw materials and prices of manufactured goods entering into world trade appears to have moved as follows from 1929 to 1936 :

	1929	1932	1934	1936
Price-relationship of : Foodstuffs to manufactured goods	100	81	83	88
Raw materials to manufactured goods	100 .	69	79	86

After the first quarter of 1937, the sharp fall in the prices of most primary products led to a renewed deterioration in the terms of trade of countries producing foodstuffs and raw materials. The trade position of many of these countries, combined with the absence of new capital imports and with the necessity for repaying old debts, has not enabled them to replenish to any appreciable extent their gold and exchange reserves which were severely reduced in the depression.

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B. — **BANKING POLICY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE.**

United States of America.

The sharp setback in production and business activity which occurred in the United States in 1937 lends particular interest to recent banking developments in that country. It seems appropriate, therefore, to open the present survey with a brief analysis of the monetary aspects of this recession and of the later stages of the recovery which preceded it. The fact that, in accordance with the subject-matter of this volume, the analysis will concentrate on monetary phenomena, should not, of course, be taken to imply that the causes of recent business fluctuations in the United States lie wholly or even mainly in the field of credit and currency.

As is well known, the deficit finance of the Federal Government was an important factor during the recent period of economic recovery in the United States. The total interestbearing Government debt rose from \$19,161 million at the end of June 1932 to \$33,700 million at the end of December 1936. A large part of the increase in Government securities outstanding was taken up by the banks, thus increasing the volume of deposit money. The expenditure of this new money by the Government stimulated production and rendered private business liquid.

In 1937, the budgetary situation underwent a rapid change. Strenuous efforts were made in the financial year ended June 30th, 1937, to reduce the deficit. The excess of Treasury expenditure over receipts amounted, in fact, to \$2,707 million in the financial year 1936/37 as compared with \$4,361 in the financial year 1935/36. Not only was the deficit reduced, but it came to be covered to an increasing extent by a new source of current receipts rather than by fresh borrowing from the market. This new source was provided by the Social Security Act of August 14th, 1935, and consisted of taxes on wages and on employers, and of contributions from the individual States, which in most cases came into force on January 1st, 1937.¹ By the end of December 1937, \$1,188 million of Social Security bonds had been issued by the Treasury as a counterpart of these receipts. The " publicly offered " Government debt rose from \$32,497 million to \$34,018 million — or by \$1,521 million — in the course of 1937. These figures include the "U.S. Savings Bonds ", which are generally not taken up by banks,² and which increased from \$475 million to \$964 million — or by \$489 million — during the same period. The "open-market" public debt³ therefore rose by only \$1,032 million. Had the "inactive" gold fund of the Treasury not increased by \$1,201 million during 1937,⁴ there would actually have been a reduction of \$169 million in the "open-market" debt in this period.

¹ These sums are paid into the Trust Funds, such as the old-age reserve account and the unemployment trust fund, set up by the Act. They must be invested in U. S. Government obligations yielding at least 3%. If the market yield of Government securities is less than 3% as was the case in the period under review, the Treasury issues special bonds, carrying 3%, to the Funds. The proceeds of these special issues are available to the Treasury for general current expenditure or for the redemption of Government securities held in the market. It has been estimated that the old-age reserve account alone will have accumulated \$47,000 million of Government bonds in about forty years.

² The amount of U. S. Savings bonds which can be acquired by any single buyer is limited to \$10,000 per year. The issue of these bonds was begun in March 1935.

³ This expression has been used, in the sense indicated in the Federal Reserve Bulletin (see, e.g., the June issue of 1937, page 506).

⁴ It will be recalled that, under the "gold sterilisation" procedure which came into force on December 24th, 1936, the Treasury finances its gold purchases not by the transfer of a corresponding amount of gold certificates to the Federal Reserve Banks, but by the issue of additional Government obligations to the market.

The change in Government finance does not in itself represent an adequate explanation of the monetary and banking changes which occurred in the United States during 1937 and which will presently be discussed. The deficit finance of the preceding years was mainly significant in that a large part of it was covered by the banks and thus led to an

expansion of the available supply of money. It

is necessary, therefore, to consider the changes which have recently taken place in the banks'

holdings of Government securities. It will become

apparent that these changes bear no close rela-

tionship to the changes in Government finance

1937, direct Government obligations held by the

weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities declined almost continuously from \$9,510 million to \$8,018 million, or by over 15%. As shown by Diagram 6, the decline which occurred in the second half of 1936 was relatively moderate, amounting to \$269 million, or less than 3%.⁹ At the same time, the total "open-market" debt of the Federal Government (*i.e.*, total "publicly offered" obligations less U. S. savings bonds) increased from \$30,981, million to \$32,022 million, or by \$1,041 million, between June 30th and December 31st, 1936. The slight decline in banks' holdings appears to have been mainly due to the Treasury's efforts to reduce the proportion of short term obligations in its total debt. The

percentage composition of the interest-bearing

Between July 1st, 1936, and December 29th,

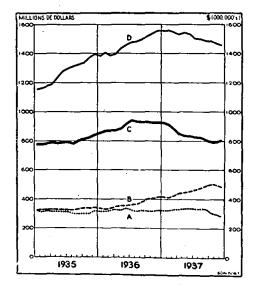
which have just been described.

Diagram 6.

REPORTING MEMBER BANKS.

(Monthly averages.)

- A. Loans on securities.⁵
- B. Other loans.⁶
- C. U. S. Government obligations.⁷
- D. Demand deposits, adjusted.⁸



public debt changed as follows during 1936 and the first half of 1937:

	December 31st 1935	June 30th 1936	December 31st 1936	June 30th 1937
Bonds	. 50	56	61	61
Notes and certificates	. 42	37	32	33
Bills	. · 8	. 7	7	6
Total	. 100	100	100	100

⁵ Loans to brokers, doalers and others (except banks) on securities. The basis of classification was slightly changed in May 1937.

⁶ This item may be taken to represent meinly loans to commercial customers. The basis of classification was slightly changed in May 1937.

⁷ Direct obligations only.

⁸ Demand deposits other than inter-bank and U. S. Government deposits, less cash items on hand or in process of collection. This series is available for the reporting member banks only since September 1934.

• The figures covering all member banks show a decline in Government securities from \$11,721 million to \$11,639 million, or by \$82 million, between June 30th and December 31st, 1936. They show a decline of \$851 million from June 30th, 1936, to June 30th, 1937, as compared with a decline of \$1,209 million (from July 1st, 1936, to June 30th, 1937) in the case of the weekly reporting banks only. This indicates that the sales of Government securities by the banks were concentrated in the leading financial centres, and were offset to some extent by continued purchases on the part of country banks. In any comparisons involving recent dates, it is necessary to use the figures for the weekly reporting banks, as those for all number banks are published with a longer delay and at less frequent intervals.

The banks did not fully replace their maturing Treasury notes and bills by new Treasury bonds in the second half of 1936. Already more than half of their total portfolio of Government obligations consisted of bonds,¹⁰ and their willingness to take up additional bonds was naturally restrained by the fear of a possible rise in interest rates and a consequent depreciation of their holdings. The small net reduction in the banks' portfolio of Government paper in the second half of 1936 did not prevent a further fall in interest rates ; the average yield of Government bonds fell from 2.50% in June to 2.27% in December 1936. The demand for Government securities on the part of investors other than banks was stimulated by anticipations of an improvement in the budgetary position. Furthermore, just as the open-market purchases of the Federal Reserve System in 1932 and 1933 had increased the capacity of the member banks to purchase Government securities, so the purchases of the member banks had in turn rendered private business liquid and had increased the capacity of non-banking investors to take up Government paper. In the second half of 1936, the latter were thus able to acquire more than \$1,000 million of Government securities and the share of the member banks in the total "open-market" public debt (as defined above) declined from 38% to 36%, as is shown by the following statement :

	June 30th 1932	June 30th 1934	June 30th 1936	December 31st 1936	June 30th 1937
			\$ (000,000's)		
1. Total " open-market " public debt	18,816	26,006	30,981	32,022	32,934
2. Held by member banks	5,628	9,136	11,721	11,639	10,870
3. Held by others	13,188	16,870	19,260	20,383	22,064
4. Percentage ratio of (2) to (1)	30	35	38	36	33

Before turning to the events of 1937, it may be noted that the slight reduction in banks' Government investments in the second half of 1936 had no effect whatever on the volume of deposit money, as it was more than compensated by an increase of \$686 million in the commercial loans of the member banks and by an increase of \$965 million in their cash balances with the Federal Reserve Banks, resulting from the inflow of foreign funds, so that demand deposits available to the public rose from \$20,284 million to \$21,647 million or by 7% during the six months reviewed.

In the course of 1937, Government obligations held by the reporting member banks were reduced by 1,223 million. The continued increase of bank loans was insufficient to offset this reduction, and the volume of demand deposits available to the public (*i.e.*, "demand deposits adjusted") declined from 15,571 million to 14,431 million, or by over 7%. The deflationary effect of the sales of Government securities by the banks requires no explanation. There is no reason to suppose that the deposits which were held by the public in the purchase of these securities, and which were thus "cancelled off",

¹⁰ The following table shows the composition of the banks' holdings of U. S. Government obligations at the end of 1935 and 1936, as published in the Annual Reports of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The corresponding data for June 30th, 1937, are calculated on the basis of figures published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, September 1937, page 824. The figures cover all member banks.

	December 31	1st, 1935	December 31st, 1936		June 30th, 1937	
\$(000,000's)	Held by member banks	°o of total	Held by member banks	of total	Heid by member banks	of total
Bonda	3,906 5,403 1,192	37 52 11	6,060 4,527 1,052	53 39 9	5,689 4 360 821	53 40 8
Total	10,501	100	11,639	100	10,870	100

consisted wholly or even predominantly of inactive or idle deposits which had taken no part in the monetary circulation in any case. In some measure, the securities sold by the banks were undoubtedly paid for also by deposits which would otherwise have been directed, for instance, to new issues of industrial securities and which would thus have remained in active existence. As was seen above, the "open-market" public debt increased by \$1,032 million during 1937. If the sales of the weekly reporting member banks are added to this figure, and if account is taken of the \$134 million by which the Federal Reserve Banks increased their holdings of Government obligations within this period, it will be seen that the investment market outside the banks had to absorb well over \$2,000 million of Government securities in 1937. For purposes of comparison, it may be mentioned that new corporate security issues for domestic account amounted to \$1,192 million during the year. Government securities - partly "old ", partly " new "- thus entered into competition with the private demand for capital. Interest rates did not fail to respond, though their rise was relatively very moderate ; the average yield of Government bonds, for example, rose from 2.27% in December 1936 to 2.74% in April 1937, but thereafter receded gradually to 2.54% in December 1937.

Had the movement of the banks' holdings of Government securities been a simple reflection of the Government's deficit borrowing in the market, these holdings would have shown an appreciably smaller rate of growth in 1937 than in previous years, but no absolute decline. It is necessary, therefore, to examine other factors which may have played a part in the credit contraction which occurred in 1937. The following paragraphs give a brief review of the principal measures taken by the authorities in the sphere of money and banking in 1936 and 1937, without, however, implying any judgment on their causal significance for the events of 1937.

During 1936 and the early months of 1937, monetary policy was prompted largely by the desire to prevent inflation. Demand deposits with the member banks in 1936 were nearly a third higher than in 1929, while production and prices were still appreciably below the level of 1929. The exceptionally large excess reserves of the banks, moreover, offered abundant scope for the creation of new credit. Measures were therefore taken to limit the possibilities of further expansion.

In January and March 1936, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting under the powers given to it by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, took measures to restrict the extension of credit for purchasing and carrying securities. Regulations introduced under this Act in October 1934 required that a certain percentage of the current market value of securities held by borrowings from security dealers and brokers should be covered by the borrower's own funds. These "margin" percentages were governed by a sliding scale designed to prevent the realisation of profits in a rising market for use as margins for further commitments. The margin percentage thus rose automatically from an average of 30% in October 1934 to one of 40% early in January 1936. At the end of the latter month, the maximum percentage of the sliding scale was raised by the Board from 45% to 55%. In March 1936, the Board abolished the sliding scale and fixed a uniform percentage of margin requirements at 55% on all loans made by brokers and dealers for purchasing or holding securities. This regulation was at the same time extended to security loans made by banks. The method of margin requirements was intended to prevent the recurrence of an expansion of credit for speculative purposes, such as had occurred in 1928-29. "This method differs from other means of credit control in that it affects directly the demand for credit rather than the available supply or cost, thus exercising a restraint on

speculation without limiting the supply or raising the cost of credit to agriculture, trade and industry ".¹¹

The main problem of credit control, however, was the growth of excess reserves of the member banks. It appears that the authorities at first attempted to check this growth by transferring Treasury balances from member banks to Federal Reserve banks. Government deposits with the weekly reporting banks declined, accordingly, from an average of \$1,071 million in the first half of 1935 to an average of \$692 million in the first half of 1935, while the average amount of Government deposits with the Federal Reserve Banks rose from \$124 million to \$653 million. Excess reserves of the member banks ceased to expand in the first half of 1936 and showed, indeed, a slightly downward tendency, falling from \$3,002 million on January 8th to \$2,670 million on July 1st. But the possibilities of this method were obviously limited, and by August 12th, 1936, excess reserves had again increased to \$3,167 million.

The Board of Governors therefore decided to exercise the powers granted to it by the Banking Act of 1935 to increase the legal reserve requirements of the member banks. These were raised by 50% on August 15th, 1936, and excess reserves dropped accordingly from \$3,167 million on August 12th, to \$1,813 million on August 19th. By November 18th, 1936, however, excess reserves had again risen to \$2,276 million as a result of the continued influx of gold; the slight decline which they showed in the succeeding weeks was merely due to the seasonal drain of cash into circulation.

In order to isolate the cash basis of the banking structure from the inflow of foreign capital, the Treasury adopted a policy of gold "sterilisation" as from December 24th, 1936. Under the new procedure, the Treasury's gold purchases for account of the "inactive" gold fund established for this purpose were financed by additional borrowing from the market instead of by the sale of gold certificates to the Federal Reserve banks.

In January 1937, it was decided to raise reserve requirements by a further 50% — *i.e.*, to the full limit allowed by the law. Half of this increase became effective on March 1st and half on May 1st, 1937. As a result, excess reserves fell to \$887 million on May 5th.

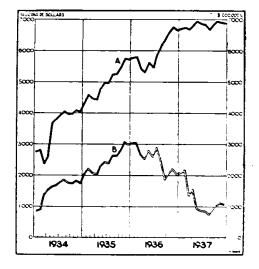
During April 1937, the Federal Reserve banks made open-market purchases of Government securities, amounting to \$96 million, for the first time since October 1933. This step appears contrary to the objective pursued in raising the legal reserve requirements. Compared, however, with

Diagram 7.

MEMBER BANK RESERVES.

(Monthly averages.)

- A. Total reserve balances.
- B. Excess reserves.



the amount by which excess reserves were reduced through the increase in legal requirements on March 1st and May 1st, the effect of the open-market purchases of April 1937 was hardly considerable. These purchases meant simply that the actual reduction in excess

¹¹ Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 1936, page 33.

reserves was by \$96 million less than the reduction of approximately \$1,500 million which would have taken place if other factors had remained unchanged.

Though the member banks taken as a whole still held a comfortable margin of excess reserves after the increase of reserve requirements in March and May, this increase created difficulties of adjustment for a number of individual banks. Moreover, after a long period of exceptionally large excess reserves, it may well be that bankers had become accustomed to a high degree of cash liquidity, and that they were reluctant to allow a sudden decline of excess reserves to levels which seemed unusually low if compared with the recent past.¹² It is clear, at any rate, that the banks reacted to the changed reserve regulations by disposing of part of their Government paper.¹³ In the five weeks from February 24th to March 31st, the reporting member banks reduced their holdings of Government obligations from \$9,094 million to \$8,396 million, or by practically \$700 million. There was a sharp break in the prices of Government securities; the average yield of Treasury bonds advanced from 2.32% to 2.71% or by 17% in the course of March. The open-market purchases effected by the Federal Reserve banks in April were intended to lend direct support to the Government bond market. Already in the two preceding months, the Federal Reserve banks had taken measures in this direction by changing the composition of their (unchanged) total Government portfolio of \$2,430 million: they had increased their holdings of Treasury bonds by \$421 million from \$216 million to \$637 million, while reducing their Treasury notes and bills by the same amount. The April purchases consisted wholly of bonds, so that the amount of Government bonds held by the Federal Reserve banks increased further to \$733 million at the end of April.

Prices of industrial shares, having reached a peak level in the middle of March, took a downward course thereafter. A severe reaction set in likewise in commodity prices, which had been rapidly driven up in the preceding six months by forward buying of a speculative nature. A statement was made by the President on April 2nd to the effect that the rise in the prices of certain durable staple commodities was excessive and that a diversion of Government expenditure would be used to counteract it. A week later, a rumour of an impending reduction of the dollar price of gold gained wide circulation and contributed to a further weakening of stock and commodity markets. A notable consequence of the "gold scare", which lasted till the latter part of June, was the accelerated inflow of foreign balances, which, in contrast to the previous year, were placed on deposit with the banks rather than invested on the stock exchange. In the first nine months of 1937, while foreign security purchases in the United States amounted to only \$384 million, foreign-owned bank deposits showed a net increase of \$900 million. Of this increase, \$149 million is accounted for by balances of foreign banks with the Federal Reserve banks, and \$221 million and \$19 million respectively by demand and time deposits of foreign banks with the reporting

¹³ The low return on Government paper may have been a factor influencing their action ; during 1936 the average yield of Treasury bonds, notes and bills was 2.47%, 1.11% and 0.14% respectively.

¹² Another consideration to which some importance has been attached may be mentioned in this connection. It relates to the ratio of the member banks' own capital funds to their deposit liabilities. A bank's capital stock and undistributed profits represent a "guarantee fund " against losses, and banks naturally endeavour to maintain a certain proportion between this "guarantee fund " and the volume of their operations. A ratio of 10% is generally regarded by banks in the United States as a minimum below which the proportion of capital funds to deposit should not be allowed to fall. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in fact, requires at least a 10% ratio to be maintained by the insured banks. The member banks' reserve funds had been reduced in the depression, and the low money rates which subsequently provailed and which restricted their earning capacity made it difficult to issue additional capital. The relatively low " capital ratio" of the member banks particularly sensitive to the increase in reserve requirements, in so far as the large excess reserves of cash had been reduced in for the low level of the " capital ratio ".

member banks. Demand deposits (" adjusted ") with the reporting member banks declined by \$707 million in the first nine months of 1937. If account is taken of the simultaneous increase of over \$500 million in private foreign-owned deposits, which, like those of foreign banks, in all probability affected chiefly demand deposits, but which nevertheless represent in the main inactive balances, it will be seen that the volume of demand deposits available for the domestic business circulation may have decreased by as much as \$1,200 million in the first nine months of 1937.

A drastic change in monetary policy became apparent in the autumn of 1937, when vigorous steps were taken to counteract the credit contraction. The most important of these measures was the release of \$300 million of gold from the "inactive" account of the Treasury in the middle of September. This meant that the Treasury sold \$300 million of gold certificates to the Federal Reserve banks and used the proceeds to repay an equivalent amount of maturing obligations. The cash balances of the member banks were thereby immediately increased by that amount, and excess reserves rose above \$1,000 million.

Between August 21st and September 4th, 1937, the twelve Federal Reserve banks¹⁴ reduced their discount rate from 2% to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, except in the case of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where the reduction — made on August 27th — was from $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 1%. Moreover, the rules governing the eligibility of paper presented for rediscount to the Federal Reserve banks were appreciably relaxed as from October 1st, 1937; under the new regulations, the Federal Reserve banks are authorised to lend against any asset which they find satisfactory, including instalment finance paper. The extension of the provisions regarding eligibility was prompted partly, no doubt, by the scarcity of ordinary commercial

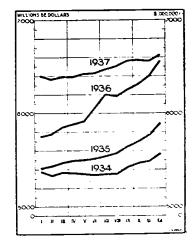
paper. The reduction of discount rates and the extension of rediscount facilities were intended to encourage member banks with inadequate cash reserves to borrow at the Federal Reserve banks instead of selling Government securities. In general, however, the significance of these two measures was diminished by the "de-sterilisation" of gold, which added \$300 million to the reserves of member banks; their borrowings at the Federal Reserve banks continued to be practically negligible.

In view of the steep decline of stock-market values, the restrictions on loans made for the purpose of carrying securities were relaxed on November 1st, 1937, the margin requirements being reduced from 55% to 40%.

Finally, open-market operations were again undertaken in November 1937, when the Federal Reserve banks added \$38 million to their portfolio of Government securities.

The motive officially given for some of the above measures in the autumn of 1937 was to put the banks into a position to meet without difficulty the seasonal expansion of Diagram 8.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION. (Monthly averages.)



the note circulation. This expansion, however, proved to be relatively small in 1937, as may be observed from the accompanying diagram showing the monthly changes of money in circulation during the years 1934-1937. The currency circulation was, in fact, fairly stable

¹⁴ Except the Cleveland Reserve Bank, which had already lowered its rate from 2% to 1½% on May 11th, 1935.

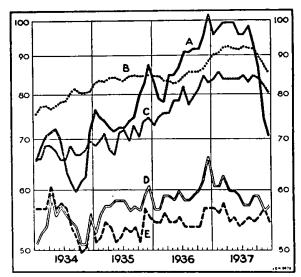
in 1937. The substantial increase which it had shown in the preceding year was partly due to the redemption of veterans' adjusted service bonds, which began on June 15th, 1936.¹⁵ The cash payments to the war veterans were probably also partly responsible for the sharp increase in retail sales of consumers' goods which took place in 1936. The movement of the money value of retail sales during the years 1934-1937, as reflected in sales of department stores, is shown in Diagram 9. Another factor contributing to the expansion of department-

Diagram 9.

INDICES OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

1929 = 100

- A. Industrial production.
- **B.** Wholesale prices.
- C. Department-store sales.
- D. Debits outside New York City.
- E. Velocity of circulation of demand deposits outside New York City.



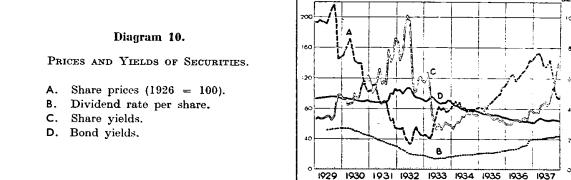
store sales in 1936 was probably the increase in dividend payments of industrial companies, which is shown in Diagram 10 on the opposite page, and which may partly be attributed to the introduction of the tax on undistributed profits. After these two non-recurrent factors had had their effect, retail sales ceased to expand further in 1937 and even showed a downward tendency towards the end of that year. The new Social Security taxes which, as mentioned above, came into effect at the beginning of 1937, undoubtedly tended to restrict consumers' demand. Industrial production, especially in the investment industries, did not immediately react to the sudden drop in the rate of increase in retail sales ; the lag appears to have been due in some measure to the working-off of existing orders on hand, for which, unfortunately, comprehensive statistics are not available.

The stock-market decline which began in March 1937 and the change in profit anticipations which it implied appear to have been based partly on information regarding new orders. To some extent, this decline was also a reflection of the rise in bond yields which, as was seen above, was largely a result of the action of the banks ; if dividends are unchanged, the yield of shares must normally be adjusted to a rise in the long-term rate of interest, as reflected in the yield of bonds, by a downward revision of share values. Furthermore, there was a sudden increase in dividends in the second half of 1936, which appears to have resulted mainly from the undistributed profits tax introduced in 1936. In the stock-market " boom " of September 1936 to March 1937, there seems to have been a tendency to overlook the temporary and non-recurrent character of this rise in dividend payments. When at the beginning of 1937 dividends remained practically stable at the

¹⁵ These bonds, issued under the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act of January 1936, hear 3% interest and mature in 1945, but are redeemable at any previous date at the option of the holder. By June 30th, 1936, \$1,669 million of these bonds had been issued, of which \$958 million had already been redeemed.

higher level, anticipations of a continued rise were disappointed and a reaction in share prices ensued.

Some of the data relating to stock-market movements in the United States may be examined with the aid of Diagram 10, covering the period 1929-1937. The series for share prices, share yields and average dividend rates all refer to shares of industrial companies; but these three series are not strictly comparable, since the price-index comprises 347 issues, while the yield of shares refers to 492 issues and the average rate of dividend to 125 issues. The curve representing the long-term interest rate refers to the highest grade corporate bonds,¹⁶ which are taken in preference to Government bonds, as the latter have often been influenced by special factors connected with Government finance.



The yield of shares tends normally to be higher than the yield of first-class bonds, as the former is subject to a greater degree of risk and uncertainty. The spread between the two series is sometimes taken to indicate the state of anticipations entertained by the investing public with regard to the future. The diagram shows that, in the third quarter of 1929, the yield of shares was considerably lower than that of bonds, indicating a state of speculative optimism. In April 1932, on the other hand, share yields were nearly twice as high as bond yields, indicating a pessimistic evaluation of prospects. The rise in share prices which accompanied the depreciation of the dollar in the spring of 1933 brought the yield of shares again below that of bonds. The increase in the former above the latter in 1936 can hardly be attributed to any impairment of confidence, but was clearly due to the exceptional increase in the average rate of dividends paid. The rise in share yields which occurred after March 1937, however, must be interpreted as reflecting a deterioration of the market's expectations for the future.

The decline in share prices in 1937 does not appear to have affected the structure of bank credit to any significant extent, as compared with similar declines in earlier periods. On June 29th, 1929; the loans granted by all member banks to brokers and to others on securities amounted to 9,759 million, representing 27.3% of the banks' total loans and investments. By June 30th, 1932, security loans had dropped to 55,570 million. This decrease of 2,189 million was equal to more than half the decrease of 3,891 million which occurred in the total volume of demand deposits between the two dates mentioned. In 1936 and 1937, the banks' security loans were far smaller than in 1929, and the credit structure

¹⁶ Computed by Moody's Investors' Service (corporate bonds, AAA).

accordingly less sensitive to a stock-market decline. On June 30th, 1936, the member banks showed \$4,148 million of loans to brokers and to others on securities, or 12.8% of their total loans and investments. The corresponding figures for June 30th, 1937, were \$4,365 million, or 13.3%. The more recent figures of the reporting member banks suggest, however, that a decline in security loans has contributed to the fall in demand deposits. The reporting banks' loans to brokers and to others on securities declined from \$3,463 million on June 30th to \$2,845 million on December 29th, 1937, or by 18% (see Diagram 6, above).

Attention must be drawn to the fact that, in spite of the reduction in the volume of deposit-money, credit conditions in the United States continued to be characterised by a high degree of liquidity in 1937. How abundant the supply of liquid balances was in 1937 is shown by the fact that, on June 30th, 1937, demand deposits (adjusted) with all member banks, amounting to \$21,401 million, were 31% higher than on June 29th, 1929, when they stood at \$16,324 million, while the aggregate money value of business turnover was roughly 10% below the level of 1929. In other words, the velocity of circulation in 1937 was still very low;¹⁷ with more effective utilisation, the available money-supply would have been adequate to support a much higher level of production and prices. Interest rates in these circumstances showed hardly any sign of serious strain in 1937. From Table VIII of the Appendix, it may be seen that commercial-paper and acceptance rates were, indeed, raised in the first quarter of 1937, but still remained at a relatively low level. It should be remembered that these two rates are largely controlled by banks and are not highly sensitive to market fluctuations. The rate on Treasury bills, which is determined under competitive conditions, showed, if anything, a declining tendency after April 1937; the same applies to bond yields. The violent fall in the volume of production and in the level of share values was associated with no appreciable financial stringency. The continued liquidity of the business structure in 1937 is also confirmed by the available monthly figures on commercial failures. The monthly average amount of liabilities involved in commercial failures was only \$8.9 million in the six months from April to September 1937, as compared with \$11.1 million in the corresponding period of the preceding year. In the same six months of 1929, the figure was \$33 million, rising to \$50.6 million in 1930 and to as much as \$80.3 million in 1932.

United Kingdom.

The banking situation in the United Kingdom underwent no such striking changes in 1937 as in the United States. In spite of a slight decline in the latter part of the year, industrial activity was, on the average, nearly 25% higher than in 1929. Yet 1937 was another year of cheap money : Bank rate remained at 2%, and the market rates on three-month bank bills and Treasury bills at only a shade above $\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The Government's programme for the financing of rearmament expenditure was announced in February 1937. This programme, which provided for new borrowing to an amount of £400 million within the five years beginning April 1st, 1937, aroused considerable discussion regarding its monetary effects. Two alternative methods, it was held, were open

¹⁷ The influences acting on the velocity of circulation of demand deposits in 1937 seem to have been of a conflicting nature. On the one hand, after the increase in legal reserve requirements, banks appear to have been inclined to persuade customers to transfer their idle balances from demand deposit to time deposit, aiming thereby at the release of a certain amount of each reserves (see *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, December 1937, page 1179). The apparent velocity of circulation of demand deposits must have similarly tended to increase owing to the sales of Government securities by the banks, in so far as these securities were paid for by inactive balances held on demand deposit. On the other hand, the average velocity was no doubt diminished by the increase in the proportion of foreign-owned deposits to the total, and naturally also by the desire of investors to avoid capital losses on the security markets by turning their assets into each. The net result, as shown in Diagram 9, was a slight decline in the velocity of circulation outside New York.

to the authorities: the requirements of rearmament finance could be met either (1) by purchases of Government securities by the banks on the basis of an appropriate expansion of their cash reserves, or (2) by issues of loans on the private capital market. If financed by the banks, the borrowing, it was thought, would be inflationary; if financed by private investors, it would raise interest rates to the detriment of private industry.

Subsequent developments showed that the first method of financing played no part in 1937: on the contrary, the London clearing banks¹⁸ reduced their "investments", consisting mainly of Government bonds, from an average of $\pounds 671$ million — the highest monthly average ever recorded for this item - in February 1937 to an average of £635 million in December 1937. As may be seen from the adjoining diagram, the reduction in investments was chiefly due to a rapid rise in advances. The cash position of the banks, though less strained than in 1936,¹⁹ was not, on balance, expanded : the monthly average of cash in December 1937 was £236 million, or exactly the same as in December 1936. The growth of deposits therefore showed a definite slackening in 1937.

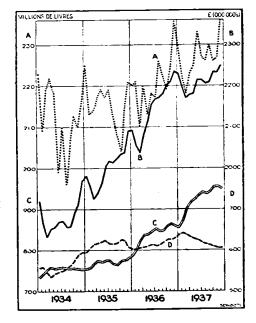
In spite of the slight rise in bond yields which occurred in 1937, the second method of rearmament finance appears to have found little application in the sense of an increased supply of securities which the private capital market was called upon to absorb. The first National Defence loan of £100 million, issued in April, is believed to have been taken up mainly by public departments. These departments consist of extrabudgetary funds, which are administered by the National Debt Commissioners, and invest their

Diagram 11.

TEN CLEARING BANKS.

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- B. Deposits.
- C. Advances.
- D. Investments.



free balances in Government securities. The most important of them held the following amounts (nominal) of Government bonds on December 31st, 1936, or March 31st, 1937:²⁰

	£(000,000's)
Post Office Savings Bank	450.8
Trustee Savings Banks	129.8
National Health Insurance Fund	122.2
Unemployment Insurance Fund	43.4
Treasury Pension Fund	19.5
Post Office Fund	3.5
Total	769.2

In addition to the above, there are a number of smaller funds, which are estimated to bring the total up to approximately £800 million. Moreover, the annual rate of increase of

18 Ten banks.

¹⁹ This is easily seen in Diagram 11, where the vertical scale for deposits is one-tenth of that for eash so that, for example, wherever curve A touches curve B, the cash-ratio has dropped to the conventional minimum of 10%.

²⁰ The figures are reproduced from The Economist, November 6th, 1937, page 268.

this total is estimated at some $\pounds 75$ to $\pounds 80$ million.²¹ Before the introduction of the rearmament programme, these sums went to increase the demand for Government securities in the market. Only to the extent that the weakening of the bond market is attributable to the withdrawal of this additional demand can the rearmament programme be said to have raised the cost of capital to private industry.

The yield of $2\frac{1}{2}$ % Consols rose from an average of 2.99% in December 1936, to 3.39%in September 1937, the greater part of the rise occurring in February and March. There was a declining tendency in the last quarter of the year, the average for December being 3.35%. The fact that the average yield of industrial debentures rose less — from 3.93%in December 1936, to 4.10% in September 1937, receding to 4.09% in December 1937 — indicates that the special factors affecting Government bonds (including the sales of the banks) had but slight repercussions on the market for industrial loans.²² The decline in bond yields in the last quarter of 1937 appears to have been partly a reflection of the fall in share prices, which led to a shifting of investible funds in favour of bonds, and partly a consequence of the slackening of industrial activity.²³

If current Government finance has been a comparatively "neutral" factor in recent monetary developments in the United Kingdom, there is one form of Government borrowing — namely, the issue of Treasury bills — which has exercised an important influence on the banking structure and the money market, and which calls for closer examination.

The maintenance of short-term interest rates in the market at a level of practically $\frac{1}{2}$ % during a long period of economic recovery is without historical precedent. As was mentioned above, the market rates of discount on three-month bank bills and Treasury bills,²² apart from small seasonal variations, remained very stable at only a little above $\frac{1}{2}$ % throughout 1937.²⁴ Even this low level could only be maintained by means of various unofficial agreements under which, as in previous years, the clearing banks refrained from bidding for Treasury bills at the weekly tender and only bought bills in the discount market at a rate not less than the agreed minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ %, while competition between the discount houses in their weekly applications for Treasury bills continued to be restrained by the informal "syndicate" which had been formed for this purpose early in 1935.

Even the seasonal hardening of money rates towards the end of the year, which is partly due to the desire of the banks to show a higher cash-ratio in their end-of-year balance-

²² See Appendix, Table VIII -- " Money Rates and Bond Yields ".

²³ In particular, as a result of the decline in building activity, building societies appear to have invested substantial funds in gilt-edged securities in 1937.

²⁴ The interest saving to the Treasury resulting from the low level of short-term rates has not been much less than that secured by the War Loan conversion in 1932, as the following figures show :

	1928	1929	1930	1935	1936	1937
March 31st :			£(000),000's)		
Floating debt 🌯	688.8	737.3	637.4	833.4	782.2	698.1
Other internal debt	5,743.8	5,678.3	5,757.4	5,930,5	6,977.1	6,066.5
Total internal Government debt	6,432.6	6,415.6	6,394.8	6,763.9	6,759,3	6,764.6
Year ended March 31st :						
Interest on :						
Floating debt	27.1	26.2	28.7	3.5	3.5	3.8
Other internal debt	255,0	254.2	247.0	206.9	206.7	205.7
Total internal Government debt	282.1	280.4	275.7	210.4	210,2	209.5
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• For the years 1935-1937, the figures include the £350 million issued to the Exchange Equalisation Account,

²¹ See *The Economist*, November 6th, 1937, page 269. The future rate of increase, especially in the case of the Unemployment Insurance Fund, is, of course, dependent on industrial activity and business conditions. Figures published in *The Economist*, March 12th, 1938, show that the investments of the Unemployment Insurance Fund increased by £23 million in the course of 1937.

sheets, appears during the era of cheap money to have become less marked each year. One reason for this trend is connected with the scarcity of commercial bills and the predominance of Treasury bills in the discount market. The market can attain the desired degree of end-of-year liquidity by letting part of its bills run off without re-investing the proceeds before January 1st. If this procedure is applied to commercial bills, it inevitably produces the usual year-end stringency. If applied to Treasury bills, however, its effect is that, instead of the market borrowing at the Bank of England, it is the Treasury which is forced to borrow at the Bank (in the form of temporary Ways and Means Advances) and thus to satisfy the market's desire for liquidity. In this way, the turn of the year 1937/38 was passed with exceptional ease and, for the first time since 1918, without any year-end borrowing of the market at the Bank.²⁵ In so far as the seasonal December stringency is due to the drain of cash for the Christmas trade, compensatory action was taken by novel methods in 1937. On November 16th, the fiduciary issue of the Bank of England was raised from £200 million to £220 million. This meant that £20 million of Government securities were transferred from the Banking Department to the Issue Department, the reserve of notes held by the former being raised by that amount. The seasonal drain of notes into circulation was thereafter compensated by open-market purchases of Government securities for the Banking Department, so that the banks suffered no reduction in their cash reserves. The procedure was later reversed in that the fiduciary issue was lowered to £200 million in the middle of January 1938. But the return flow of notes was not fully offset by sales of securities by the Bank of England, and for the clearing banks, therefore, the year 1938 opened with a period of unusually high cash reserves.

The low rates prevailing in the London discount market may partly, no doubt, be attributed to the decline in the volume of commercial bills. The decline of the bill of exchange as an instrument of domestic business credit is no new phenomenon ; it was noticed already in the years before 1914, but it was overshadowed by the expansion of Treasury bills which occurred during the War and the early post-war period. The forces underlying this decline, which cannot be examined here, ²⁶ have not ceased to operate. Since 1929, moreover, the volume of commercial bills and acceptances has been severely affected by the fall in international trade, for which the London money market has normally acted as an important centre of financing ; and of the smaller volume of trade, a substantial portion has come to be conducted through clearing and barter arrangements, where the application of the usual methods of commercial credit has been difficult or impossible.

Figures regarding the total volume of commercial bills held by the London money market are not available. It has, however, been officially estimated that the volume of commercial bills and acceptances which the market had to cover, and which is believed to have amounted to about £300 million in 1929, fell from about £230 million in 1931 to about £130 million in 1936.²⁷ It does not appear to have increased in 1937, and is even believed to have decreased, owing to the competition of Amsterdam, where bill rates, compared with London, fell to as low or even lower levels after the devaluation of the florin. The monthly return of the London clearing banks does not distinguish between commercial bills and Treasury bills. Five of these banks, however, three of which belong to the group of the "Big Five", publish commercial bills separately in their end-of-year balance-sheets. The

²⁵ It should also be mentioned, however, that the degree of year-end stringency depends partly on accidents of the calendar; at the end of 1937, the incidence of dates was particularly convenient from the point of view of the market.

²⁶ The accumulation of undistributed profits by industrial enterprises has no doubt been one of the factors at work. ²⁷ According to statements made by the Governor of the Bank of England as reported in the Press.

figures are shown below for the years 1935-1937, together with the percentage share of commercial bills in total discounts. The assumption that these five clearing banks, taken together, are approximately representative of all the ten banks may not hold true in fact, as the proportion of commercial to total bills varies appreciably as between the five banks. But if this assumption is made, and if the percentages found for the five clearing banks are applied to the total bill portfolio of the ten banks, rough estimates are obtained for the amount of commercial bills held by the banks in 1935-1937, which are entered in brackets in the table below, and which may be compared with the figures published in the Macmillan Report for the years 1928-1930.²⁸ It should be noted that the latter are annual averages, whereas the former refer to the last day of each year and are thus subject to fortuitous influences, besides being affected by the "window-dressing" operations which have just been described and which probably raise the percentage share of commercial bills somewhat higher than it is on the average.

£(000,000's)		Ten bank nual avera	-		Five bank ecember 3		Ten banks (December 31st)			
	1928	1929	1930	1935	1936	1937	1935	1936	1937	
1. Commercial bills	118.2 107.7	122.9	127.2	44.5 137.6	33.6 136.1	44.0 123.3	(72.4)	(55.9)	(72.9)	
3. Total bills	225.9	221.2	255.8	182.1	169.7	167.3	296.7	282.1	277.0	
4. (1) as % of (3)	52.3	55.6	49.7	24.4	19.8	26.3	(24.4)	(19.8)	(26.3)	

BILL HOLDINGS OF LONDON BANKS.

The effect of the decline in the volume of commercial bills on short-term rates of discount has been greatly accentuated by the traditional rule that the liquid assets of the clearing banks — namely cash, money at call and short notice, and bills discounted — should be sufficient to cover about 30% of their deposit liabilities. Though this ratio of 30% is not so rigidly observed as the cash-ratio of slightly over 10%, it has an important influence on the policy of the banks. Deposits of the ten clearing banks ²⁹ rose from a low point of £1,676 million in March 1932 to £2,169 million in March 1937, or by 29.3%. The scarcity of commercial bills was not compensated by an expansion in the volume of Treasury bills available to the market. During the five years from the end of March 1932 to the end of March 1937, Treasury bills issued by tender (as distinct from " tap " bills issued to public departments) rose, on balance, from £458 million to £500 million, or only by 9.1%. It is this combination of circumstances which mainly accounts for the continuous pressure on short-term interest rates in the United Kingdom during recent years.

The fact that the amount of Treasury bills in the market has shown so little change may appear surprising in view of the operations of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, which have consisted in "neutralising" the inflow of gold by issuing Treasury bills to the market. On March 31st, 1937, the Fund held £187 million of gold, valued at the current market price; its book-keeping loss on all the gold which it had transferred to the Bank of England at the Bank's statutory price amounted to £115 million on that date; and £75 million of gold had been so transferred, not in exchange for cash which the Fund could have used for repurchasing

²⁸ Report of the Committee on Finance and Industry, Cmd. 3897, 1931, page 296.

²⁹ Excluding the District Bank, which became a member of the London Clearing House only at the beginning of 1936.

its Treasury bills from the market, but in exchange for Government securities — presumably "tap" bills — released by reductions of the Bank's fiduciary issue. The total tender issue of Treasury bills should thus have increased by about £377 million,³⁰ instead of the actual increase of only £42 million from March 31st, 1932 (just before the inception of the Fund), to March 31st, 1937. The explanation lies in the funding and other bonds which the Government issued from time to time in the years 1932 to 1936. The aggregate net proceeds of these issues, over and above redemption of old loans, amounted to £355 million and were used for preventing the expansion of Treasury bill issues to the market which would otherwise have taken place. These loans have therefore undoubtedly been an important factor in the maintenance of low money rates.³¹

A further factor has been the increased competition for Treasury bills from quarters outside the clearing banks. Evidence of increased outside competition is given by the following table, which shows a steady increase since 1934, in the difference between the total tender issue of Treasury bills outstanding, on the one hand, and the clearing banks' call and short loans (the bulk of which goes to the discount market for the carrying of bills) and discounts, on the other :

Monthly average for December :	1932	1933	1934 £(000,€	1935 000's)	1936	1937
1. Treasury bills outstanding : "tender issue "	653	593	447	565	614	621
2. Clearing banks: Call and short loans	127	119	151	159	187	155
3. Clearing banks : Bills discounted	408	311	255	322	315	295
4. "Tender issue "less clearing banks' call loans						
and bills	118	163	41	84	112	171
5. "Tender issue" less clearing banks' bills	245	283	192	243	299	326
6. Percentage ratio of clearing banks' call loans						
and bills to "tender issue"	<i>81.9</i>	72.5	90.9	85.1	81.8	72.5
7. Clearing banks : Cash, call money and bills						
as $0_0'$ of deposits •	37.4	33.2	31.5	33.6	32.8	30. 4

^a This item seems to be to some extent affected by end-of-year operations, being generally higher in December than in other months.

The sharp decline which took place during 1937 in item (2) — call and short loans of the clearing banks — was due not only to a smaller volume of bills held in the discount market, but also to a decline in stock-exchange loans contained in this item,³² which was partly a reflection of the fall in share prices throughout the year and partly a consequence of deliberate action taken by the clearing banks to restrict stock-exchange facilities in the early part of the year. Nevertheless, on the assumption that the amount of commercial bills has not increased since 1934, the figures suggest that an increasing share of the outstanding tender issue must have been taken up by others than the clearing banks since that year. At the same time, the banks' ratio of cash, call money and bills to total deposits has shown a declining tendency since 1935.

³⁰ This figure is slightly higher than the actual requirements of the Fund, as some of the gold which it held on March 31st, 1937, had no doubt been purchased at a lower price than that ruling on that date.

³¹ The net new issues of bonds (£355 million) *plus* the increase in the tender issue of Treasury bills (£42 million) *minus* budgetary expenditure on debt amortisation (£72 million) should give a net increase of debt amounting to £325 million between March 31st, 1932, and March 31st, 1937. But the increase in the total national debt was £363 million. The difference is largely accounted for by floating debt other than "tender" bills — mainly "tap " bills held by the Exchange Equalisation Account.

³² Detailed figures published in the Macmillan Report show that fluctuations in stock-exchange loans can appreciably influence the movement of this item. While, e.g., total call and short loans declined from $\pounds 158$ million in September 1929 to $\pounds 149.9$ million in December 1929 and to $\pounds 141$ million in December 1930, loans to the stock exchange fell from $\pounds 44.6$ to $\pounds 32.5$ million and further to $\pounds 23.5$ million in the same months.

Part of the "outside" demand for Treasury bills is probably due to balances which have been transferred to London from certain Continental countries. To the extent that these balances were invested in Treasury bills, their effect was probably to increase the pressure on short-term money rates while tending to raise the yield of longer-term Government securities. For, although the immediate effect of the working of the Exchange Equalisation Fund has been to meet an increase in foreign demand for Treasury bills with a corresponding increase in supply, it must be remembered that, on balance, there has been little or no expansion in the volume of Treasury bills between 1932 and 1937; it is the supply of bonds which has been increased by the funding loans mentioned above.

Of greater importance has probably been the demand for Treasury bills originating from the countries which form the "sterling group". The foreign balances of the central banks of these countries, which — as their sterling rates are fixed — are mainly held in London, are in large part invested in Treasury bills through the intermediary of the Bank of England. To the extent that these balances are acquired in transactions with the United Kingdom itself, their investment in Treasury bills — as was observed in the preceding chapter (page 23 above) — is not associated with an expansion in the supply of either bills or bonds on account of the Exchange Equalisation Fund and tends, therefore, to reduce money rates in London.³³

As is shown by the table given above, the amount of Treasury bills available to the market increased by £7 million between December 1936 and December 1937, while the bill portfolio of the clearing banks was reduced by £20 million. At the same time, the sterling value of the aggregate external assets of fifteen central banks of the sterling area ³⁴ increased from about £220 million to about £252 million or by over £30 million in the course of 1937. The two banks which contributed most to this increase were the Swedish Riksbank and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. In the case of the Riksbank, the increase amounted to £15 million ; an item entitled "foreign bills" — which includes British Treasury bills — rose by as much as £20 million (from £22 to £42 million), while other foreign assets decreased.³⁵ In the case of the Australian Commonwealth Bank, the increase in foreign assets during 1937 amounted to £8 million and appears to have been due to the favourable prices obtained for wool, the bulk of which is sold to the United Kingdom.

France.

Government borrowing at the Bank of France has been an important feature of monetary developments in France during the years 1935 to 1937. On December 30th, 1937, "provisional advances" to the State stood at 31.9 milliard francs in the balance-sheet of the Bank of France. Moreover, to obtain the total of central-bank credit which had been granted to the State during the years 1935 to 1937, the 6 milliard frances by which advances to the State were reduced through the revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve on October 1st, 1936, should be added to this figure. One need only compare the total of 37.9 milliards with the amount of notes in circulation (81.1 milliards at the end of 1935 and 93.8 milliards at the end of 1937) or with the total assets of the Bank (94.8 milliards at the end of 1935 and 119.8 milliards at the end of 1937) to realise its importance.

²³ The acquisition of clearing-bank deposits by sterling countries and their investment in Treasury bills tends to raise the cash ratio and lower the bill ratio of the clearing banks.

³⁴ Union of South Africa, Australia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, India Ireland (Currency Commission), Latvia, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Portugal, Siam, Sweden. See the table given in the preceding chapter, page 23, above,

^{*} See pages 23 and 24 above.

It may be well to recall the circumstances in which this borrowing began in June 1935. Early in 1935, it was decided to shift Government borrowing from the long-term to the short-term market, partly with the object of providing liquid short-term paper as an outlet for boards. Government borrowing in 1934 had been entirely in the form of long- and medium-term loans, and had placed a severe strain on the capital market. In January 1935, the maximum limit of the Treasury bill issue was raised from 10 milliard to 15 milliard francs, and an arrangement was concluded between the Government and the Bank under which the latter agreed to grant thirty-day advances to private borrowers on the security of Government obligations maturing within two years.³⁶ These attempts to broaden the market for short-term paper were frustrated by the wave of gold exports following upon the devaluation of the belga. Even the short-term market became incapable of meeting the Government's requirements. In June 1935, the Bank of France began to discount Treasury bills, though the fact was not officially made known until a year later. The second half of 1935, however, witnessed a climax in the policy of budgetary retrenchment, and the Bank's holdings of Treasury bills increased only from an average of 1.1 milliard in June to 3.5 milliards in December.

Deflation was abandoned in 1936. While in 1935 the budget deficit of 10 milliards had been due to the extent of 8 milliards to the decline in revenue, the 1936 deficit of 8 milliards on the ordinary budget was due to the extent of 6 milliards to an increase of expenditure; moreover, extraordinary expenditure amounting to 9.5 milliards, of which 6.8 was for defence purposes, had to be covered by borrowing.³⁷ Treasury bills and other public bills held by the Bank of France had risen to 13.8 milliards by June 19th, 1936, after which they were consolidated into provisional non-interest-bearing advances to the State. On October 1st, 1936, 6 milliards out of the total revaluation profit of 17 milliards on the Bank's gold reserve was applied to the reduction of these advances.³⁸ This reduction represented a mere book-keeping transaction which to the extent of 6 milliards replaced one asset (provisional advances) by another (the revaluation profit) and which in no way affected the Bank's outside liabilities. From 12.3 milliards on October 2nd, the provisional advances to the State increased to 17.7 milliards at the end of 1936, to 21.4 milliards on June 24th, 1937, and further to 31.9 milliards at the end of 1937.³⁹

In this connection, mention should also be made of the fund for the support of *rentes* which was created in July 1937 and credited with the book-keeping profit of nearly 7 milliards resulting from a second revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve. Besides facilitating Government borrowing in the market, the monetary effects of the fund's purchases of Government securities must have been similar to those of the advances made by the Bank to the State. But as the amount of these purchases is not known even approximately, and as they do not seem to have been directly related to the Treasury position, the operations of the fund need not be further examined.

³⁴ This item, which first appeared in the Bank's balance-sheet in March 1935, has never reached significant amounts. On December 30th, 1936, for example, it stood at 715 millions and a year later at 675 millions.

 $^{^{37}}$ The calls made on the Treasury have been even heavier than these figures suggest, since it has had to advance to local and colonial Governments and other public bodies large sums which — owing to the state of the capital market — they were unable to raise elsewhere.

³⁸ The last weekly return before the devaluation, referring to September 25th, showed the total amount of these advances at 15.9 milliards; in the next return, of October 2nd, the figure was 12.3 milliards. Just before the revaluation, the provisional advances had thus risen to 18.3 milliard francs.

³⁹ Between the end of 1936 and the end of 1937, the "provisional advances" rose by 14.2 milliard francs. The total internal debt of the State increased by about 42 milliards in the course of 1937, while normal budgetary revenue amounted to 44 milliards. The State thus covered nearly half of its expenditure in 1937 by borrowing. (See L'Activité économique, January 1938, page 320).

If the 37.9 milliards of new central-bank credit created by direct State borrowing had passed into circulation, it would undoubtedly have tended to increase the note issue, to expand the cash basis of the commercial banks, to bring interest rates down and to enlarge the capacity of the market to take up Government securities. Actually, this very considerable extension of credit by the Bank of France appears to have been almost wholly neutralised by the outflow of capital and the consequent loss of a large part of the monetary gold stock during this period. Between May 30th, 1935, and October 1st, 1936, when the Government's borrowing at the Bank amounted to 18.3 milliards, the gold reserve fell by 21.7 milliards.

The sales of gold by the Exchange Stabilisation Fund set up on October 1st appear to have had the same effect as the sales of the Bank before the devaluation, in that they tended to withdraw corresponding amounts of frances from the internal market.⁴⁰ On the basis of official statements, it can be roughly estimated that, by the end of June 1937, the Fund had lost approximately 15 milliards of gold at current market values.⁴¹ If it is assumed that there was no further net loss of gold in the second half of 1937,⁴² the conclusion is reached that, from October 1st, 1936, to December 30th, 1937, 19.6 milliards of Government borrowing at the Bank of France was accompanied by some 15 milliards of gold exports.

Taking the whole period from May 30th, 1935, to December 30th, 1937, it appears that the total net loss of gold (estimated at about 37 milliard francs) was nearly as large as the amount of State borrowing at the Bank (about 38 milliards). With regard to the causal relationship between the two phenomena, it is possible to hold two views : that the flight of capital and the consequent outflow of gold gave rise to "inflationary" Government borrowing and were thereby "neutralised"; or that this borrowing itself promoted and facilitated the export of capital, inasmuch as it placed funds at the disposal of the market which were available for the purchase of gold. The two interpretations do not necessarily exclude each other; the relationship was probably of a reciprocal character. The circumstances in which the borrowing began seem to confirm the first view : the contraction of the money market resulting from the export of capital forced the State to have recourse to the Bank.⁴³ On later occasions, especially after the devaluation, the Government borrowing may at times have been a more independent influence contributing to the pressure on the exchange.

In these circumstances, Government borrowing outside the Bank of France continued to keep interest rates high even after the devaluation, apart from short periods of capital repatriation in October 1936, and March and November 1937. That part of the Bank's advances to the State which was not "offset" by gold exports did not go so much to raise the cash reserves of the commercial banks as to meet the demand for bank notes caused by the rise in costs and prices. It appears to have been insufficient to cover this demand, most

⁴² This assumption is necessarily rough and uncertain; it implies that the repatriation of capital which is believed to have taken place in the latter part of October and in November 1937, and which was reflected in a transfer of 3.1 milliards of gold to the Bank, was compensated, on balance, by the repayment of the sterling credit in December and by private capital exports in early autumn and late in December.

⁴⁴ It seems likely that a further rise in interest rates offered by the State to private investors would have had adverse reactions on confidence and would thus have defeated its purpose.

⁴⁰ See Monetary Review, 1936 /37, Section C.

⁴⁴ The gold transactions effected before June 1937 between the Fund and the Bank, as reflected in the weekly return of the latter, cancelled each other out. By the end of June 1937, the Fund is estimated to have lost its original allotment of 10 milliard frances of gold *plus* approximately 4 milliards of the additional 8.5 milliards of gold which the Bank transferred to it during the fortnight preceding July 1st, 1937. These amounts were valued at 49 milligrammes of gold (nine-tentlus fine) per franc, corresponding to an exchange rate of about 94 fiances to the £. But the actual price at which the gold was sold corresponded to an exchange rate of 105 frances per £ until March and about 110 frances from April to June 1937. The figure of 15 milliards, therefore, as indicating the amount of frances withdrawn from the market, is not likely to be an over-estimate.

of which was probably met by the dishoarding of notes and by the increase which occurred in the commercial portfolio of the Bank of France throughout the years 1935-1937. The following table illustrates some of the changes which took place during this period in the sphere of internal credit:

End of:	1934	1935	1936	1937
Bank of France :		Francs (00	0,000's)	
Commercial portfolio	3,971	7,340 •	9,844	10,718
Provisional advances to the State b	—	3,487 -	17,698	31,909
Notes in circulation	83,412	81,150	89,342	93,837
Four leading deposit banks :				
Cash	6,394	5,434	5,503	6,899
Discounts and advances •	27,518	25,293	26,257	27,153
Deposits	30,943	27,553	28,484	30,348
Interest rates :				
Market rate of discount (%)	1.50	5.91	2.13	3.13
Average yield of 36 bonds (%)	5.02	5.57	5.61	6.21
Prices and wages • (1929 = 100) :				
Wholesale prices		56	83	101
Cost of living (Paris)	91	86	97	118
Hourly wage-rates (Paris region)		101	131	186

Monthly average, December.

^b Excluding the 6 milliards cancelled by the revaluation of gold reserves on October 1st, 1936.

^c Total of discounts, advances, current account debtors and correspondents.

The mere fact that the commercial portfolio of the Bank of France rose in spite of the large expansion of advances to the State suggests that the latter had no appreciable effect on the general liquidity of the market. The commercial banks, in consequence, were reluctant to increase their holdings of Government paper, especially as the rise in costs and prices was accompanied by an increased demand for commercial credit. Thus, for example, it is estimated that, in 1936, the ten largest commercial banks reduced their portfolio of short-term Government paper⁴⁴ from 11 milliards to about 8 milliards, while their commercial discounts increased from about 9 milliards to about 13.5 milliard francs.⁴⁵

Germany.

The general procedure by which State expenditure on public works, rearmament and other schemes has been financed in Germany in recent years was not changed in 1937, though certain shifts in the relative importance of the different methods have become apparent, which will be noted below. The main features of this procedure can be summarised very briefly. The State meets a large part of its requirements by issuing "special bills" (Sonderwechsel) to its contractors. These bills enjoy unrestricted facilities for discount at the Reichsbank. The Bank has in fact taken up large amounts of special bills. The expansion of central bank credit which was thus effected increased the cash resources of private entrepreneurs and commercial banks. The former were enabled to repay their bank advances, which, in the balance-sheets of the banks, came to be replaced to a large extent by " special bills".

The high liquidity of private business — the counterpart of growing State indebtedness — was not due only to the expansion of central-bank credit. It was in part a natural outcome of the quantitative restrictions by which the supply of certain commodities has been rationed in order to keep prices stable; it was partly a reflection of the decline in

⁴⁴ The book value of long-term securities as shown in the balance-sheets of the French banks is altogether insignificant. 48 See La France économique en 1936, page 153.

stocks of imported materials; it was reinforced, furthermore, by the restrictions imposed on dividend payments and by the prohibition of capital investments in industries which played no essential part in the Government programme.

An outlet for surplus funds was provided by the "consolidation loans" which the State has issued at frequent intervals since 1935. The open-market purchases of securities by the Reichsbank in the years 1933-1935 and the large-scale conversion operations of 1935 had prepared the ground for these issues; their success was further ensured by the embargo on private capital issues and by a law of 1934 under which business profits exceeding certain maximum rates were required to be invested in Government securities.⁴⁶ The proceeds of these loans have been used to redeem part of the special bills outstanding, thus tending to check the growth of bank deposits and notes in circulation.

The recent sale by the State of the industrial and banking shares taken up in 1931 and 1932 has been another — though much less-important — means of financing State expenditure. These sales have been facilitated by the resumption of dividend payments

on the part of the companies concerned and by the general scarcity of shares resulting from the embargo on private issues.

The rise in the tax revenue of the State has similarly tended to counteract the monetary expansion accompanying the growth of short-term Government debt. The total revenue from taxes increased from 6.6 milliard marks in the financial year 1932-33 to 11.5 milliards in 1936-37.

Lastly, for the capital expenditures connected with the Four-year Plan, extensive use appears to have been made of the internal reserves and undistributed profits of private companies.

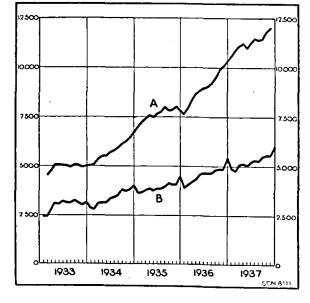
In spite of consolidation loans, rising tax receipts and industrial "selffinancing", the total bill holdings of German banks (including the Reichsbank) increased from 4.5 milliard marks at the beginning of 1933 to over 12 milliards at the end of 1937, as shown in Diagram 12.⁴⁷ The available statistics do not separate

Diagram 12.

BILL HOLDINGS OF GERMAN BANKS.

Reichsmarks (000,000's).

A. All banks.B. Reichsbank.



⁴⁶ The direct support given by this law to the bond market was relatively insignificant; in 1934, undistributed profits invested in Government securities amounted to only about 30 million marks. More important was the indirect purpose of the law — to prevent a shift of the investing public from bonds to shares which might otherwise have accompanied the industrial revival.

⁴⁷ These figures do not include the relatively small amounts shown as Treasury bills (Schatzwechsel), which \leftarrow in the case of banks other than the Reichsbank — rose only slightly from 1,532 million marks in November 1933 to 1,624 million in November 1937.

⁴⁰ Including the Reichsbank. The other banks included are those which, except for December of each year, publish monthly balance-sheets (Alle Monatsbilanzbanken) — that is to say, the credit banks, including the five big Berlin banks (Grossbanken) and the eighty-three other credit banks (Sonstige Kreditbanken), special and provincial banks and Girozentralen. Excluding the Golddiskontbank and the Konversionskasse.

" special bills " from private trade bills ; but it is generally believed that, as a result of the growing liquidity of private business, the latter have greatly decreased in importance since 1931 and have come to constitute only a minor portion of the total. The expansion of the total amount of bills outstanding suggests that the " consolidation loans " have been, on balance, an additional source for covering current expenditure rather than a means of actually consolidating — and therefore reducing — the floating debt. The amount of " consolidation loans " issued rose from 1.6 milliard marks in 1935 to 2.6 milliards in 1936 and 2.9 milliards in 1937; a further loan of 1.2 milliards made in January 1938 brought the total up to 8.3 milliards. With regard to the increase in tax revenue, it should be noted that tax rates have not been reduced from the high levels to which they had been raised in 1931 and 1932; in the case, for example, of the corporation tax, rates were even increased in 1936 and 1937. The increased emphasis laid on consolidation loans and tax receipts as against short-term financing through the banking system — gains significance from the fact that available reserves of labour, plant and materials have been progressively drawn into employment and that, if a rise of prices is to be avoided, further expansion of the means of payment would entail a tightening of the restrictions connected with the price control. Diagram 12 seems to indicate that the rate of increase of bills held by the banks slowed down somewhat in 1937. The President of the Reichsbank announced on March 11th, 1938, that the issue of Sonderwechsel is to be discontinued and that, in future, all State expenditure that is not covered by current tax revenue will be financed by loans issued at regular intervals in the open market.

Japan.

As a result of budgetary deficits, the total amount of internal Government bonds outstanding in Japan increased from 5,149 million yen at the end of 1932 to 9,258 million at the end of March 1937, or by 4,109 million. The deficit borrowing was to a large extent covered by the banking system,⁴⁹ whose holdings of Government bonds increased from 3,932 million yen at the end of 1932 to 7,176 millions at the end of March 1937, or by 3,244 millions.

The ordinary budgetary estimates relating to the financial year 1937-38 (beginning on April 1st) provided for a deficit of 965 million yen to be covered by new bond issues. In September 1937, moreover, special appropriations were passed to cover the expenses of the war in China, estimated at 2,592 million yen in the financial year 1937-38, of which 2,429 millions were to be borrowed. Early in 1938, estimates were adopted for the financial year 1938-39 which provide for a total of new bond issues amounting to 5,370 million yen to cover an anticipated deficit of 920 million on the ordinary budget and to finance special war expenditure estimated at 4,450 millions. The estimates mentioned provide, therefore, for a total of 8,763 millions of new issues of Government bonds during the two years beginning on April 1st, 1937. The magnitude of anticipated Government requirements is readily seen by comparing this figure of 8,763 millions with the total of 9,258 millions of Government bonds outstanding on March 31st, 1937.

Between April 1st and December 31st, 1937, Government bond issues actually amounted to 1,300 million yen, of which 900 millions for account of the special war budget. The relative smallness of this amount, if compared which the 3,394 millions of bond issues anticipated

^{• &}quot; Ordinary " banks, " special " banks (including the Bank of Japan), savings banks, trust companies and the Treasury Deposit Bureau.

for the whole financial year 1937-38, does not mean that the cost of the war had been overestimated,⁵⁰ but appears to be due to the fact that, in the early stages of the war, it was possible to draw upon accumulated stocks of armament materials and that the manufacture of new materials by private industries did not always involve a corresponding immediate outlay on the part of the State.

Two measures were taken in the summer of 1937 to facilitate Government borrowing. In July, the Bank of Japan reduced its rate on loans and discounts on the security of Government bonds, which had previously been held at a higher level than the official discount rate, from 3.65% to 3.29%, or to the same level as the discount rate. In August, the Bank of Japan was authorised to purchase bonds in the open market. The previous procedure under which the Bank took up new bonds direct from the Government and resold a large part of them to other banks was retained.

From December 31st, 1936, to December 31st, 1937, the Government bonds held by the Bank of Japan increased from 829 to 1,387 million yen, or by 67%. If account is taken of the fact that the Bank's bond holdings were temporarily reduced by 200 millions in connection with the revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve in August 1937,⁵¹ the real increase during the year amounted to 758 millions, or 91%. The note circulation (excluding notes held in the reserves of the note-issuing banks of Chosen and Taiwan) increased during the year by 324 millions, or 15%, from 1,756 million to 2,080 million yen.

The commercial (" ordinary ") banks contributed in large measure to the expansion of the means of payment : their sight deposits rose from 3,430 millions to 4,214 millions, or by 23%; during 1937, while total deposits increased from 10,932 millions to 12,352 millions, or by 13%. On the side of the banks' assets the chief counterpart of the increase of deposits was a marked rise in discounts, loans and advances, which increased from 6,998 millions to 8,202 millions, or by 17%. Early in September 1937, a law was passed — the Capital Control Law — which placed a strict control on all borrowing by enterprises which were not directly related to military requirements. In spite of this measure, the rise in the loans and discounts of the " ordinary " banks was particularly sharp in the last quarter of 1937, amounting to 436 million yen. The increase in the credit requirements of private industry does not, however, seem to have been reflected in the market for new capital issues. Owing probably to official restrictions, the increase in corporation bonds outstanding ceased altogether in 1937, as the following figures indicate :

NET INCREASE IN CORPORATION BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Yen (000,000's)												
1934	243.0	1935	190.4	1936	132.1	1937	0.3					

The rise in discounts, loans and advances did not permit the "ordinary" banks to acquire additional Government bonds in 1937. The new bond issues made during 1937 were taken up mainly by the Government-controlled "special" banks (including the Bank of Japan) and by the Treasury Deposit Bureau (an institution responsible for the

⁵⁰ It was after seven months of military operations that the second extraordinary war budget was adopted early in 1938; it amounts to 4,850 millions (of which 4,450 millions are to be covered by borrowing) as compared with the 2,592 millions adopted in September 1937.

⁶ See the chapter on Japan in Vol. II of this publication (Commercial and Central Banks). The reduction of the Bank's bond holdings by 200 millions by means of part of the revaluation "profit" represented a mere book-keeping transaction which did not in any way affect the note circulation or the other outside liabilities of the Bank.

	GOVERNM	ient Bond	s.			
					Net c	hange
					from 1932	from 1936
End of :	1932	1934	1936	1937	to 1936	to 1937
Holdings of :			Yen (C)00.000's)		
" Ordinary " banks	1,189	2,017	2,561	2,500	\div 1,372	- 61
" Special " banks	849	974	1,152	1,729	+ 303	+ 577
Savings banks	696	935	1,016	1,145	+ 320	+ 129
Trust companies	105	245	360	410	+ 255	+ 50
Treasury Deposit Bureau	1,093	1,614	1,910	2,248	+ 817	+ 338
Total bank holdings	3,932	5,785	6,999	8,032	+3,067	+1,033
Holdings outside banks	1,217	1,458	2,073	2,553	+ 856	+ 480
Total outstanding	5,149	7,243	9,072	10,585	+ 3,923	+1,513

investment of deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank), as may be seen from the following table :

With regard to holdings outside banks, which are calculated by deducting the published bank holdings from the total of Government bonds outstanding, it should be observed that the figure for the end of 1937 probably includes the 200 millions of Government bonds which were transferred to the Government's "Gold Fund Special Account" ⁵² from the Bank of Japan in exchange for part of the "profit" on the revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve. If these bonds were still in the possession of the "Special Account" at the end of 1937, the increase in "outside holdings" proper during 1937 amounted not to 480 millions, as shown in the above table, but to only 280 million yen.

At the end of 1937, the share of bank holdings in total Government bonds outstanding was 76%, or — if the 200 millions of the "Special Account" are included — 78%. The remaining 22-24% appear to have been held in large part by insurance institutions; private investors, therefore, can have held only a very small proportion of total Government bonds. In view of this preponderance of banking and financial institutions, many of which are subject to official control or influence, much significance cannot be attached to fluctuations of the yield of Government bonds in the market. The average yield of eight Government bonds declined slightly from 3.974% in December 1936 to 3.937% in December 1937.⁵³ In the same period, the yield of twenty industrial debentures rose slightly from 4.385% to 4.430%, in spite of the restrictions placed on the private demand for money.

It is worth noting that no floating debt seems to have been contracted for the financing of war expenditure. On March 31st, 1937, the total national debt stood at 11,019 million yen, of which 9,258 millions consisted of internal bonds, 1,317 millions of external debt, and only 444 millions of internal short-term debt ("rice-purchase notes"); the lastmentioned item declined to 411 millions at the end of December 1937. The virtual absence of floating debt may be attributed to the willingness of the banks to take up bonds in large quantities. The case of Japan illustrates the fact that the form in which Government borrowing takes place does not, in itself, necessarily determine its monetary effects. The important feature of Government borrowing in Japan is that it has been financed

⁴⁴ This fund was formed on August 25th, 1937, out of the revaluation profit on the gold reserve of the Bank of Japan. See the chapter on Japan in Vol. II of this publication.

⁴³ Since the large conversion operations of 1936, which were mentioned in the preceding edition of this volume (*Monetary Review* page 88), new issues of Government bonds have been made at an interest rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\frac{9}{0}$ and an issuing price of 98 (in the case of seventcon-year bonds) and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ (in the case of eleven-year bonds). These terms represent an actual yield of 3.65%. The average yield of eight bonds, quoted above, is somewhat higher owing to the fact that it comprises longer-term bonds bearing higher rates.

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predominantly by the banking system and that it has consequently entailed an expansion of the supply of means of payment.

In previous years, the monetary expansion was accompanied by a marked increase in the volume of industrial production, so that the price-level showed only a relatively moderate rise; the production index, based on 1929 = 100, rose from an annual average of 91.6 in 1931 to an average of 151.1 in 1936, or by 65%, while the annual average of the wholesale-price index rose from 69.6 in 1931 to 89.9 in 1936, or by 22%. In the middle of 1937, however, when production was 70% higher than in 1929, the limits of productive capacity in the form of labour, plant and materials appear to have been reached. Government expenditure therefore resulted in an upward tendency of the Japanese pricelevel even in the latter part of 1937 — a period in which prices in the world market were falling — and the index of wholesale prices rose to 111.6 in January 1938. This rise took place in spite of the official price control and in spite of the "Capital Control Law" and other measures tending to "make room" for armament production by restricting other branches of economic activity. Although the existing exchange restrictions were extended to all commercial transactions in January 1937, and were made considerably more stringent in July, and although, in addition, a comprehensive State control of the import trade was instituted in September 1937, the import surplus rose from 71 million yen in 1936 to 608 millions in 1937, and the Government undertook shipments of gold to the United States in 1937 amounting to \$246 million, or — at the current exchange rate — about 850 million yen.

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C. — THE SUPPLY OF MONEY.

The Circulation of Notes and Token Coins.

The recent movement of the currency circulation of forty-four countries is illustrated in Table 1 on the following page. Indices of the note circulation and, where possible, of notes and coins combined, based on 1929 = 100, are shown in the first two sections of the table, while the third section shows the ratio of token coins to notes and coins combined in the cases where figures or estimates regarding the circulation of coins are available. Like most of the other data summarised in this chapter, the table is based on Table III of the Appendix (" Currency Composition and Movements "), to which reference may be made for the absolute annual figures from 1929 to 1937.

A feature of Table 1 is the increase which it shows in the share of token coin in the total currency circulation of a great number of States during the period 1929 to 1937. This increase appears to have been particularly marked in countries of South-Eastern Europe, such as Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania, Turkey, Yugoslavia. The countries in which the proportion of coin has risen include the only four countries whose total currency circulation in the last year for which figures are available (1937 or 1936) was below the level of 1929 - namely, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and Poland. In some cases, the rise in the proportion of coin to total currency has been due to the replacement of small bank notes by token coins issued by the Governement (frequently for reasons connected with Treasury requirements). Where no such replacement has occurred, the rise in the proportion of coin has been a natural consequence of the demand for smaller units of currency in countries where no monetary expansion has taken place and where prices have remained low as compared with 1929. It will be seen from Table 1 that the minority of countries, where the ratio of coin to total currency has fallen between 1929 and 1937, includes Bolivia, Chile and Japan — countries where the monetary circulation has shown a substantial rise (as indicated in the first two sections of the table) and where the level of prices is considerably higher than in 1929. In the United Kingdom and the United States the proportion of coin has fallen, on balance, between 1929 and 1937, in spite of the fact that prices in these countries have remained below the level of 1929. The fall appears in this case to reflect the general shift to larger denominations which has been observed in a number of countries and which will be illustrated in Table 2 below.

Of the forty-four States included in Table 1, only Belgium, Colombia, Egypt, India, Portugal and Turkey show a decline in the note circulation during 1937. Comparing 1937 with 1933, a fall in the note circulation occurred only in the Argentine, Austria, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and the Netherlands Indies ; in the case of Austria and Bulgaria, the fall was more than offset by an increase in token coins, as may be seen from the indices given in Section II of the table.

At the end of 1937, there were only six countries where the note circulation — or the total of notes and coins, where available — was lower than at the end of 1929 : the Argentine, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, the Netherlands Indies and Poland. In twenty-one States — or practically half the number included in Table 1 — the note circulation in 1937 was more than a third higher than in 1929. It would appear that, in most cases, the volume of notes in circulation exceeded the corresponding volume of transactions, if comparison is made with 1929 ; prices, for example, were in 1937 well below the 1929 level in the majority

Table 1.

NOTES AND TOKEN COINS IN CIRCULATION.

·	I. Not	tes in circ	lation		Notes and circulatio		III. Coins as percentage of notes and coins				
	3	929 = 10	0	1	929 = 10	0		otes and e	-0118		
End of :	1933	1936	1937	1933	1936	1937	1929	1933	1937		
Argentine	97	88	92						15.4		
Australia	107	111	119	108*	112*	119•	7.2•	8.1*	7.4*		
Austria	87	86	86	88	90	92	7.8	9.2	11.4		
Belgium	121	165	156	121	164*		4.0	3.9	3.5**		
Bolivia	125	489	587	122	446		11.5	9.6	3.0ª		
Brazil	89	119	134		•						
Bulgaria	83	71	71	122	119	119	4.5	24.0	32.8		
Canade	81	102	111	85	103*	111+	14.6	18.4	14.8*		
Chile	146	186	201	140	175		9.0	3.9	3.7●		
Colombia	85	139	129	91	131	130	19.6	24.9	19.7		
Czechoslovakia	77	85	91	80	88	94	3.9	7.9	6.8		
Denmark	102	109	114	103	110	115	6.6	7.4	7.9		
Ecuador	120	190	227	120	191		14.3	14.3	14.9*		
Egypt	76	87	78	82	90*		15.8*	20.2	18.9**		
Estonia	94	129	144	97	130	143	8.1	11.1	7.5		
Finland	87	120	151	91	125	155+	3.7	7.9	6.4*		
France	119	129	135	121	133	139	1.7	3.5	5.0		
Germany	75	92	102	86	102	111	15.3	26.7	22.0		
Greece	105	119	130	106	121	132	4.6*	5.8	5.4		
Hungary	74	87	93	81	95	101	7.2	15.9	14.3		
India	99	106	103						•		
Ireland	96	106	111	98	109	113	4.7	6.2	6.5		
Italy	79	98	104	82			10.6	13.9	14.5 ^b		
Japan	95	116	140	96	114*	134	19.4	20.6	15.8		
Latvia	90	102	134	99	108	136	21.7	28.6	22.9		
Lithuania	93	116	123	95	119	129	11.2	13.7	15.2		
Mexico	551	1,916		131	127		93.6	73.0	40.5*		
Netherlands	106	92	101	105*	93*	101*	12.2	11.6*	12.1 •		
Netherlands Indies	57	49	56						•		
New Zealand	106	144	163	105*	145*	161*	12.2*	11.6*	11.4*		
Norway	103	135	141	103	134	140	5.4	5,5	5.3		
Peru	103	148	148	102	137	142	25.3	24.7	22.6		
Poland	72	74	75	84	91	94	12.3	25.4	29.3		
Portugal	97	110	107	103	118	115	0.5*	5.7	7.4		
Roumania	100	121	139	115	140	158	1.9	14.7	13.9		
Sweden	114	157	172	113*	152*	165*	9.5*	8.5*	5.8*		
Switzerland	151	148	153	150	149*		19.0	18.2	19.5• •		
Turkey (1932 = 100)	99	122	113	99	128	123	5.5°	5.5	12.6		
Union of South Africa	129	178	197	127*	167*	181*	25.8*	24.2*	19.6•		
United Kingdom	106	126	137	102	120	128	18.3	15.1	12.8		
United States	167	180	182	123	146	146	39.1	18.9	26.8		
Uruguay	110	125	128	110*	125*	127*	2.7	2.5*	2.2*		
Venezuela	100	228		105*	186*		43.7•	46.3*	31.3*		
Yugoslavia	74	93	100	89	105		2.4	18.2	13.8*		

* Based on approximate or provisional figures for coins.

1936.

^b 1935.

° 1932.

of countries (see Diagram 14 on page 74). In other words, the rate of turnover of the note circulation in 1937 seems, in general, to have been slower than in 1929. This is confirmed by changes in the composition of the note circulation which have taken place since 1929. These changes are illustrated in Table 2, which includes twelve countries whose central

Table 2.

DENOMINATIONS OF NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

(a) Notes of large denominations.
(b) Total note circulation.
(c) Large denominations as percentage of total.

End of :	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Belgium b				(000,000's)				
((a)	5,758	7,221	9,184	9,324	8,699	9,225	12,067	13,522	12,419
(Francs)	13,437	15,818	18,015	18,052	16,981	17,591	20,637	22,452	21,460
Denmark	43	46	51	52	51	52	58	60	58
((a)	175	163	151	142	168	171	166	168	177
(Kroner) (b)	367	360	346	332	375	386	384	399	417
(c) Estonia	48	45	44	43	45	44	43	42	42
((a)	4.7	7.2	10.9	9.0	8.8	10.0	9.8	11.2	
(Krooni) (b)	34.0	32.2	35.2	31.2	32.2	36.7	40.0	44.5	49.
(c) Finland	14	22	31	29	27	27	25	25	
((a)	382	345	412	318	352	381	424	518	694
(Markkaa) (b)	1,361	1,279	1,293	1,085	1,184	1,277	1,381	1,630	2,052
(6)	28	27	32	29	30	30	31	32	34
France •									
(T) (a)	33,058	38,976	46,262	46,122	45,842	47,256	46,354	50,877	52,131
(Francs) $\binom{b}{b}$	67,769 49	76,156	83,547	82,721	80,638	81,855	80,667	87,420	91,143 57
Germany d	49	51	55	56	57	58	57	58	57
((a)	1,241	1,197	1,436	1,171	1,091	1,026	1,054	1,006	
(Reichsmark) (b)	6,613	6,400	6,676	5,650	5,716	5,984	6,371	6,945	
(c)	19	19	22	21	19	17	17	15	
Hungary									
$(\operatorname{Peng\"o}) \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array} \right\}$	273 499	278 469	258 423	196 353	200 367	208 381	229 417	230 436	466
$(10 \text{ go}) \cdot \cdot$	55	59	425 61	56	54	55	55	53	
Norway									
((a)	157	152	176	162	169	170	175	230	230
(Kroner). \ldots (b)	319	312	335	315	328	334	349	429	449
Poland (c)	49	49	53	51	52	51	50	54	51
((a)	756	752	705	580	576	546	535	535	527
(Zloty)	1,340	1,328	1,218	1,003	1,004	981	1,007	1,034	1,059
(0)	56	57	58	58	57	56	53	52	50
Sweden									
$(\mathbf{X}_{-2}, \mathbf{x}_{-2})$	263	278	273	289	319	349	403	472	521
(Kronor) $\ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	569 46	594 47	583 47	598 48	648 49	708 49	786 51	893 53	980 53
Switzerland	40	*	T	70	*	47		,,,	,,,
((a)	190	230	599	616	539	482	431	542	562
(France)	999	1,062	1,609	1,613	1,510	1,440	1,366	1,482	1,531
United States ^d	19	22	37	38	36	33	32	37	37
((a)	.	852	1,336	1,435	1,360	1,254	1,369	1,530	1,542
(Dollars) (b)	4,578	4,603	5,360	5,388	5,519	5,536	5,882	6,543	6,550
(0)		19	25	27	25	23	23	23	24

• The following are the denominations taken (in units of national currency) : Belgium : 1,000, 10,000 ; Denmark : 100, 500 ; Estonia : 50, 100 ; Finland : 1,000 ; France : 1,000 ; Germany : 100 to 1,000 ; Hungary : 100, 1,000 ; Norway : 100, 500, 1,000; Poland: 100, 500; Sweden: 100, 1,000; Switzerland: 500, 1,000; U.S.A.: 50 and over.

^b The figures refer to December 25th of each year.

• The figures refer to December 24th for 1929-1936 and to December 9th for 1937.

d The item (b) represents total currency in circulation.

banks publish annual figures regarding the denominations of notes outstanding. The table shows the amount of large denominations at the end of each year from 1929 to 1936 or 1937 together with the total note issue ; a third series given for each country represents the percentage share of notes of large denominations in the total. The table shows clearly that, in the countries where the note circulation has shown the greatest increase from 1929 to 1936 or 1937, the proportion of large denominations has risen considerably. This suggests that a large part of the increase in total note issues has not passed into active circulation. Comparing 1936 or 1937 with 1929, a fall in the proportion has taken place only in the four cases where the total note circulation has declined (Hungary and Poland) or where its rise has, on balance, been relatively small (Denmark and Germany). In the other eight countries, the proportion of large notes to the total outstanding in 1936 or 1937 was substantially higher than in 1929, although retail prices in these countries — with the exception of France - were lower (on a rough average, some 10% lower) than in 1929. In the intervening period, as shown by Table 2, there was a sharp increase in the proportion during 1931 in all the countries included except Denmark and Sweden. This increase was due to banking difficulties which led to large withdrawals of deposits and to the hoarding of currency on the part of the public. The steady and substantial rise in the proportion which occurred, for example, in Sweden during the latter part of the period considered points similarly to the existence of hoarding, though this hoarding has taken place no doubt for entirely different reasons, some of which — applying to a number of other countries besides Sweden — will be indicated later in this chapter.

It may be observed from Table 2 that the fall in the note circulation which occurred in Belgium during 1937 was wholly due to a decrease in notes of large denominations.

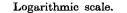
In France there was a steady rise in the proportion of 1,000-franc notes up to the end of 1934. In the following years, the proportion remained fairly stable and even showed a decline during 1937. The mere fact that the proportion of 1,000-franc notes did not increase in spite of the considerable rise in prices which took place in France in 1936 and 1937 suggests that a certain amount of dishoarding occurred in these years.¹ While the total note circulation rose only by 13% between the end of 1935 and the end of 1937, the cost-of-living index rose by 38% and the wholesale-price index by 79%; the physical volume of business also appears to have increased to some extent during this period, as the index of industrial production rose by about 4%.

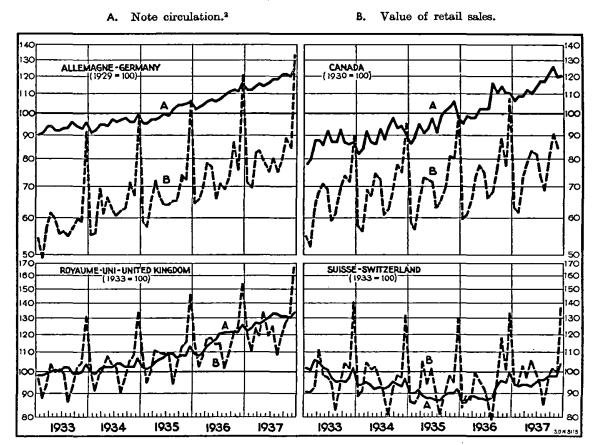
No comprehensive index of the value of retail trade is available in France for comparison with the movement of the note circulation. Such indices exist in Canada, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and are plotted in Diagram 13 below together with the note circulation in those countries during the years 1933-1937. Comparison with 1929 is only possible in the case of Germany, as the retail trade indices of the other countries included start from a later base year. It can be seen from Diagram 13 that retail sales in Germany had fallen much lower in 1933 in relation to the 1929 level than the amount of currency in circulation. In the succeeding years, however, the spread between the two lines shows a tendency to diminish, indicating a rise in the rate of turnover of the currency supply. In Canada and the United Kingdom, comparison of retail sales with the note circulation is less significant, since a large proportion of the retail trade in these countries is transacted through the intermediary of banking accounts. Nevertheless, it appears that, in the United Kingdom, the currency circulation rose, after 1935, at a somewhat faster rate than the turnover of

¹ If no hoards had existed in 1935 the subsequent rise in prices would probably have entailed a shift to high denominations.

Diagram 13.

NOTE CIRCULATION AND RETAIL TRADE.





retail trade. As is well known, hoarding of sterling notes on foreign account increased to an appreciable extent after the spring of 1936.

The note circulation shown in Diagram 13 for Canada and the United Kingdom represents currency in the hands of the public, excluding the amounts held in the cash reserves of the commercial banks. Except for these two cases, the preceding discussion has been based on data which include all notes and — where the figures are available — token coins held outside the central banks. It is necessary to enquire to what extent the increase of the currency circulation in the different countries has been taken up by the public and to what extent it has been absorbed by an expansion of commercial banks' cash reserves. The question may be examined with the aid of the figures shown in Table 3 for fourteen countries whose banking statistics make it possible to separate notes from balances with the central bank in the total cash reserves of commercial banks. The first section of the table shows the size of total cash reserves relatively to 1929. The second section shows the proportion of notes held by commercial banks to their total cash reserves. It will be seen that, in 1936

² Canada : notes in the hands of the public. Germany : including coin. United Kingdom : notes and coin in the hands of the public.

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Table 3.

COMMERCIAL BANKS' CASH RESERVES.

	I. Total cash reserves * (1929 = 100)					ntage sh al cash r		III. Notes held by commercial banks as percentage of total note circulation			
End of :	1933	1936	1937	1929	1933	1936	1937	1929	1933	1936	1937
Australia ^b	119 °	88 °	109 °	48.8	40.1	41.5	32.1	38.1	35.0	25.5	23.1
Chile	224	198		46.7	38.7	29.6		20.2	25.6	13.6	
Denmark	134	120		42.2	33.7	36.6		8.6	9.0	8.2	
Germany ^d	71	80	87	59.4	60.4	58.1	56.4	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5
Greece •	166 °	150 °		39.8	26.2	29.4		8.7	8.9	8.0	
Japan	84	88		60.4	63.8	67.5		42.8	40.3	36.9	
Latvia ^e	69	208		73.6	34.0	26.7		5.0	1.6	3.5	•••
Norway ^e	84	87	99	41.2	49.2	57.3	49.4	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.8
Portugal	104	149		49.4	45.6	39.7		3.9	3.9	4.3	
Sweden • f	400	472	653	90.4	25.3	25.3	20.1	11.8	11.7	10.3	10.4
Union of South Africa	396	344		32.9	8.3	10.8		26.1	20.2	16.5	1
United Kingdom • s	118	126	130	62.4	49.4	49.7	50.5	22.4	21.2	20.2	19.2
United States • h	107	248	259	19.0	15.0	9.6	7.8	12.2	8.5	10.7	9.0
Uruguay	159	105		94.6	95.1	74.3		22.3	32.3	14.6	

* Notes plus balances with Central Bank.

^b The figures refer to the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

 \bullet 1930 = 100.

^d The figures refer to Kreditbanken, end of November of each year.

• The basic figures include token coins (both in cash reserves and in total note circulation).

⁴ The basic figures for the total circulation of token coins used for Section III (included in note circulation) are approximate.

⁵ Annual averages, ten clearing banks. The basic figures for cash reserves consist of bankers' balances at the Bank of England *plus* notes and coin held by clearing banks. Those for the total currency circulation (used for Section III) consist of notes and coin in the hands of the public *plus* notes and coin held by clearing banks.

^h All member banks.

or 1937, the proportion was lower than in 1929 in all cases except Japan and Norway, where total reserves were also lower than in 1929.³ In the third section of Table 3, the note holdings of the commercial banks are expressed as a percentage of the total note circulation. In every case except Portugal, the proportion of notes held by commercial banks to the total of notes in circulation decreased between 1929 and 1936 or 1937. Table 3 thus points to the general conclusion that the increase in commercial banks' cash reserves has mainly taken the form of central-bank balances. The commercial banks appear to have kept their reserves in the form of notes only to the extent necessary to meet day-to-day requirements of till money ; it is probable, also, that commercial banks have taken no part in the shift to large denominations which was noted above. The bulk of the expansion of notes in circulation which has occurred in most countries thus appears to have passed into the hands of the public.

² It may be noted that changes in the composition of commercial banks' cash reserves may have a significant influence in the countries (such as Australia, Denmark, India and Switzerland) where the legal reserve ratio of the central bank applies only to the note circulation and not to the total sight liabilities of the central bank. If, under this system, the commercial banks reduce their holdings of notes and increase, instead, their balances with the central bank, the latter will be able to pursue a more liberal credit policy. If the composition of the commercial banks' cash reserves is changed in the opposite direction, the central bank may be compelled to restrict credit if the reserve ratio is near its legal minimum. The effect is similar in countries (such as Japan, Norway and the United Kingdom) where notes in excess of a fixed fiduciary issue must be fully covered by gold. The sharp fall which occurred in the United Kingdom between 1920 and 1933 in the percentage share of notes in the total cash reserves of the London clearing banks was probably due largely to the fact that the banks were exhorted to reduce their note holdings in order to replenish the "Reserve" of the Banking Department of the Bank of England and thus to provide increased scope for an expansion of the Bank's outside liabilities.

Table 4.

COMMERCIAL BANK DEPOSITS.

		mand de $29 = 10$			total dependent dependen		п. 	I. Dema		osits as j deposits		ge
End of :	1933	1936	1937	1933	1936	1937	.1929	1931	1933	1935	1936	1937
Argentine	99	111	140*	89	96	108*	30.9	28.4	34.6	31.7	35.1	37.8
Australia	95	112	123	96	101	109*	33.3	31.1	33.8	37.2	37.9	38.2
Bolivia,	132	650		117	354		52.3	44.8	59.2	93.5	96.1	
Brazil	128	150		109	141]	58.8	58.5	68.5	62.7	63.0	
Bulgaria	54	59*		62	62*							
Canada	69	92	92	83	101	102	30.4	29.5	25.1	27.1	27.7	27.4
Chile	174	239	275*	101	145	158*	40.1	46.8	69.2	70.0	66.5	69.6
Colombia.	99	146	151*	97	121	125*	65.3	55.2	67.0	74.2	79.2	·
Czechoslovakia	87	87		91	94		52.1	47.7	48.3	46.0	46.6	
Denmark.	103	113	119	100	110	112	27.7	27.8	28.6	27.4	28.4	29.5
Ecuador	179	203•		147	171*		71.3	65.3	85.1	69.0	77.0*	
Estonia	86	164	179	77	141	156	63.3	74.4	70.8	72.9	74.5	72.8
Finland	119	123	151	100	115	134	19.9	22.2	23.6	20.3	21.2	22.4
France.	96	85	90	96	84	89	96.8	96.8	97.3	97.5	98.1	98.0
Germany.	70	82	87	58	55	60*	37.1	50.6	45.0	47.8	49.2	48.2
Greece	87	98	105*	98	105	113*	62.8	74.8	76.0	79.0	80.4	80.2
Hungary	84	74	75•	77	77	82*	32.6	33.9	35.6	32.1	31.4	29.8
Italy	78	89*		79	85	97	72.8	73.5	71.1	66.4		
Japan	90	107	131	95	119	134	35.0	32.0	33.2	31.3	31.4	34.1
Latvia	47	122	200•	47	131	200*	94.0	91.6	94.4	96.0	87.6	
Lithuania	102	128	140*	89	89	107*	8.3	40.7	42.3	50.3	47.1	42.6
Mexico,	102	137	143*	107	143	156*	80.4	70.2	78.1	78.7	77.3	
Netherlands	87	93		74	71		46.8	47.1	55.3	59.9	61.4	
New Zealand	85	121	130	109	116	118	44.8	32.9	32.9	39.5	46.0	52.7
Norway	67	103	109	79	84	90	11.7	11.4	9.9	13.2	14.5	14.9
Peru.	80	145	156*	77	116	138	51.2	48.8	55.3	56.7	56.5	ŀ
Poland.	58	63	72	48	51	60	49.2	51.4	54.7	54.0	58.5	60.4
Portugal	108	157	208*	80	92•		46.0	57.2	62.2	65.5		
Roumania	52	63•	200	45	50.		40.0	57.2	01.1	05.5		
Sweden	102	135	149	104	110	115	18.9	17.2	18.6	21.1	23.3	24.6
	58	59	69*	96	88	92•	27.5	17.2	16.6	13.8	18.5	20.8
Switzerland	171	233	217*	134	156	154.	50.3	43.6	64.3	69.6	76.0	71.3
	106	133	134	108	124	125	54.0	50.6	53.0	55.2	56.0	55.6
United Kingdom	76	130	122	71	111	108	57.6	56.8	61.4	66.0	67.5	65.3
United States		95	122	114	138	167*	47.6	48.2	49.0	40.0	33.3	
Uruguay	116		62*		59	62*	21.5	46.2	16.8	14.3	14.7	17.7
Yugoslavia	63	49	02*	66	"	04 ^r	41.7	10.5	10.0	17.2	14.4	

* Based on provisional figures.

Commercial Bank Deposits.

The broad movement of commercial bank deposits in thirty-six countries during the period 1929-1937 is briefly summarised in Table 4 above. By means of the indices given in the first two sections of the Table, based on 1929 = 100, the volume of demand deposits⁴ and total deposits in 1936 or 1937 can be easily compared with 1933 and 1929. The third section shows the percentage ratio of demand deposits to total deposits. The table is based on Table III (" Currency Composition and Movements ") and Table XI (" Composition of Commercial Bank Deposits ") given in the Appendix, except for certain cases where less complete but more recent monthly or quarterly returns ⁵ have been used.

* Published in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the League of Nations.

[•] The term " demand deposits " is used in this chapter to include all deposits payable on demand, and covers such categories as sight deposits, current accounts, non-interest-bearing deposits, etc., used in the different countries.

The movement of deposits appears to have been less uniform than that of notes in circulation. In fourteen of the thirty-six countries included in the table, total deposits in 1936 remained below the level of 1929. These countries include France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and a number of agricultural States. If, however, the 1936 figures are compared with 1933, a fall in total deposits is observed in only five countries : France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. Of the countries for which figures are available for the end of 1937, only the Union of South Africa and the United States show a decline during 1937.

Demand deposits have, on the whole, tended to rise more or to diminish less than total deposits during recent years. In the majority of cases, therefore, the ratio of demand deposits to total deposits shown in the third section of Table 4 was higher in 1936 or 1937 than in 1933, and higher also than in 1929.

A shift from time deposits to demand deposits is normally a symptom of a more active use of funds on the part of the public. The rise in the proportion of demand deposits which has taken place in recent years has probably, however, been also due to some extent to the reduction in interest rates paid by the banks on time deposits. In a number of countries, demand deposits bear no interest, and the fall in the rates allowed on time deposits has correspondingly reduced the relative advantage of holding funds on time deposit. Moreover, in such countries as the Argentine, the Union of South Africa and the United States, where there are legal reserve requirements which are higher for demand deposits than for time deposits, the expansion of the banks' cash reserves has in some cases tended to favour the rise in the proportion of demand deposits, since banks have been less inclined to ease their reserve position by inducing customers to transfer their balances from demand to time deposit accounts.⁶

The efficiency with which bank deposits are used by the public as means of payment can be observed by comparing the movement of bank clearings ⁷ with the volume of deposits. In Table 5 below, quarterly indices of the "velocity of circulation" of commercial bank deposits are given for eleven countries from the last quarter of 1933 to the last quarter of 1937. The figures shown express the ratio of bank clearings to (a) demand deposits and (b) total deposits in each quarter as a percentage of the average ratio in 1929. The indices thus obtained are rough and approximate, and should be taken to illustrate changes in direction rather than in degree.⁸ In order to eliminate as far as possible the influence of stock-exchange transactions, the total of country and provincial clearings has been used for the United Kingdom; in the case of the United States, the figures refer to the velocity of circulation of demand deposits outside New York. The indices shown for the other countries are all to some extent affected by the price-level and turnover of securities. It should be noted, moreover, that, with the exception of the series shown for the United States, the indices are subject to seasonal variation.

The changes in the composition of commercial bank deposits shown in Table 4 are, of course, reflected in the difference between the two series given in Table 5, representing the velocity of circulation of demand deposits and that of total deposits respectively. The

[•] In the United States, the recent increase of reserve requirements — and the consequent reduction in excess reserves - - seems to have led to a reversion to the previous practice and probably accounts to some extent for the fall in the proportion of demand deposits which occurred during 1937. (See footnote 17, page 46 above.)

^{&#}x27; Data on clearings for thirty-three countries will be found in Table XIII of the Appendix.

[•] Possible sources of error are, for example, incompleteness of the deposit figures, changes in the proportion of cheques cleared to cheques drawn, changes in the proportion of the clearings which arise from cheques drawn on the particular deposits included in making the computations, etc.

Table 5.

VELOCITY OF CIRCULATION OF COMMERCIAL BANK DEPOSITS.

(Average 1929 = 100.)

(a) Demand deposits.

(b) Total deposits.

	1935	1934			1935			1936			1937						
Quarter	IV	I	п	m	10	I	п	ш	IV	I	п	III	IV	I	п	ш	IV
Australia (a) (b)	106 107	94 96	97 111	91 84	97 94	91 92	94 102	109 94	103 110	88 97	94 98	94 98	106 113	97 108	97 104	97 102	
Canada (a) (b)	96 78	90 80	96 83	92 80	101 90	80 67	87 80	79 70	84 81	89 71	87 86	81 85	89 90	81 81	75 74	65 72	77
Chile (a) (b)	57 74	54 73	57 78	58 80	62 86	59 83	58 80	58 78	63 86	59 78	61 83	59 80	68 84	64 82	73 94	73 93	71 93
France ² (a)	80	81	68	61	71	74	81	71	83	77	78	63	71	70	84	75	82
Germany (a) (b)	60 131	58 130	62 135	64 137	64 141	66 147	62 141	65 144	67 148	61 137	61 140	63 145	67 154	60 140	65 152	66 152	70 152
Greece (a) (b)	76 69	62 56	72 64	77 71	76 71	76 69	77 71	85 79	85 79	73 67	70 64	75 67	83 75	104 96	110 102	108 98	
Japan (a) (b)	133 127	115 110	109 104	108 99	108	103 94	103 94	106 94	118	106 95	111	114 102	112	117 109	116 112	109	109
Sweden	82 79	75 75	79 81	72 77	84 88	75 86	77 95	68 88	73 96	63 84	73 97	63 86	80 112	70 105	72	63 104	72
Union of South Africa (a) (b)	79 83	89 109	90	96 114	88 88	87 111	74	81 88	82 94	90 114	93 131	99 112	97 131	111 140	91	92 112	81 106
United Kingdom (a) (b)	78 75	94 90	92 86	86 83	89 87	90 88	86 85	81 82	86 87	86 86	82 82	78 80	85 87	90 91	87 89	83 84	85 86
United States b (a)	58	57	58	54	52	53	52	54	54	55	56	54	55	57	54	54	55

• Practically the whole of commercial bank deposits in France consists of demand deposits. No separate index is therefore shown for (b).

^b This index, adjusted for seasonal variations, is computed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and refers to the velocity of circulation of demand deposits outside New York. No comparable index is available for total deposits.

latter gives a more comprehensive indication of the activity of bank deposits, as it takes into account, not only the rate at which the different classes of deposits are turned over by the public, but also the shifts in composition, which are similarly a result of the action of the public and are, as a rule, outside the control of the banks. It may be seen from Table 5 that, owing partly no doubt to the rise in the proportion of demand deposits to total deposits, the velocity of circulation of total deposits in Australia, Chile, Germany, Sweden and the Union of South Africa has in recent years been much higher relatively to 1929 than the velocity of circulation of demand deposits alone.

The fact that the rise in the proportion of demand deposits to total deposits does not necessarily imply a rise in the degree of activity of the total supply of deposits is illustrated by the case of Canada. Between the last quarter of 1933 and the last quarter of 1937, the velocity index of total deposits in Canada rose, on balance, only from 78 to 79, while the index for demand deposits declined sharply from 96 to 77. The shift to demand deposits which was observed during this period was probably connected to some extent with the substantial reductions which the banks effected in their interest rates on savings accounts.⁹

[•] See the preceding edition of the present volume, Monetary Review, 1936 /37. Section E. page 93.

Surplus funds which would otherwise have probably been transferred to savings accounts were thus left idle on demand deposit accounts, and this had the effect of lowering the average velocity of the latter.

If allowance is made for seasonal fluctuations, the indices seem to show an upward movement during 1936 in every case except France. A high point was in most cases reached in the last quarter of 1936 or the first quarter of 1937. During 1937, the indices show a declining tendency in Australia, Canada, Japan, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States, while in France the velocity of circulation appears to have increased considerably.

The indices given for the United Kingdom and the United States in Table 5 show that the marked expansion in bank advances which took place in these countries during 1936 and 1937¹⁰ was not accompanied by an increase in the velocity of circulation of deposits. Deposits resulting from commercial loans tend normally to turn over more quickly than deposits created by purchase of securities by the banks. The influence of expanding advances on the rate of activity of bank deposits in the United Kingdom and the United States has probably been offset by the increase in the share of inactive foreign balances in the total volume of deposits in these countries.

In general, Table 5 shows that the velocity of circulation of bank deposits has remained, in most cases, below the level of 1929 during the recent period of economic recovery. The expansion of deposits has been greater than the rise in the requirements of the business circulation. Purchases of securities by the banks have formed the chief counterpart to the increase in deposits;¹¹ the sellers of these securities have to some extent preferred liquidity to interest earnings and have tended to leave their balances idle.

The Total Quantity of Money.

Table III of the Appendix contains a series (column (f)) showing the "net amount of money available" in each country. In addition to notes and coins in actual circulation (*i.e.*, excluding commercial banks' cash reserves), these figures include sight deposits of Governments and private individuals with the central bank and all demand deposits with commercial banks. In order to facilitate examination of these figures, they have been brought together in the form of indices (based on 1929 = 100) in the first section of Table 6 given on the following page.

The indices shown in Section II of Table 6 are more comprehensive in scope. They cover, not only the sum of the items represented by the indices in Section I, but also commercial bank deposits other than demand deposits (that is, time deposits, savings' accounts, etc.). The definition of "money" is, of course, to a certain extent a matter of convention or convenience. The inclusion of time deposits under the term "money" may be appropriate for certain countries — and for certain purposes of analysis — and inappropriate for others. In Canada, for example, "savings accounts" perform the function of money to a considerable extent. The same is true of "deposit accounts" with the clearing banks in the United Kingdom. Even though it may not be possible to draw cheques on time deposits, in practice such deposits are in many countries easily convertible into demand deposits or into cash. Where their withdrawal is subject to a period of notice, they can nevertheless in certain countries be withdrawn immediately if the depositor is willing to forgo part or the whole of

¹⁰ See Diagram 6 (page 38) and Diagram 11 (page 47), above.

¹¹ The rise in security holdings of commercial banks since the low point of the depression is brought out in Table XIV of the Appendix (" Movement of Commercial Bank Credits and Investments ").

Table 6.

THE TOTAL VOLUME OF MONEY.

	Indices of the total quantity of money, 1929 = 100										
	I. Iı	demand o mercial b	II. Including total commercial bank deposits								
End of :	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	
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Argentine	92	92 84	104	116	126	87 89	88 93 [‡]	93 97	100 100	106	
Australia	79	84 68	69	107	114*	67	65	67			
	104	00	115	125*		92	0)	100	109*	•••	
Belgium.	104	294	486	592		136	250	410	495		
		128	134	149*		104	118	129	142*		
Brazil	113	68	72	75*		73	74	79	82*		
Bulgaria.	72	79	86	94	 96	83	88	95	101	102	
Canada	1	••				101	112	123	141		
	103 85	122	132 79	156 85		89	90	87	91		
	4 1	86			 118*				110	113	
Denmark	101	107	106	112		100	106	107			
Ecuador.	126	173	186			118	170	188			
Istonia	91	115	131	156	173	85	105	121	144	161	
inland	101	100	107	129	149	97	102	106	118	136	
rance	103	106	98	107	112*	101	.104	96	105	110	
Germany	81	89	91	97	104*	69	74	74	78	84	
reece	111	108	119	125	138*	117	113	123	127		
Iungary	92	84	91	98	105*	81	79	83	86	93	
taly	79	76	79	85*	101*	80	79	81	85*	93	
apan	91	93	99	107	126	94	100	107	117	131	
atvia	100	109	109	134	171*	100	108	107	136	172	
ithuania	83	87	83	105		82	82	77	96		
lexico	110	123	155	171		111	120	154	170		
Vetherlands	103	99	88	110		90	86	74	91		
New Zealand	90	114	118	139	150	109	118	+ 122	125	130	
Norway	90	97	106	129	133*	84	85	92	98	103	
Peru	90	116	127	143		85	107	121	139		
'oland	75	74	74	81	86	71	71	71	77	83	
Portugal	111	127	132	142*	151*	101	116	119	128*	140	
Roumania.	90	84	90*	100*	110*	69	62	66*	74*	83	
weden	103	107	116	138	153	104	103	107	116	123	
witzerland	76	71	65	84	92*	99	96	89	94	99	
urkey 🌯	105	115	114	124		106	113	118	125		
Inion of South Africa	165	179	198	223	214*	137	146	153	163	160	
Inited Kingdom	106	108	113	127	128*	107	109	112	123	124	
Inited States	82	97	115	130	125	79	93	103	114	112	
Uruguay	95	98	95	97		99	103	106	116		
Yugoslavia	81	82	90	101	118•	81	78	80	85	95	

* Based on provisional figures.

■ 1932 = 100.

the interest earned on them;¹² and banks are the more likely to agree to such arrangements when their cash reserves are high. In general, it may be said that, even if time deposits do not represent money in the sense of means of payment, they normally fulfil at least the function of money as a liquid "store of value".

Table 6 requires no comment, especially as the two main components of the total, money supply — notes in circulation and commercial bank deposits — have already been discussed in the two preceding sections. It may simply be pointed out that there is no country which shows a decline between 1933 and 1936 or 1937 in either of the two sections

¹² It is well known that in the United Kingdom, for example, the line between "current accounts" and "deposit accounts" is in practice somewhat indeterminate. In the United States, on the other hand, the distinction between demand and time deposits has been made sharper by recent banking legislation.

of the table.¹³ In 1936 or 1937, the total volume of money, including all commercial bank deposits (Section II of the table) was lower than in 1929 in ten countries, including the Netherlands, Switzerland and six agricultural States : Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Roumania and Yugoslavia. The indices were lower than in 1929 also in the case of Germany and Italy, but it should be remembered that, in these two countries, large State expenditures have been covered by internal borrowing and that the resulting increase in bank deposits has accumulated partly in special public credit institutions which are excluded from the basic figures used for Table 6.

It may be of interest to examine briefly the quantitative relation between the two main components of the aggregate supply of money. Table 7 shows the proportion of the net currency circulation (that is, notes and — where available — token coins in circulation outside the banks) to the total quantity of money including demand deposits only (Section I) and total commercial bank deposits (Section II). The table covers the fourteen countries shown in Table 3 above, for which it is possible to ascertain the amount of notes and coins held by commercial banks, and Canada, for which figures are available regarding the net note circulation in the hands of the public. In addition, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland are included in the table, even though it is not possible to deduct the note holdings of the commercial banks from the total note circulation in these countries ; the percentages shown represent the proportion of the total note issue to the total supply of money, and are therefore not comparable with the percentages given for the fifteen other countries.

With only a few exceptions, Table 7 discloses a general trend towards an increase in the proportion of cash to the aggregate volume of money between 1929 and 1936 or 1937. The rise in that proportion between 1929 and 1933 may be attributed to the banking crises which occurred in the intervening period. It is less easy to explain why in most cases the proportion also remained higher in 1936 and 1937 than in 1929. Neither banking nor currency difficulties can account for the high proportion of notes to total money in, for example, Sweden or the United States during recent years. It may be that the reduction in commercial banks' deposit rates has led the public to hold a larger share of their money in the form of notes. Another consequence of the fall in interest rates has been that commercial banks in certain countries, in view of the fall in the rate of return on their assets, have imposed charges — or raised the existing scale of charges — for the services they render to their depositors. Bank charges, especially on small accounts, have probably contributed to the increase in the holding of notes on the part of the public. Furthermore, the change in the composition of the total money-supply may to some extent reflect a rise in the proportion of retail to wholesale trade which has gradually taken place with the growing "vertical integration" of processes of production and distribution. The decline in the relative importance of international trade may likewise have tended to shorten the chain of wholesale transactions and thus to raise the ratio of notes to the total quantity of money.

Changes in the composition of the supply of money are significant in that the total quantity of money depends partly on the form in which it is held. If, for example, the public chooses to hold more notes and less bank deposits, the cash reserves of the commercial banks tend to decline and the banks may be compelled to effect a further — and probably much larger — reduction in the volume of deposit-money by a restrictive credit policy.

¹³ In the case of Austrie, no figures for commercial bank deposits are available since 1935. The decline shown by the indices for Austria in 1934 is mainly due to the amalganistion of certain banks and to the consequent cancellation of interbank deposits.

Table 7.

	of mor		s to total vo g demand de ercial banks		II. Ratio of notes to total volume of money including total commercial bank deposits					
End of :	1929	1933	1936	1937	1929	1933	1936	1937		
Australia	19.1	27.1	31.3	31.6	7.9	9.9	10.6	10.7		
Canada	18.0	20.2	19.5	20.8*	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.9*		
Chile	32.7	26.8	30.0	•••	17.3	21.0	22.6	·		
Denmark.	35.9	36.0	34.9		14.1	14.4	14.0			
France 🛎	53,6	62.7	71.4	68.3	51.5	61.2	64.0			
Germany	57.7	52.4	63.1	63.4	34.3	43.4	46.8	46.6		
Greece	28.8	27.5	28.0		24.7	22.2	23.3			
Japan	17.9	19.3	21.0		8.3	8.7	9.0			
Latvia	44.0	44.9	36.3		34.6	40.0	28.7			
Netherlands •	55.4	57.1	46.6		26.4	35.2	29.7			
Norway	63.4	72.4	66.5	67.9*	21.9	26.9	30.4	30.3*		
Portugal	72.7	63.8	56.1*	50.8*	60.1	57.7	51.5*	45.3*		
Sweden	37.5	41.1	41.7	41.2	12.9	13.9	17.1	17.6*		
Switzerland 🗕	20.7	41.2	36.8*		6.8	10.3	10.7*			
Union of South Africa .	16.0	13.5	14.4		9.4	9.6	11.7			
United Kingdom ^b	27.7	26.9	26.9	27.7	16.7	15.6	16.4	17.4		
United States	19.5	28.5	21.3	22.6	12.2	19.7	15.4	16.0		
Uruguay	40.6	40.9	57.6*		31.2	30.2	37.1*			

PERCENTAGE SHARE OF NET NOTE CIRCULATION IN TOTAL VOLUME OF MONEY.

* Based on provisional figures.

• The basic figures for notes in circulation refer to the total note-issue.

b Based on annual averages of net currency circulation and clearing bank deposits.

It was, of course, this relationship between the component parts of the money supply that aggravated the repercussions of the banking crises and the currency hoarding of the years 1931-1933. That the persistence of a high proportion of notes to total money in 1936 and 1937 has had, on the whole, no such restrictive effects is due to the high level at which commercial banks' cash reserves have been maintained by the policy of central banks, which, in turn, has largely been a reflection of changes in the gold supply and of requirements of Government finance.

It is not intended in the present edition of this volume to analyse the relationship between the quantity of money and the recent changes in the general economic situation in different countries. A brief comparison may, however, be made between the movements in the monetary supply which have been illustrated in the preceding tables and the development of prices, production and interest rates in recent years. This comparison is presented in Diagram 14, which traces the relevant series for eighteen countries during the period 1929-1937. In addition to the indices of the quantity of money (excluding time deposits) and of the movement of prices, industrial production and interest rates, the diagram shows a fifth series which is obtained by multiplying the production index by the mean of wholesale and retail prices, and by dividing the result by the index of the net quantity of money available. If the product of the price index and the production index could be taken to reflect accurately the changes in the aggregate volume of monetary transactions, this fifth series would represent a reliable indication of the average velocity of circulation of the supply of money. Unfortunately, this condition is in most cases not fulfilled except with a wide margin of approximation. Especially in countries which are not predominantly industrial, the index of industrial production is not truly representative of the total physical volume of business. It should be understood, therefore, that the velocity indices plotted in the diagram are nothing more than rough and approximate indications.

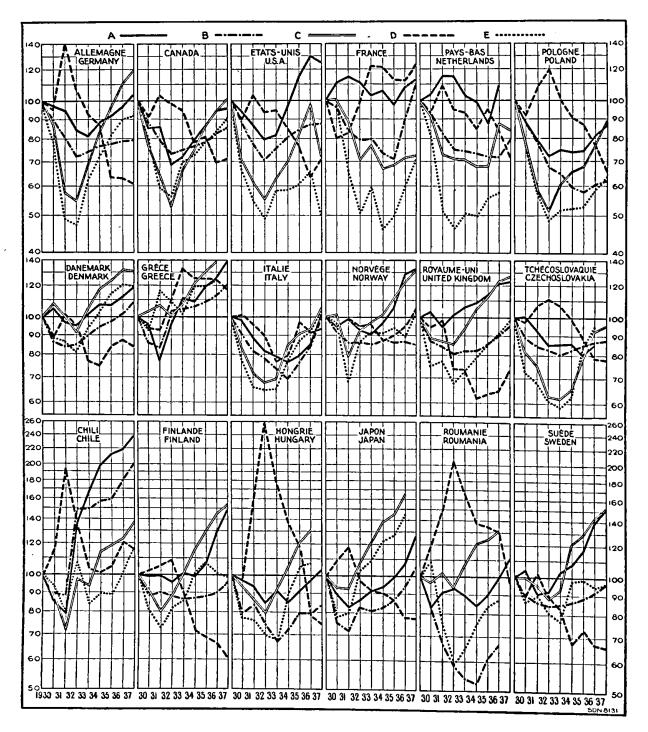
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Diagram 14.

The Supply of Money in Relation to Other Economic Phenomena. (1929 = 100.)

A. Quantity of money.C. Industrial production.

B. Average of wholesale and retail prices.D. Yield of bonds.E. Velocity of circulation.



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Note to Diagram 14. — As in the similar diagram given in a previous edition of this publication (Monetary Review, 1935/36, page 55), the indices representing the quantity of money are those of the "active" money-supply, excluding time deposits with commercial banks. These indices refer to the end of each year. The average of wholesale and retail price indices shown in the diagram refers likewise to the last month of each year. To reduce the influence of random fluctuations in the indices of industrial production, these represent averages of November, December and the following January, except in the case of Hungary and the United Kingdom, where they are averages for the fourth quarter. The fourth series is the long-term rate of interest as reflected in the actual yield of bonds. The basic figures, taken from Table VIII of the Appendix, are averages for the fourth quarter, and refer to the yield of Government bonds, except for France, where a comprehensive average of thirty-six miscellaneous bonds (including several Government bonds) is used, and Germany and Poland, where the figures are based on the yield of mortgage bonds. The method of computing the fifth series — velocity of circulation — has been indicated above, together with the important reservations to which it is subject. The five series of indices are all based on 1929 = 100. The diagram is drawn on a logarithmic scale.

An attempt to interpret the diverse movements shown in the diagram would fall outside the restricted scope of the present chapter. A few general features may, however, be noted. The expansion of production in the recent period of recovery has in nearly every case been more or less closely accompanied by an expansion of money, while a rise in the velocity curves indicates a tendency towards a more active rate of monetary turnover. After the sharp fall in both production and velocity between 1929 and 1932, both curves show, at first, a parallel rise. In the later stages of the recovery period, it is the money-supply which follows the production index more closely, while velocity tends to fall behind, as, for example, in Finland, Norway, Sweden and the United States. The movement of prices seems, on the whole, to have been steadier than that of the other series included. It may be noted that France is the only country where a rise in the price index has left the production curve far below it. In several cases — as, for example, in Canada, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary and Japan — the inverse correlation between the velocity index and the interest rate is more marked than that between the volume of money and the interest rate. This would seem to suggest that changes in the desire for liquidity have frequently exercised a stronger influence on the rate of interest than changes in the quantity of money available.

Government Accounts with Central Banks.

As was mentioned above, Government deposits with central banks are included in the basic figures regarding the "net quantity of money", which have been used in compiling the tables in the preceding section, and which are shown in Table III of the Appendix. The adoption of a uniform method for the calculation of these figures makes the inclusion of Government deposits necessary, as the returns of central banks in several countries do not show these deposits under a separate item. Changes in the amount of Government deposits may, however, have significant effects on the supply of money available to the public.

Central banks usually act as bankers to the Government. Particularly in countries where the private money market is little developed, changes in the position of the Treasury have tended to be reflected in Government accounts with central banks, and have thus influenced the amount of cash held by the public and the commercial banks. The influence of State finance on the supply of central-bank credit may take two forms. In a number of countries, the deterioration of the budgetary situation led to direct Government borrowing at the central bank during the depression years. Changes in the central bank's deposit

Table 8.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS WITH CENTRAL BANKS.

(a) Advances to the Government.

(b) Deposits of the Government.

(c) Net debt (--) or claim (+) of the Government.

(d) Total sight liabilities minus Government deposits.

End of :	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
	[(000,000's))			·
Chile (a)			139	518	682	714	706	698	791
$(Pesos) \qquad (b)$	23	4	5	20	54	68	60	26	
(c)	+ 23	+ 4	- 134	498	- 663	- 646	- 646	672	
(<i>a</i>)	456	387	404	787	811	794	804	915	
Colombia ((a)	1.5	4.0	8.0	19.4	21.6	28.2	27.7	28.2	20.0
(Pesos)	1.6	2.5	2.1	5.5	5.0	5.2	7.9	9.2	28.8
(resos)	+ 0.1	- 1.5	- 5.9	- 13.9	- 16.6		- 19.8	- 19.0	- 19.0
(a)	51.5	38.9	36.2		55.8	67.2	71.9	89.0	- 19.0
- •						07.2	1.5	07.0	
Ecuador (a)	9.6	8.5	8.2	19.5	33.4	35.7	18.5	15.9	26.0
(Sucres) (b)	10.3	9.4	6.7	2.2	2.7	11.0	17.7	5.6	13.7
(c)	+ 0.7	+ 0.9	- 1.5	- 17.3	- 30.7	- 24.7	— 0.8	- 10.3	- 12.3
(<i>a</i>)	35.7	30.6	21.3	32.8	53.3	65.0	71.3	85.4	98.9
Estonia ((a)						· ·			
(-)	8.1	8.9	3.1	4.8	4.0	3.3			
$(\text{Krooni}) \dots \dots (c)$	+ 8.1	+ 8.9	6.0 + 2.9	3.4	4.7	7.7	15.8	19.7	22.2
(d)	41.9	39.1	44.0	1.4 40.6	+ 0.7		+ 15.8	+ 19.7	+ 22.2
	1.7	, ,,,,	44.0	40.0	42.3	49.3	54.2	56.3	64.6
Hungary ((a)	88	64	58	52	50	50	77	98	115
(Pengö)	70	33	30	42	65	72	105	170	203
(Tengo)	18	31	- 28	- 10	+ 15	+ 22	+ 28	+ 72	+ 88
1 (d)	529	503	519	389	407	415	459	479	509
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Poland (a)	25	'	20	90	138	138	158	157	103
(Zloty)	284	40	10	12	15	29	1	(I	35
(c)	+ 259	+ 40	- 10	- 78	— 123	109	— 157	156	68
(<i>d</i>)	1,588	1,501	1,423	1,211	1,251	1,193	1,216	1,325	1,384
Roumania = ((a)	_	_	_	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
(b)	7,450	3,116	1,050	2,125	1.666	1,392	3,626	 6 1 2 1	2,000
	+ 7,450	+3,116	+ 1,050	+ 125	334	- 608	+ 1.626	5,121	1,573
(a)	23,065	21,566	26,565	25,835	26,810	28,147	27,166	30,841	38,960
TT							-/,100	20,041	30,900
Uruguay (a)	8.2	ſ	12.1	21.4	23.6	26.3	12.3	9.0	16.2
(Pesos)	19.2	17.0	6.1	4.6	5.6	5.2	35.3	24.4	
(c)	+ 11.0		- 6.0	- 16.8	- 18.0	- 21.1	+ 23.0		
(<i>d</i>)	95.5	99.0	107.0	111.8	104.8	107.4	100.2	107.1	
·			107.0	111.8	104.8	107.4	100.2	107.1	

• Under (a), no account is taken of the permanent State debt relating to the note-issue and of the Treasury bills which were taken up by the National Bank in 1934 merely to replace "frozen" commercial bills (see *Commercial Banks*, 1935/36, page 158). The sum of 2,000 millions shown under (a) was cancelled through the revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve in November 1936. It rcappeared, however, in 1937.

liabilities to the Government have frequently been of equal importance. Where there is no developed money market, Governments normally endeavour to maintain a balance on deposit or current account at the central bank which is at least sufficient to equalise seasonal discrepancies between revenue and expenditure. These balances have tended to be reduced in the depression and replenished in the succeeding years of recovery.

The balance-sheets of central banks are not always sufficiently detailed to permit of a comprehensive analysis of these movements; Government deposits, as mentioned

above, are not shown separately from other deposit liabilities, in a number of countries. Table 8 opposite therefore presents no more than a sample for purposes of illustration. For each of the eight countries included, the table shows the movement of central-bank advances to the State together with the Government's deposits at the bank and the resulting net claim or debt of the Government during the eight years from 1929 to 1937. The quantitative importance of the changes in Government accounts can be judged by comparison, with a fourth series showing the sum of the central bank's note circulation and of its sight deposit liabilities to others than the Government.

It will be noticed that the movement of Government deposits has in some cases been quite important relatively to Government borrowing at the central bank. In Uruguay for example, Government deposits showed a reduction of 14 million pesos from 1929 to 1934, as compared with an increase of 18 millions in Government borrowing. In Estonia, the Government balance was reduced by 4.7 million krooni between 1929 and 1932, while borrowing amounted to 4.8 millions. In Poland from 1929 to 1935, and in Roumania from 1929 to 1934, the reduction in Government deposits was far greater than the increase in Government indebtedness to the central bank.

A reduction in the Government's deposit balance tends, of course, to have the same effect on the supply of central-bank credit available to the market as an increase in the bank's advances to the Government. The latter, however, tends to reduce the reserve ratio and may therefore compel the bank to restrict private credits, while the former does not in itself affect the total amount of central-bank sight liabilities.

In countries where there has been no direct Government borrowing at the central bank, the movement of Government deposits alone has in some cases been significant, as may be seen from the following examples :

Table 9.

GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS WITH CENTRAL BANKS. (a) Government deposits. (b) All other sight liabilities (including note circulation).

End of :	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
				(0	00,000's)			
Finland (markkaa) : (a)	150	154	56	92	55	162	162	376	136
(b)	1,438	1,325	1,370	1,176	1,526	1,474	1.817	2,247	3,086
Latvia (lats):	94 110	87 111	58 114	66 106	58 124	46 133	33 131	61 162	•
Norway (kroner):	27	16	9	7	10	9	23	49	41
	380	361	393	394	381	403	405	485	510
Portugal (escudos)	56	19	12	205	189	322	476	309	219
	2,321	2,325	2,329	2,340	2,334	2,573	2,510	2,874	3,016
Sweden (kronor):	262	284	157	153	221	209	180	278	311
	582	612	606	654	918	933	1,018	1,216	1,510
Union of South Africa • (£) (a) (b)	2.7 15.3		3.0 13.6	1.5 12.7	1.4 30.8	3.5 42.0	7.9 41.6		4.8 42.8

* March 31st, of each year.

These figures seem to indicate that changes in Government deposits have, on the whole, tended to counteract the changes in the quantity of central-bank money available to the

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public and the private banks. Under the influence of changing economic conditions, Governments have tended to "hoard" in periods of relative prosperity and to "dishoard" in times of depression. The quantitative importance of this tendency should not, however, be overrated; in many countries, the movements of Government accounts have been too small to play a significant part during the period under review; and, in practically all countries, their influence on the supply of central bank money has been completely overshadowed by other factors.

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D. — STATUS OF CENTRAL BANKS.

General.

Since 1929, new central banks have been created in fourteen countries,¹ and important amendments have been made to the statutes of existing central banks in at least ten countries.² Several of the provisions of these new statutes and amendments represent important departures from the more traditional prescriptions drawn up before the war or in the post-war reconstruction period. These provisions fall into four groups. The first consists of those tending to reinforce the control of the State in the ownership or management of the central bank. A second group includes those which enlarge the scope of central bank operations by a wider definition of paper which may be accepted by a bank for discount or as collateral for advances. Provisions extending the powers and control of the central bank over the commercial banking system and the money market make up the third group. The fourth group relates to legal cover provisions. Before reviewing briefly the most important of these general provisions, reference may be made to the primary functions of central banks as defined in recent legislation.

Primary Functions of a Central Bank.

In the statutes of central banks adopted before the war, there is generally no mention of the primary functions of a central bank; the preamble or the opening articles usually contain a list of the operations the bank may or may not undertake. In the statutes drafted during the reconstruction period after the war, the main object of the bank is specified, but this is usually confined to the regulation of the monetary circulation with a view to ensuring a stable gold value of the currency.³ The definition of the general objective of the central banking system in the recent statutes and amendments is considerably more extensive, though striking differences characterise the formulation of this objective in various countries. Denmark alone affords an example of recent legislation defining the primary function of the central bank in terms similar to those employed in the early post-war period; according to Section 1 of the Bank is "to maintain a safe and secure currency system in this country and to facilitate and regulate the traffic in money and the extension of credit".

¹ Of the countries with entirely independent currency systems only two — Brazil and Venezuela — do not yet possess central banks. In the first country, a bill for the establishment of one has been drafted, and, in the second, proposals for similar action have been made recently.

² The main provisions of the statutes of new central banks and of the amendments to those of existing ones have been summarised in the previous issues of this publication and in Vol. II of the present edition in the introductory notes to individual countries. A compendium of such statutes and other monetary laws for twenty-eight countries as they stood at the end of September 1931 will be found in a series published by the Leegue of Nations in 1932 and entitled *Monetary* and Central Bank Laws. A summary of central bank statutes of thirty-one countries as they stood in the middle of 1929 is contained in Appendix I of the third edition of "Central Banks", by C. H. KISCH and W. A. ELKIN. When interpreting these legal provisions, it should be borne in mind that their observance in actual practice varies widely according to circumstances and historical factors. See below, for example, footnotes ¹⁰, ¹¹ and ¹⁴.

⁹ Thus, the opening articles of the statutes of the central banks of Bulgaria and Greece state that " the first duty of the Bank shall be to ensure that the gold value of its notes remains stable", and that, " to this end, it shall exercise control within the limits of its statutes over currency and credit" in the country concerned. The principal task of a central bank is stated in similar terms in the statutes of banks in other countries which experienced inflation during the war and early post-war period, notably in those of the National Bank of Roumania and the Bank of Poland. Article 2 of the statutes of the Swiss National Bank, on the other hand, states that " the National Bank shall have as its principal task to serve, in Switzerland, as the regulator of the money market and to facilitate payment transactions". The statutes of the National Bank of Albania are modelled on those drawn up before the war and contain merely a list of the transactions which it may or may not undertake. In the Argentine Law of March 28th, 1935, setting up a new central bank, the objective, though broadly similar to that stated in the Danish law, is formulated differently; it is stipulated that the Bank should "concentrate sufficient reserves to moderate the consequences of fluctuations in exports and investments of foreign capital on currency, credit and commercial activity, in order to maintain the value of the currency".⁴

In other countries, this objective is variously defined. Thus, the preamble to the Bank of Canada Act of July 1934 stipulates that the chief function of the Bank is "to regulate credit and currency in the best interests of the economic life of the nation, to control and protect the external value of the national monetary unit, and to mitigate by its influence fluctuations in the general level of production, trade, prices and employment, so far as may be possible within the scope of monetary action ".⁵ Similar but more extensive and specific views on desirable objectives for central bank policy are contained in the recommendations of the Report of the Australian Royal Commission on Monetary and Banking Systems. According to this report, the Commonwealth Bank should, in the conduct of its business, make "the reduction of fluctuations in general economic activity in Australia" its chief consideration. "The policy is not to fix the exchange rate and to require the economy in ordinary circumstances to adjust itself to that rate, but to keep the economy reasonably stable and to move the exchange rate, if necessary, as one means to that end." It is further recommended that the Bank should regulate the volume of credit to the banks "so that the latter will be induced to maintain a level of advances and deposits which will best serve the general objective of the Australian economy ". It is also added that the Commonwealth Bank should pay "some regard "to the distribution by the banks of the volume of credit amongst different industries and see that the credit provided is made available "at appropriate rates of interest ". In this connection, reference may also be made to an interpretation of the objectives of the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve System in the United States contained in a statement of the Board of Governors of August 2nd, 1937, where it is declared that "economic stability rather than price stability should be the general objective of the policy of the system ", and " that this objective cannot be achieved by monetary policy alone, but that the goal should be sought through co-ordination of monetary and other major policies of the Government which influence business activity, including particularly policies with respect to taxation, expenditures, lending, foreign trade, agriculture and labour ".6

The definition of the objectives of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand as contained in Section 10 of the Amendment Act of 1936 represents a more striking departure from traditional definitions. The first duty of the Reserve Bank is stated to be as follows : "It shall be the general function of the Reserve Bank, within the limits of its powers, to give effect as far as may be to the monetary policy of the Government as communicated to it from time to time by the Minister of Finance. For this purpose, and to the end that the economic and social welfare of New Zealand may be promoted and maintained, the Bank shall regulate and control credit and currency in New Zealand, the transfer of money to or from New

⁴ In this connection, see Resolution IV of the Monetary and Financial Sub-Commission II of the World Economic Conference adopted on July 14th, 1933, relating to central banks in agricultural countries.

⁵ See, in this connection, the Report of the Committee (Macmillan) on Finance and Industry, 1931, paragraphs 280-282, the Declaration on Monetary Policy of the Ottawa Conference of August 1932, and the British Empire Declaration on Monetary Policy, signed on July 27th, 1933, at the World Economic Conference.

⁶ Quotation from a summary of the statement to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry contained in the Federal Reserve Bulletin of September 1937, pages 827 and 828.

Zealand, and the disposal of moneys that are derived from the sale of any New Zealand products and for the time being are held overseas."⁷

Relations between the State and the Central Bank.

In the statutes as drawn up or amended in recent years, the State has generally assumed a more important rôle both in respect of the ownership and management of central banks. This tendency stands in contrast with that of the pre-war period and early post-war years, in particular when stress was laid on the desirability of preserving or increasing the independence of central banks from the State. Thus, the statutes of the central banks set up or reorganised during the post-war reconstruction period generally contain a clause or a sentence emphasising this independence either as regards ownership or management, but more especially the latter,⁸ a notable exception being the statutes of the Bank of Finland. The latter were modelled on the statutes of the Swedish Riksbank and the Bank of Norway, and provide for fairly close State supervision and control and for important appointments at the Bank being made by public authorities.

In recent years, the State has assumed partly or wholly the ownership of the central bank in four countries — Canada, Denmark, Italy and New Zealand.⁹ The change in ownership has taken different forms. In Canada, the State, by virtue of an Act of June 23rd, 1936, assumed partial ownership of the Bank of Canada, set up in 1935 with capital wholly in the hands of private shareholders, by increasing its capital by the issue of an additional 102,000 shares of Class B, at the par value of \$50 each, to the Minister of Finance. As holder of these shares, the Minister was authorised to appoint six directors to the Board of the Bank, each of whom will have two votes until the annual meeting in 1940. At this date, the number of directors elected by the private shareholders is to be reduced to three. In Italy, the Law of March 12th, 1936, transformed the Bank of Italy into a " public law " institution, and provided for repayment to private shareholders of the old capital and part of the reserves of the Bank. The new capital of 300 million lire was, however, not put up by the State, but was subscribed to by savings banks, " public law " credit institutions and banks, provident societies, and insurance companies and institutions. In Denmark and New Zealand, on the other hand, the capital of the central bank passed directly into the ownership of the State on April 7th, 1936, and April 8th, 1936, respectively. In the former country, the private shareholders were repaid in special bonds issued by the Bank and guaranteed by the Government, and in the latter in Government stock or cash.

Of the changes in the management of the central banks provided for in the statutes drawn up or amended in recent years, three principal types may be distinguished. In two

• The capital of the central bank is owned by the State also in Australia, Finland, Latvia and Sweden. In other countries, the law provides that the State may hold a stated proportion of the central bank's capital—e.g., in Czechoslovakia a third, in Japan half and in Roumania 10 %.

⁷ See below for further details regarding the action taken by the Government in respect of the proceeds of dairy produce exports. In this connection, it is interesting to note that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the statement referred to above (see footnote ⁴) declared : "It should be the recognised duty of the Board of Governors . . . to use all its powers to contribute to a concerted effort by all agencies of the Government toward the attainment of this objective" (maintenance of economic stability). See also statements of the Governor of the Bank of England quoted below, footnote ¹⁴.

⁸ This tendency finds clear expression in the resolutions adopted at the Brussels Conference of 1920 and in the Genoa Conference of 1922, the principle being re-stated as late as the Monetary and Economic Conference of 1933. Reference may be made in this connection to a series of four articles published by E. MOREAU, former Governor of the Bank of France in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, March 1st, 1937, to April 15th, 1937.

countries — in New Zealand in April 1936 and in Germany in February 1937 — the Governments attributed to themselves the right to appoint all the members of the Board of Directors or to place them directly under their control.¹⁰ In some other countries — notably, the Argentine, Denmark, France and Italy — the State, while providing for its representation in the management of the central bank, has considerably widened the scope of interests represented on the board of directors.

The most striking example of the tendency already noticeable in post-war years to include in the management representatives other than those of the banking profession or of the largest shareholders is to be found in the reform of the Bank of France as effected by the Law of July 24th, 1936. The Regency Council, the members of which were appointed by the two hundred largest shareholders, was replaced by a General Council composed of the Governor, two Deputy Governors, three censors, elected by the general meeting of shareholders with the right to take part in discussions but not vote, and twenty councillors. The latter fall into three groups. Two councillors represent the shareholders and are elected by them from occupations other than banking. A second group, representing economic and social interests, consists of nine councillors — one appointed by the National Economic Council, one by the Central Committee of Savings Banks, one by the personnel of the Bank, and six others are chosen by the Minister of Finance from a list presented by representative economic associations, such as consumers' co-operatives and Chambers of Commerce. Of the remaining nine councillors, three are chosen from the Ministries of Finance, of National Economy and of the Colonies, and six, who are ex-officio members, from the high officials of certain public departments or public or semi-public credit institutions, such as the Caisse des dépôts et consignations, the Crédit foncier, and the Caisse nationale du Crédit agricole.

The composition of the board of directors is less varied in other countries. In the Argentine, the twelve directors of the central bank selected by the Government represent mainly banking interests, but include an agriculturist, a live-stock producer, a business-man, a manufacturer and a Government delegate. The Law of April 7th, 1936, concerning the National Bank of Denmark provides for a board of directors of twenty-five members constituted as follows : eight directors to be elected by the Rigsdag from the members of that body, an economist and a lawyer to be appointed by the Minister of Trade, and fifteen directors with a thorough knowledge of trade, industry and agriculture to be chosen by the general meeting of shareholders.¹¹ The new board of the Bank of Italy consists mainly of the members of the various types of credit institutions holding the Bank's shares ; the Government is represented by three directors nominated by the Corporation for Credit and Insurance.¹²

The amendments made to the statutes of the National Bank of Belgium in July 1937 tend, on the other hand, to safeguard the Bank's independence. Apart from the Governor and the Deputy Governor, who are appointed by the Crown, all the members of the board, the managers and censors continue to be elected by the general meeting of shareholders.

¹⁰ In fact, the existing members of the New Zealand Reserve Bank Board continued to serve, but provisions were made for their successive retirement. It should also be observed that the members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System are appointed by the President of the United States.

¹¹ Actually all members of the board of the old bank, except one who expressed the wish to retire, were appointed members of the new board.

¹² The Australian Royal Commission, with one reservation, recommends that "the members of the Commonwealth Bank Board should be selected for capacity and diversity of experience and contact, and not as representatives of special interests". Further, four of the six commissioners consider that, where differences between the Government and the central bank are "irreconcilable", the former should give the latter an assurance that it accepts full responsibility for the proposed policy and that it can implement it. "It is then the duty of the Bank to accept this assurance and to carry out the policy of the Government."

and the capital of the Bank remains in private hands. Members of the Legislative Chambers may not hold high posts in the Bank,¹³ nor may those actively engaged in banking, commerce, or in industrial occupations. The Government's rôle in the management of the Bank is confined to a Commissioner, appointed by the Crown, and exercising on behalf of the Finance Minister supervision over the application of the law and the statutes of the Bank and over any measures which may be contrary to "the interests of the State".¹⁴

Discounts and Advances.

The scope of discounts and advances of central banks has been extended in recent years in certain countries in three principal ways — by making eligible for rediscount certain types of paper not possessing the traditional qualities of security and liquidity, by authorising central banks to accept new types of securities as collateral for advances, and, finally, by empowering the banks to make more or less direct industrial or commercial advances.¹⁵

The laws passed in France and the United States afford the most striking examples of the variety of new paper admitted for rediscounting. First, it may be noted that, legally, the Bank of France was not required to admit Treasury bills for rediscount, though, in fact, it did so and showed them together with commercial bills. The steep rise in the Bank's bill portfolio which began in May 1935 was due almost entirely to rediscounts of such bills. In order to regularise this position, the Law of June 23rd, 1936, provided for an extension of a loan of 14,000 million francs by the Bank to the State for the purpose of redeeming the Treasury bills rediscounted by the Bank and shown separately at 13,833 millions on June 19th, 1936. Further, Article 13 of the Law of July 24th, 1936, on the reform of the Bank, stipulated that " all bills of the floating debt issued by the public Treasury and coming to maturity within a maximum period of three months are admitted without limit to rediscount at the bank of issue, except for the benefit of the Treasury" (" sauf au profit du Trésor public").¹⁶

Special bills have also been admitted for rediscount at the Bank of France.¹⁷ Thus,

¹³ It should be noted that the French Law of July 24th, 1936, also provides that members of the Legislative Chambers may not sit on the General Council of the Bank of France.

¹⁴ Though no change has been made to the statutes of the Bank of England (see the views expressed on this point in the Report of the Committee (Macmillan) on Finance and Industry, 1931, paragraphs 33 and 50), it is interesting to note in this connection two statements by the Governor of the Bank. The first, made in October 1936, read as follows : "Those for whom I speak welcome the freedom which we have in comparison with those in many other markets, but we wish to use that freedom in the only proper way it can be used, and that is in harmony with the Government's policy. I assure the Ministers that if they will at all times find us willing with good-will and loyally to do what they direct as though we were under legal compulsion." (See comments of the *Economist*, October 10th, 1936, page 60, on this statement.) A year lator, the Governor stated : "We must look largely to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and we assure him that in all matters his requests govern the conduct of our affairs. We would prefer, however, that he made his requests as such rather than in the form of legislation. Legislation is too foreign a method."

On the other hand, the terms of reference of the Netherlands Commission on Banking, appointed on March 4th, 1937, with regard to the central bank read as follows: ". . . whilst also giving their opinion on related problems, and among these on the question whether and to what extent the status of the Netherlands Bank needs to be modified, without impairing the Bank's independence".

¹⁶ An extension in the scope of central bank operations was effected for one or more of the following reasons: the desire to improve the position of commercial banks in difficulties and hence that of the money market, the need to finance the increasing expenditure of public departments by means other than a recourse to the capital market, and the necessity for supplying credit to certain branches of the economic system not in a position to raise money through usual channels.

¹⁶ According to the 1937 annual report, the Bank took measures to ensure that these rediscount facilities should be granted only to *bona-fide* holders of short-term securities, and that they should not provide the basis for making indirect loans to the Government, as was done in 1935 and the first half of 1936.

¹⁷ Regarding the extent to which these bills have been rediscounted by the Bank of France, see Vol. II, chapter on France.

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under the Agreement of August 15th, 1935, between the Government and the Bank, the latter consented to assist the financing of the grain harvest by rediscounting warrants that co-operatives or agriculturists have received from the *Caisses agricoles* and which have already been rediscounted. Similar provisions were made for guaranteed paper secured by wines. The creation of the *Office du Blé* a year later was accompanied by legislation authorising the Bank of France to discount or rediscount bills drawn against wheat in storage. Further, the Law of August 19th, 1936, provided for admission to discount of two other types of special bills. The first are those drawn by concerns affected by the social reform laws and bearing the guarantee of the *Caisse centrale des Banques populaires*. The second are the receipts of certain French exporters representing amounts blocked in or not yet transferred from countries with transfer restrictions ; the *Commission d'Assurance-Crédit* is the medium through which such receipts are submitted to the Bank.

The extension towards the end of 1937 in the scope of paper admitted to discount by Federal Reserve banks is perhaps more striking. In the statement of general principles prefacing the new regulations of October 1st, 1937, on discounts and advances, replacing those of 1930, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System declared ¹⁸ that, " in passing upon applications for discounts or advances of member banks, Federal Reserve banks are expected to consider, not only the quality of the paper submitted, but also whether or not it is in the public interest to place additional funds at the disposal of the member bank in question . . .", and " that the lending function of the Federal Reserve banks is not automatic, but is an instrumentality of the system's general credit policy ". In pursuance of this policy, the Board made eligible for discount, finance paper and construction loan notes as from October 1st, 1937, and consumers' paper as from the beginning of December 1937. The elimination in the new regulations of the requirement that the proceeds of eligible paper must be used " in the first instance " for the purpose of producing, purchasing, carrying or marketing goods makes eligible for discount a large amount of paper of commission merchants and finance companies, including paper drawn to finance instalment sales of a commercial character. The change in the provisions relating to construction loan notes is based on the National Housing Act of June 27th, 1934, and relates to notes with short maturities representing loans made to finance the construction of residential or farm buildings. The consumers' paper made eligible in December represents bills the proceeds of which are used to finance the purchase by consumers of goods of any kind, such as household articles.19

Even more striking are the changes effected by the regulations of October 1st, 1937, with respect to the securities which Federal Reserve banks may accept as collateral for advances. The Glass-Steagall Act of February 27th, 1932, had originally provided for a relaxation of requirements relating to such collateral, but this had been made subject to exceptional circumstances — when member banks had exhausted all other means of obtaining credit accommodation from the Federal Reserve banks — the advances were limited to banks with a capital not exceeding \$5 million, and each loan had to be authorised by the affirmative vote of not less than five out of eight members of the Federal Reserve Board. The Emergency Banking Act of March 9th, 1933, removed these latter restrictions, but the original provision relating to exceptional circumstances remained. The Banking Act of August 23rd, 1935, liberalised and made permanent these exceptional provisions by

¹⁸ Quotation from a summary contained in the Federal Reserve Bulletin of October 1937, page 977.

¹⁹ It may also be noted that the Amendment Act of 1936 authorised the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to discount without any time-limit trade bills signed on behalf of the Government and drawn against New Zealand produce.

removing the emergency clause; ²⁰ it stipulated a rate of interest of 1% over the highest discount rate, and a four-month limit on the maturity of such advances. The new regulation constitutes a definition and an expansion of this general provision; it " bars no paper from use as collateral for advances, but merely indicates a class of preferred paper which covers all the principal fields of financing".²¹ It lists specifically nine classes of assets, and allows a certain degree of discretion to each Federal Reserve bank for the acceptance of other assets. The assets listed comprise securities defined by the Comptroller of the Currency as eligible for investment by national banks, loans on certain stocks, mortgages and loans insured under the National Housing Act, debentures and bonds issued by Federal Home Loan banks or under the authority of the Federal Farm Loan Act, bills, notes and revenue bonds issued by States or other political subdivisions, and obligations issued or drawn for the purpose of financing the sale of goods on an instalment basis.²²

The extension of more or less direct industrial and commercial loans by central banks has been authorised only in three countries — namely, the United States, Italy and New Zealand. In the first country, the Act of June 19th, 1934, empowered Federal Reserve banks to discount or buy from "any bank, trust company, mortgage company, credit corporation for industry or other financing institute" obligations maturing within five years and entered into for the purpose of advances to industrial and commercial enterprises. In exceptional circumstances, the Federal Reserve banks may also make direct workingcapital advances to established private industries. The aggregate amount of such credit is limited to the combined reserves of the Federal Reserve banks *plus* amounts paid to the banks for this purpose by the Treasury.²³

In Italy, the Law of March 16th, 1936, authorised the Bank of Italy to effect discounting operations during a period of three years with a view to supplying the extraordinary credit needs of certain branches of national production. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand was empowered by the Amendment Act of April 8th, 1936, to grant accommodation by way of overdraft to the Government and to official organisations to finance the purchase of and marketing of New Zealand produce, with no stated limits to the total of such overdrafts. These provisions were applied under the Primary Produce Marketing Act of July 1936, by virtue of which the Government became the sole exporter of dairy produce and the Reserve Bank the sole bank financing its export.

Relations between the Central Bank, Commercial Banks and the Money Market.

The powers and control of the central bank over the commercial banks and the money market have been considerably extended in recent years in several countries. This extension has been effected in one or more of four principal ways : by authorising the central bank

²² In France, an agreement between the Government and the Bank of France, signed on February 21st, 1935, provided for the extension by the latter of five- to thirty-day advances on the security of three- to twenty-four-month Treasury bonds at a rate lower than that charged for ordinary advances.

²⁰ The permanent adoption of these powers constitute, according to the *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, September 1935, page 560, "a recognition of the fact that the Federal Reserve banks, in order properly to perform their functions, must be in a position to lend to member banks on any satisfactory assets regardless of their origin. Technical provisions in regard to eligibility not only failed to protect our banking system from collapse, but during a critical period contributed a great deal to the distress of banks and to the deflation that was then in process." In the same source, it is stated that "the scope of operations of member banks has changed" and that eligible paper under the old definition constituted "a decreasing proportion of the loans and investments of member banks".

²¹ Federal Reserve Bulletin, October 1937, page 878.

²³ The total amount of such advances has been small; the cumulative total of applications received and applications approved by December 29th, 1937, amounted to \$363 million and \$151 million respectively, while the amount outstanding at the same date totalled \$18 million.

to undertake open-market operations, by instituting a system of commercial bank ratios variable by a central bank according to the condition of the money market, by variations in the amount of fiduciary note issues, and, finally, by a process of "offsetting" of gold and foreign capital movements either directly, as in the United States, or indirectly through the medium of stabilisation funds, as in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. This last process was dealt with in some detail in the previous issue of this volume.²⁴

The power to undertake open-market operations — *i.e.*, the purchase and sale of securities (usually Government or other public securities) in the open market at a bank's own initiative — is now possessed by the majority of central banks, the notable exceptions being the Bank of France and the National Bank of Switzerland.²⁵ The newly created central banks of New Zealand, Canada, India and Argentine were given such powers at the outset. Several established central banks were authorised to undertake transactions substantially similar to open-market operations in recent years — the National Bank of Yugoslavia in May 1931, the Reichsbank in October 1933, the Bank of Poland in February 1935, the Norges Bank in June 1936, the Netherlands Bank in February 1937, the Riksbank in March 1937 and the National Bank of Belgium in July 1937.

The nature and scope of the operations authorised vary in three respects. First, while the provisions of the central bank statutes of the majority of countries authorise openmarket operations in the accepted sense of the term, those of the German central bank merely provide for the purchase of securities to act as supplementary cover for the note issue, those of the Bank of Poland relate to the employment of the bank's own capital, and the Swedish Law of March 1937 stipulates that the Riksbank may obtain short-term Government securities from the National Debt Office with a view to selling them in order to withdraw surplus funds from the market.²⁶ Secondly, the nature of the securities to be dealt

²⁴ See Money and Banking 1936/37, Vol. I, Monetary Review, pages 52-58. It may be observed, incidentally, that the Fonds de soutien des rentes, established in Belgium and France in May 1935 and July 1937 respectively, are believed to perform "offsetting" operations substantially similar to those of the stabilisation funds in the Netherlands and United Kingdom — see Vol. JI, chapter on Belgium.

²⁵ Reference may be made in this connection to the various authorisations given to the Bank of France since the stabilisation of the franc in 1928 with respect to the purchase and sale of securities. (1) In June 1928, the Bank received from the Causee Autonome d'amortissement negotiable bills amounting to 5,930 million francs in exchange for its losses on Russian bonds accepted as collateral for loans made during the war. According to the agreement with the Caisse, the Bank was authorised to sell and purchase such bills in the open market if it considered that such operations would "serve to influence the volume of credit and to preserve control over its note circulation ". These bills, however, bear no interest and, in order to sell them, the Bank would itself have to pay interest to those who bought them. (Similar bills were given to the Bank in 1931 in exchange for losses on its sterling reserves, but the Bank was not empowered to sell or purchase these latter bills in the open market.) (2) At the same date, the Bank was authorised to deal in two name bills for the account of other central banks (later, also the Bank for International Settlements), but the initiative for repurchase of such bills from other banks has always to come from the central bank from which the purchase is to be made. (3) In February 1935, the Bank was empowered to make five- to thirty day advances on three- to twenty fourmonth Treasury bonds, but in these transactions also the initiative has to come from outside the Bank. (4) The Law of July 1936 admitted to rediscount "all bills of the floating debt issued by the public Treasury and coming to maturity within a maximum period of three months ", but again the initiative for such rediscount rests with the Treasury bill holders. (5) In July 1937, the Fonds de soutien des rentes was set up with the profits on the revaluation of the reserve of the Bank of France with a view to stabilising the Government security market. Though this Fund performs functions tantamount to open-market operations, its independent character and the specific purpose for which it was set up may not always permit it to carry out transactions as a central bank vested with similar powers.

In Switzerland, two proposals have been put forward recently with a view to the introduction of open-market operations. In the annual meeting of the National Bank in March 1937, the Governor requested a revision of the statutes to permit the Bank to buy bills, Treasury bills and securities admitted to rediscount. Further, the Commission for Economic Legislation has recommended to the Federal Department of National Economy that open-market practice be ntroduced in Switzerland. See speech of the President of the National Bank to the General Meeting of Shareholders on March 12th, 1938.

In Australia, the Royal Banking Commission's Report of August 1937 recommends the establishment of an open market for Government securities.

²⁶ For transactions undertaken by the Riksbank prior to this date and substantially similar to open-market operations, see *Commercial Banks 1929-1934*, pages 103-104, and Vol. II of *Money and Banking 1935/36*, pages 164-165, and Vol. II, chapter on Sweden, of the present edition.

in is not similar in all countries. While certain countries have followed the Anglo-Saxon practice of generally confining such operations to Government securities, others have added other securities for purposes of open-market transactions, bankers' acceptances in the Netherlands, commercial bills and debentures subject to quotation on the Royal Exchange in Denmark, mortgage bonds quoted on the Stock Exchange in Germany, Poland, and Norway, and the securities of semi-public institutions in Belgium.²⁷ In the Argentine, on the other hand, these operations have been limited to specially created Consolidated Treasury Bonds arising out of the transformation of the Patriotic Loan of the former Caja de Conversion and of the Treasury bonds in circulation. Finally, while the majority of countries do not restrict the amount of securities which a central bank may deal in for purposes of openmarket policy, a few limit the scope of such operations.²⁸ Thus, the operations of the Argentine central bank are confined to 400 million pesos of specially created Treasury bonds. those of the Bank of Poland to 150 million zloty,29 and those of the National Bank of Belgium for long-term public securities to 1,000 million francs, plus the equivalent of its capital and amortisation accounts and an amount equal to the total repayment of public securities held by the Bank prior to the authorisation to undertake open-market operations, and for public medium- and short-term bills to 500 million francs.³⁰

The system empowering central banks to vary the commercial bank cash ratios according to the condition of the money market and as a complement to open-market operations, first recommended by the Macmillan Committee in 1931 (paragraph 360, Section 6), is now in effect in the United States and New Zealand. In Sweden, an "enabling law", passed in the second quarter of 1937, permitted the Government to authorise the Riksbank, at the latter's request and until February 28th, 1938, to modify the cash ratios of all joint-stock banks with own funds in excess of 5 million kronor. (The practice adopted in these countries is discussed in Chapter E below.) Further, it should be noted that the Belgian Banking Commission, which was authorised to fix permanent cash ratios, has interpreted its powers in a wider sense and reserved the right to raise or lower reserve requirements as occasion demands, and that the Australian Royal Banking Commission's report of August 1937 recommends the adoption of an analogous system for that country.³¹

Variations in the fiduciary note issue, though strictly falling under changes relating

²⁹ Prior to February 1936, the Bank of Poland was not allowed to buy for its own account public securities and mortgage bonds in excess of 10% of its own funds (264 million zloty).

³⁰ The public long-term securities which the National Bank of Belgium may buy must have been issued at least two years before they can be purchased, and its portfolio of medium- and short-term public securities may not exceed 200 millions for more than twelve consecutive months.

In this connection, it may also be observed that the law in the majority of countries precludes the central bank from purchasing securities directly from the Government; only in Japan and New Zealand may such purchases be effected directly.

Although the United States Banking Act of 1935 expressly excludes the purchase of securities elsewhere than in the open market, the right to decide on open-market policy was vested exclusively with the Federal Open Market Committee consisting of the seven members of the Board of Governors (appointed by the President of the United States) and five representatives of the Federal Reserve banks (selected regionally). Once a policy has been adopted by the Open Market Committee, the individual Reserve banks have no authority to decline to participate in its execution.

¹¹ The central bank of the Argentine possesses the rights to exempt temporarily any bank in special circumstances from the requirement to hold cash reserves equal to 16 % of demand deposits and 8 $_{0}^{\circ}$ of time deposits and to keep twothirds of these reserves at the central bank. This restricted right does not, however, fall in the same category as the broad powers referred to above.

²⁷ It may be noted that the Amendment Act of April 9th, 1936, empowered the Reserve Bank of New Zealand to buy and sell, in addition to securities issued by the New Zealand and United Kingdom Governments which had been authorised by the Act of November 1933, those guaranteed by the same Governments. The United States Banking Act of 1935 similarly authorised the Federal Open Market Committee to deal as well in securities fully guaranteed by the Federal Government.

²⁸ The Act of November 1933 establishing the New Zealand Reserve Bank limited the Bank's holding of securities to twice its own funds, but this restriction was removed by the Amendment Act of April 1936.

to legal cover provisions, may also be considered as constituting an additional method of credit control. The recent alterations in the maximum limit of the fiduciary issue in the United Kingdom, at least, would appear to fall in the latter category. This limit, which was fixed at £260 million by the Act of November 1928, was raised to £275 million on August 1st, 1931, and lowered to £260 million on March 31st, 1933. On December 15th, 1936, the limit was lowered to £200 million, and in November 1937 it was raised to £220 million for a period of two months. These variations coincided with changes in the movement of foreign funds and efforts on the part of the monetary authorities to "offset" these movements. Thus, the increase in March 1933 occurred after the proclamation of a " banking holiday " and the institution of a gold embargo in the United States, and at a time when there was a strong tendency for the pound to appreciate. The large reduction in December 1936 was connected with a transfer of gold amounting to £65 million (at par) from the Exchange Equalisation Account to the Bank, the reduction of £60 million in the fiduciary issue being accompanied by a transfer from the latter to the former of a corresponding amount of the Issue Department's Government securities.

Similarly, in Japan and Sweden, the alteration in the limit of fiduciary issue (*i.e.*, the right of note issue in excess of the gold reserve held in the vaults of the Central Bank), marked the beginning of a change in credit policy, aiming at an expansion in the supply of money; in the first country, the maximum limit was raised on July 1st, 1932, from 120 to 1,000 million yen and in the second on June 26th, 1933, from 250 to 350 million kronor. In Norway, the Bank of Norway Amendment Act of June 30th, 1936, provided, *inter alia*, for raising the maximum limit of the fiduciary issue from 250 to 325 million kroner.³²

Legal Reserve Requirements.³³

Recent changes in provisions relating to minimum legal reserve requirements may conveniently be discussed by dividing the countries where they have been enacted into four groups. The first comprises four countries (United Kingdom, Japan, Sweden and Norway) with a system of a fixed fiduciary note issue, the variations in which have already been referred to above.³⁴ The second relates to the cover provisions of the more important countries establishing new central banks (Argentine, Canada, New Zealand and India). The minimum legal reserves of three such banks — the Bank of Canada, the Central Bank of Argentine and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand — were fixed at 25% against notes and sight liabilities, the minimum recommended by the Monetary and Economic Conference of 1933. The first may hold its reserve, in addition to gold coin and bullion, partly in silver bullion and partly in foreign exchange. The foreign exchange that may be held by the second may not exceed one-fifth of the total reserve nor count as to more than 10 % of the legal proportion. The reserve of the third bank may be held in gold or in sterling exchange. The Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India must hold 40 % of its assets in gold coin, gold

³⁴ The Bank of Finland has also a fixed fiduciary note issue, but no hange has been effected since 1929 in provisions relating to this issue.

³² Attention may be drawn here to a recommendation advised by four out of the six members of the Australian Royal Banking Commission. They recommend the introduction of the fiduciary system in Australia with a limit fixed, for example, at $\pounds A.60$ million and the granting of the right to the Commonwealth Bank to exceed that maximum by a stated amount, the amount suggested by way of example being $\pounds A.10$ million.

³⁴ For a summary of legal reserve requirements of individual countries in 1929, see "Legislation of Gold" (League of Nations, 1930), Table III. The Federal Reserve Bulletin of July 1936 contains a somewhat similar summary of these provisions as subsequently amended, which still held good at the end of 1937 except as regards the Bank of Norway, whose fiduciary issue was raised to 325 million kroner on June 30th, 1936, and the Bank of England, whose fiduciary issue stood at £220 million in December 1937.

bullion (gold must not be less than 400 million rupees, and at least 85 % must be held at home) and sterling securities, and the remainder of its assets may consist of rupee coin, securities, eligible bills of exchange and promissory notes.³⁵

A third group comprises Germany and Italy, which have suspended the legal reserve requirements of their central banks, the first in September 1932 and the second in July 1935.

The last group includes some nine countries which have reduced reserve requirements in recent years. This reduction has been effected directly in five countries --- namely, Austria, Bulgaria, Danzig, Denmark and Latvia.³⁶ In the remaining four countries, the reduction has taken different forms. In Poland, the 30 % gold cover against notes was made to apply as from February 1933 to notes and sight deposits in excess of 100 million zloty; the 40 %cover in gold and foreign exchange was abolished and foreign exchange was excluded from eligibility as cover. In Czechoslovakia, the Law of February 1934 provided for a 25 % gold cover against the total sight liabilities of the National Bank and for foreign exchange to be held only as secondary cover for the note issue ; previously, the cover was 30 % in gold and foreign exchange (of which at least 15 % in gold) and would have risen on the basis of the old graduated scale to 35 % in 1935. The Hungarian monetary legislation of 1924 provided for a gradual rise in the minimum cover ; in 1934 there should have been an increase from 24 to 28 %, but, as this was not considered timely, it was decided to maintain the validity of the 24 % ratio for a further period of four years. The Decree of January 1935 authorised the National Bank of Yugoslavia to limit temporarily its total gold and foreign exchange cover to 25 %, instead of 30 % as previously, and its cover in gold alone to 20 % as against 25% formerly. The Bank was also empowered to revalue, for the purpose of calculating the cover ratio, its gold and foreign exchange by a premium of 28 %.

The Profits on the Revaluation of Gold Reserves.

Attention may finally be drawn in this connection to the wide differences characterising the allocation of profits arising out of the recent revaluation of the gold reserves of central banks in various countries. The statement on the pages 90 and 91 classifies broadly the uses to which such profits have been put in eighteen countries.

It will be seen that, apart from the tendency in several countries to allocate an important proportion of the profits to stabilisation funds and public works, wide differences characterise the use of the profits in various countries. This large variety and the generally expansionist nature of the allocations made stand in contrast with the tendency of the post-war reconstruction period, when the major proportion of such profits was usually devoted to the repayment of public debt either to the central bank or to other creditors.

²⁵ Until 1931, the Australian Commonwealth Bank had been obliged to keep a gold reserve of 25 % against notes; in 1931 this was lowered to 15 %, and in June 1932 the Act was again amended to allow the Bank to hold its reserve in either gold or storling.

²⁸ The legal cover ratio of the central bank was reduced in Austria in August 1932 from 24 to 20 $_{00}^{\circ}$, in Bulgaria in January 1936 from 33¹/₃ to 25 %, in Danzig in May 1935 from 40 to 30 %, in Denmark in April 1936 from 33¹/₃ $_{00}^{\circ}$ to 25 %, and in Latvia in May 1936 from 50 to 30 %.

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ALLOCATION OF THE REVALUATION

· .				Repayn of the Govern	
Country	Date of revaluation of the gold reserve	Unit of currency	Total amount of the revaluation profit	To the central bank	Other
			National	currency (000,00	0's)
Argentine	28. III. 1935	Peso	700		290
Austria	30. IV. 1934	Schilling	20.7		
Belgium	29. III. 1935	Franc	4,352	500	5.3
Bolivia	14. VI. 1937	Boliviano	49	- 30	
anada	10. VII. 1935	Dollar	74	50	•
olombia	Government plan				
	in 1937	Peso	18		12.5
zechoslovakia	17. II. 1934	Crown	422	422	
	9. X. 1936	3	480		
Danzig	30. IV. 1935	Gulden	10		
Ceuador	19. XII. 1935	Sucre	40	17	13
rance	25. IX. 1936	Franc	14,000	4,000	•-
	21. VII. 1937		6,800		
apan	25. VIII. 1937	Yen	248	248	
atvia	28, IX, 1936	Lats	38	4	
ortugal	9. VI. 1931	Escudo	400	244	
loumania	6. XI. 1936	Lei	4,244	2,000	
witzerland	27. IX, 1936	Franc	538		
nited States of America	30. I. 1934	Dollar	2,812		
Jruguay	14. VIII. 1935	Peso	49	12 1	5
	3. XIL 1937	2	17 6	-	
7ugoslavia	31. V. 1931	Dinar	925	770	

* The revaluation profit on the reserve of the Bank of Italy is unknown, but the whole of the profit was ceded to

The revaluation profit on the second state of the state.
Deposited with the central bank.
D The 1,125 millions paid into the Exchange Stabilisation Fund in 1935 were reimbursed into the General Fund in 1936, when the Exchange Fund was abolished.
This sum was put in charge of the Office de redressement économique.
This sum was used to book adjustments of the stock of foreign exchange accumulated by the central bank and to muchases from the mines.

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Profits	ON	CENTRAL	Bank	Gold	RESERVES.	*
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				0	nts allocated t	Amou	
		v expenditure	Extraordinary	nt of funds	Establishme	organisation	Banking re
Country	Other purposes	Allocation of premiums to producers	Public works	Fund to support Government bonds	Exchange Stabilisation Fund	Liquidation of frozen assets of the commercial banks	Subscription of capital and increase of reserve funds of the central bank
1			,000's)	al currency (000	Nationa		
Argentine. Austria. Belgium. Bolivia. Canada. Colombia.	10 ≖ 13.7 ª 20.8 f		2,852 °	1,000	(1,125 ^b) (63 °)	390 20.7	10
Czechoslovakia.			3	1.5	1		
Danzig. Ecuador. France. Japan. Latvia. Portugal.			10	6,800	480 10,000 38		10
Roumania. Switzerland.	942 ^B		1,300		538		150
United States of Ame Uruguay.	812 h 3	2	24		2,000	3	
Yugoslavia.	155						

^f 10 millions were allocated to the chartered banks as cover for their obligations abroad, 10.8 millions were deposited with the Bank of Canada.
^g Sum used for liquidation of various items in the National Bank's balance-sheet.
^h 642 millions were used to retire bonds carrying the national bank note circulation privilege, the remainder being appropriated to loans for industry, to the Philippines Currency Fund and for other purposes.
ⁱ Including the repayment of certain accounts due to the Mortgage Bank and allocation to the Autonomous Amortisation Office.
^j This sum is to be employed to increase the capital of the central bank and its exchange reserve fund.

E. - COMMERCIAL BANKING LEGISLATION.¹

General.

Special legislation regulating the activities of commercial banks, which was an exception in the pre-war period, and far from common in the first decade after the war, has now become the rule. With the notable exceptions of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,² banking business in almost all countries is subject to detailed regulation and control, and where existing legislation is deemed inadequate — e.g., in Australia and Brazil — further control is under consideration. Before the war, the most elaborate banking legislation was to be found in the United States and Sweden.

The banking legislation passed since the war³ falls into four periods: (1) laws were elaborated in the newly created European States after 1919 and in Denmark and Norway after the post-war crisis; (2) during the period of monetary reform and currency stabilisation, detailed banking regulations were enforced in the Latin-American countries, Portugal, Spain and Japan; (3) consequent on the financial crisis of 1931, new legislation was passed in several European countries, notably Germany, Belgium and Switzerland, and the laws in other countries were radically revised; and (4) on the establishment of new central banks, certain British Dominions and the Argentine elaborated detailed regulations governing commercial banks.

Despite the diversity of conditions leading to their enactment, these laws present a strikingly large number of common features. This may be accounted for mainly by three factors generally prevalent in the post-war period. The first was the large growth in the size of banking units, chiefly through affiliation and amalgamation, and the parallel development of more diversified functions and more intimate relations with commerce and industry.

¹ The main provisions of laws on commercial banking have been summarised in previous issues of this volume, particularly *Commercial Banks 1913-1929* and *Commercial Banks 1925-1933*, and in Vol. II of the present edition, in the introductory notes to individual countries. A compendium of such laws, covering thirty countries, will be found in J. C. D. ZAHN'S "Die Bankaufsichtsgesetze der Welt", Berlin-Leipzig, 1937. For the detailed provisions of laws, reference should be made to these publications.

The laws to which general references are made in this review are the following : Argentine : March 1935 ; Belgium : Decrees of July, August and November 1935 ; Bolivia : 1928 ; Bulgaria : May 1933 ; Canada : Bank Act of 1923 , as amended by the Bank of Canada Act of July 1934 ; Chile : August 1935 ; China : March 1931 ; Colombia : 1923 and 1925 ; Czechoslovakia : April 1932 ; Denmark : April 1930 ; Ecuador : September 1930 ; Finland : March 1933 ; Germany : December 1934, and Decrees of February and July 1935 and June 1936 ; Greece : June-July 1920, and June-July 1931 ; Italy : 1926 and March 1936 ; Japan : March 1927 ; Mexico : April and July 1932 ; Norway : April 1924, as amended in June 1926, June 1929, and June 1934 ; Poland : March 1928 ; Portugal : March 1925 ; Roumania : May 1934, as amended in April 1935 ; Spain : December 1927 ; Sweden : June 1911, as amended on successive occasions and as standing in March 1936, and April 1922, as amended in 1924, 1925, and 1934 ; Switzerland : November 1934 and Decree of February 1935 ; Turkey : June 1936 ; Union of South Africa : Act of 1920, as amended in 1923 and 1930 ; United States of America : National Bank Act of June 1874, as amended, and Banking Act of August 1935.

² It should not be overlooked, however, that in these three countries proposals for banking legislation have been put forward. In the United Kingdom, the report of the (Macmillan) Committee on Finance and Industry, published in 1931, recommended, *inter alia*, the institution of minimum cash reserves of 10% against deposits, the vesting in the Bank of England of powers to relax or tighten up this minimum according to the conditions of the market, the reinforcement of the existing collaboration between the Bank of England and the joint stock banks, particularly as regards foreign deposits and the application of the general credit policy of the former, and the publication of detailed returns by banks and financial institutions according to a specified model. None of these recommendations has reached the statute book.

In France, general banking legislation has been discussed in the Chamber intermittently since 1920; the question was last under study by a Committee of the Chamber in the summer of 1936. In the Netherlands, on the other hand, a commission was appointed on March 4th, 1937, its terms of reference being "to consider and report on the question whether legislation with regard to commercial banking is necessary or desirable; and, if that question is answered in the affirmative, to report further on what would be the most suitable form for such legislation, whilst also giving their opinion on related problems, and among these on the question whether and to what extent the status of the Netherlands Bank needs to be modified, without impairing the Bank's independence". At the time of writing, no report has been issued.

* The laws passed during the war were of a temporary character, and may consequently be ignored in this review.

In certain respects, the vulnerability of the banking system, and hence of the national economy, in times of financial crisis tended, consequently, to become greater than before the war. The experience of the first post-war crisis and of that of 1931 demonstrated the undesirability of commercial banks performing "mixed" functions in the existing banking structure.⁴ Moreover, where the central bank was without adequate means of control, or where it was just being established, the concordance of the activities of the commercial banks with the policy of the central institution had to be ensured.

In the legislation that ensued, the State assumed one of three different rôles. In some countries — mainly, the British Dominions — the State, while legislating on certain problems of banking transactions as they arose — e.g., the maintenance of balances with the central bank, and the publication of returns — refrained from imposing any general banking control.⁵ In the majority of countries, the State set up an agent of control to see that banking business was conducted in the interests of the depositor, the shareholder and the public alike, but refrained from utilising this control to promote any special economic policy. Finally, in a few countries — notably, Italy and Danzig — the State took powers, not only to ensure sound banking practice, but also to bring the banking system into line with the other parts of the national economy, so as to serve directly the economic aims of the Government.⁶ In Germany, on the other hand, the law does not specifically provide for such an alignment of the banking system.

In the countries where the public authorities have assumed an important rôle in the regulation and control of banking, the laws, while often varying widely in points of detail, are strikingly similar in their general provisions. A brief review of the principal provisions may conveniently follow the order observed in such laws, beginning with the definition of a bank and ending with the specifications of the nature and powers of the controlling bodies.⁷

" Bank ", Licensing, Directors and Management.

The institutions falling under the general banking laws — as a rule, joint-stock and private banks, though sometimes, as, for instance, in Switzerland and Germany, also savings banks and certain other types of special bank — are usually defined by enumerating and describing their operations; in certain cases, a list of the institutions to which the law applies is provided. In order to protect the public, and the banks covered by the law, the exclusive right to use terms such as " bank ", " banker " and " Kassa " is reserved for institutions under the supervision of the State.⁸

⁴ Even in those States, such as Belgium, where the industrial financing functions of banks had been encouraged in the past with a view to the industrialisation of the country, the continuation of these functions was deemed no longer necessary as their object had already been achieved (see "Rapport au Roi" preceding the Belgian Laws of August 22nd, 1934, and July 9th, 1935). Further, institutions fulfilling such functions exclusively had sprung up since the war, frequently at the instance of public authorities, and where they are not adequately developed additional organisations are being created by the State.

⁵ The important amendments to the Indian Companies Act of 1913 which came into effect on January 15th, 1937, are tantamount to the establishment of general banking control in India. (See Vol. II, chapter on India.)

⁶ See Article 13 of the Italian Law of March 12th, 1936, and Section II, Article 1, of the Danzig Law of August 1st, 1933.

⁷ This review is not intended as a handy summary of such provisions. For details and qualifications which for reasons of space cannot be given here reference should be made to the laws themselves. See footnote ¹ on the preceding page.

[•] The regime under which *foreign banks* or their branches work varies widely. In some countries, particularly those where general legislation was passed prior to 1931, foreign banks continue to be subject to special provisions, though these do not differ radically from those applying to national banks. Like other banks, foreign banks are required to obtain authorisation for their establishment and to submit to general inspection and control. Their special position may consist in exemption from the general prescriptions regarding own funds, or the requirement that only a small proportion

Universal features of all banking legislation, from the Canadian Act of 1871 to the Turkish Law of June 1936, are the obligation upon existing banks to be inscribed in a special register, and the requirement of previous State authorisation for the establishment of a new bank.⁹ The State reserves the right to refuse or withdraw such permission.¹⁰ State authorisation is often required for the opening of branches and for bank amalgamations.

Regulations, often very detailed, regarding the nature and powers of bank directors and managers occupy an important place in several banking laws. Of these, three may be noted. The first specifies the qualifications to be possessed by bank directors and managers.¹¹ Thus the German law of December 1934 dwells at length on these qualifications and reserves for the Office of Control the right to judge of them; the Belgian Decree of July 1935 repeats the provisions of the Decree of October 1934, which, inter alia, contains a detailed list of judicial convictions and charges precluding a person from exercising the functions of director; and the Czechoslovak Bill of October 1937 even requires persons fulfilling important functions in a bank to undergo a special examination.¹² Secondly, certain laws tend to make banking incompatible with other occupations, either by forbidding the practice of other occupations (e.g., Denmark) or by severely limiting other occupations and subjecting their practice to supervision or to the consent of specified authorities (e.g., Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Norway). The third provision relates to the granting of loans and advances to the directors of a bank. These are either forbidden altogether (e.g., Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Turkey), limited by law as to amount (e.g., Chile, Ecuador), or made subject to the consent of the board of directors (Denmark), shareholders' meeting (Greece), or office of control (Germany, Italy, Roumania).

Own Funds and Solvency of Banks.

In framing the regulations on bank capital and reserves, modern legislators seem to have been influenced partly by the post-war tendency of banks' own funds to fall relatively to their public liabilities,¹³ but mainly by the view that a bank's own resources constitute a guarantee fund for the deposits placed by the public.¹⁴ This last consideration would account, in addition to legal minimum cash ratios or minimum ratios of easily realisable

¹¹ In most countries, the exercise of the functions of director or other high official is strictly limited to nationals of the country, while in a few countries — notably, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Roumania — the law provides that the majority, at least, of the directors shall be nationals of the country concerned.

¹³ The Italian Law of March 1936 provides that the Inspectorate may require every bank director, manager, or other high official to deposit with the Bank of Italy, as surety, securities of the institution to which he belongs, or Government securities, up to 50% of his annual emoluments (Article 39).

¹³ On this, see Table IV on page 26 of Commercial Banks 1913-1929, and Appendix, Table XVII below.

¹⁴ This attitude is very clearly expressed in the Report of the German Banking Enquiry Commission (Chapter II, page 6), in the Swiss Federal Council's message preceding the Law of November 1934 (Part I, Chapter 3), and in the Report to the King preceding the Belgian Law of July 1935 (*passim*).

of their capital be allocated exclusively to their branch (e.g., Poland), the provision for the drawing-up of special returns (e.g., Greece), and the obligation to have on their management one or more nationals of the country with extensive powers (e.g., Portugal, Norway). The tendency of more recent laws is to place foreign banks or their branches under the same regime as national banks, even with respect to the provisions regarding own funds. Thus the Belgian and Chilian laws require foreign banks to possess the same minimum capital in the country as national banks and to observe the same minimum proportions between own funds and liabilities to the public, while the Turkish law has similar provisions for foreign banks having more than one branch in the country. With the notable exception of Chile, the laws of other countries impose the same kind and degree of inspection and control as on the national banks.

⁹ An interesting variation of this provision is that in the Bulgarian Law of May 1933 (Article 21), whereby authorisation to receive deposits from the general public is not granted until a newly established bank has been in operation for at least a year.

¹⁰ A recent instance of the exercise of this right is provided by the Argentine, where the Central Bank advised the Government against granting two petitions for the opening of new banks, on the ground that " the capacity of existing ones already surpassed genuine credit requirements". This advice was endorsed by the Finance Ministry. (See second Annual Report of the Central Bank.)

assets to liabilities to the public, which are discussed separately below, for the fourfold regulations in this field : (1) minimum capital requirements, (2) minimum ratios between own funds and liabilities to the public, (3) the obligation to constitute sufficient reserves, and (4) certain regulations dealing with the employment of own funds.

Two principal methods have been employed for fixing minimum capital requirements ; in six countries, an absolute minimum exists, applicable to all banks, whereas in at least twelve others the required capital is determined according to the importance of the locality or its population. Those requirements generally apply to joint-stock banks proper, and private banks are usually excluded. It is to be noted, however, that in Belgium, China, and Portugal a special minimum, amounting to 20%, 40% and 50% respectively of that fixed for joint-stock banks, is required of private banks, and that in Poland separate minima exist for six types of credit institution. In Germany and Switzerland, on the other hand, no minimum capital requirements exist, the law merely establishing ratios between own funds and public liabilities.¹⁵

These ratios (regulations of the second type) are not confined to the above-mentioned countries, but have been laid down in many countries, as is illustrated in the statement below, showing for fourteen countries the legal minimum percentage ratios of paid-up capital and reserves to total public liabilities, excluding guarantees.¹⁶

														%			%
Ecuador	•	•	•		•	•								50)	Bulgaria 🏼	12 1/2
Bolivia.		•		•					•					33	¹ /3	Denmark	10
Chile		•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•		25		Finland • \ldots	10
Germany	•	•	•	•	•	٠	٠		•		•	•	•	20		Norway	10
Turkey ^b .	•	•	•		14	³ / ₁	0,	16	; 3	/5,	2	0	and	33	1/3	Poland t	10
Sweden °.		•	•	•	•	•	٠	(i)	12	1/2	3	(ii)	20)	Roumania	10
Colombia.		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		15		Switzerland •	5

General minimum.

^b According as own funds are less than \pounds T. 5 million, between 1 and 4 millions, between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 million, or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ million.

• Relates to banks with own funds in excess of 5 million kronor, and *(ii)* to those having less than that sum. Liabilities to exclude amount corresponding to deposits with other Swedish banks. Own funds to include funds borrowed through issue of "förlägbevis" or special fixed-interest-bearing bonds.

^d Deposits at sight and payable within one month.

• The ratio relates to total liabilities plus half of total guarantee liabilities.

⁴ Joint-stock banks only.

\$ For cantonal and joint-stock banks. For other banks, 5% of liabilities equal to mortgage loans and 10% of remaining liabilities.

The capital ratio will be seen to vary from 5% in the case of the Swiss joint-stock and cantonal banks to 50% in the case of Ecuadorian banks. The Belgian and Italian ¹⁷ laws provide for the fixing of such ratios by the controlling bodies.¹⁸ It is to be noted that, in addition to the above ratios, the Polish and Roumanian laws establish separate ratios for own funds to total deposits, amounting to 33 1/3% and 14.3% respectively.¹⁹

¹⁵ On the amount of capital to be paid up, individual laws vary, those of Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece and Poland, for example, requiring that the minimum capital be fully paid up, whereas those of Chile, Denmark, Finland, Roumania and Sweden stipulate that a certain percentage — 40 for Sweden and 50 for the other countries — is to be paid at once, while the remainder may be paid over a period extending from eight months in Sweden to two years in Norway. In Canada, on the other hand, 50% of the capital must be paid up, but there are no provisions regarding the payment of the remainder.

¹⁰ Similar ratios are sometimes provided for guarantees; in Denmark and Norway, for instance, guarantee liabilities may not exceed 75% of own funds.

17 In the Italian Law of 1926 on the Protection of Savings, this ratio was 5%.

18 The Belgian Banking Commission, according to its first report, has not deemed it necessary to establish a ratio.

¹⁹ See footnote 23, page 97.

With respect to the third type of regulations regarding banks' own resources — those relating to "sufficient" reserves — a few laws, notably those of Belgium and Germany, do not go beyond the first two requirements, concerning minimum capital and the minimum ratio of own funds to liabilities to the public, while the majority specify the percentages of net profits to be carried to reserves until these reach a stated ratio to capital resources. These minimum percentages and the extent to which such payments are to be made vary widely, as may be seen from the following statement :

Country	Minimum proportion of yearly net profits to be carried to reserves	Maximum compulsory limit of ratio of reserves to share capital •
	% •	%
Norway	20	50
Sweden	. 15	50
	(15	25
Finland \ldots \ldots \ldots	[10	50
Argentine ^b	10	50 *
Bolivia	10	25 •
Bulgaria	10 °	100
Chile	10	25
Italy ^d	10	40
China	10	100
Colombia	10	20
Ecuador	10	25 •
Japan	10	100
United States of America	10	20
Description	(10	100
Roumania	[5	200
Switzerland 1	5	20
Turkey	5	100 •

^a Paid-up capital in the case of the Argentine, Bolivia, Ecuador and Turkey.

^b Even if limit reached, payments to continue until own funds constitute 33¹/₅% of savings deposits.

• If amount left over for dividends is in excess of 10% of share capital, then 20% to go to reserves.

d Law of 1926.

• National banks.

⁴ For banks which have no capital, payments to continue until reserves amount to 5% of liabilities. Cantonal banks and private banks not receiving deposits from the public are exempt from such legal payments.

The minimum proportion of net profits to be carried to reserves varies from 5% in Switzerland and Turkey to 20% in Norway, while the maximum limit of the ratio of reserves to capital to be reached before such payments may cease ranges from 20% in Switzerland and the United States to 200% in Roumania.

The double scales in force in Finland and Roumania, and the divergences of the provisions of t e Canadian, Danish and Polish laws from those reviewed above, are worthy of note.²⁰ In Canada, bank dividends are limited to 8% until reserves are equal to 30% of the paid-up capital,²¹ while in Denmark payments to reserves must be at least 20% of net profits until own funds constitute 15% of total public liabilities, including guarantees. The Polish law stipulates a carry-over of 10% for joint-stock banks, but if the remaining net profits are over 8% of the capital, then at least 15% of the excess must go to reserves.²²

²⁰ An interesting feature of the Turkish law is the exemption from income tax of the amount carried to reserves.

²¹ Up to 1933, actual reserves exceeded paid-up capital.

²² The Argentine Law of March 1935 empowers the Central Bank to prohibit the distribution of dividends by banks which are not in a position to comply with the minimum cash requirements. These powers, according to the second annual report of that institution, were used in the course of 1936.

Detailed regulations for the employment of own funds (fourth type) are to be found in the laws of a few countries, and of these the provisions of the Belgian, Bulgarian, Polish and Roumanian laws may be noted. The Belgian banks are required to invest their entire legal reserves in public or Government-guaranteed securities, and these assets are to be shown separately in their accounts. In Bulgaria, the banks must place at least 20% of their reserves in Government or public securities, and these are to be deposited with the National Bank. In Poland, joint-stock banks are obliged to place at least 50% of their reserves in first-class securities, and in Roumania the same percentage must be invested in Government securities or in such others as are discountable at the National Bank.²⁸

Liquidity of Banks.

The general problem of the liquidity of banks has been approached in modern legislation in three principal ways: (1) the cash assets of a bank have been carefully defined, and the banks are required to keep a certain minimum ratio between such assets and the whole or part of their liabilities to the public; (2) other easily realisable assets have been similarly specified and determined; (3) long-term credits and loans have been subjected to detailed regulations. This last group of provisions is dealt with separately in the next section.

The first two groups of provisions, relating to primary (cash) and secondary (liquidity) reserves respectively, are by no means uniform; but the table on the following page, though broad as a summary, brings into relief such common features as are evident. Liquidity reserves, as explained below, are compulsory reserves of assets which are defined as "easily realisable" — discountable at the Central Bank — and which usually comprise short-term paper and securities issued or guaranteed by the State and public credit institutions; some of those shown under that same heading include also cash reserves — *i.e.*, till money and balances with the Central Bank. Minimum cover requirements are expressed as a percentage of the type of deposits to which they relate. In interpreting these provisions, it should not be overlooked that they aim, not merely at regulating the liquidity of banks, but also at providing adequate means of general credit control.

Among the countries listed in the following table, four groups may be distinguished. In a large number of countries, only cash ratios are enforced; Turkey is the sole example of a country requiring liquidity ratios alone; in a third group (Bulgaria, Denmark, Portugal, Roumania and Switzerland), both cash and liquidity ratios have been established²⁴; while in a fourth group, consisting of Finland, Norway and Sweden, a mixed type of ratio is in force, the banks being allowed to hold their compulsory reserves in proportions to be determined by themselves in the form of till money, balances with the Central Bank, shortterm paper, or securities issued or guaranteed by the State.

Attention may be drawn to the fact that differential cash ratios are applicable according to the nature of the bank in Colombia, the amount of capital in Denmark, the importance of the locality in the United States, and the proportion of short-term to total liabilities in Switzerland. With the exception of Canada, where reserve requirements relate exclusively

²⁹ The Greek Law of July 1931 requires banks with a share capital of less than 50 million drachmæ to invest all sight deposits in excess of four times their share capital and reserves in State securities. The Italian Law of 1926 required that any excess in deposits over the minimum ratio of 5% between own funds and total deposits should be invested in Government securities to be deposited with the Bank of Italy.

²⁴ The German Law of December 1934 provides for the fixing by the Coutrol Office of cash and liquidity ratios against total liabilities *less* savings deposits, such ratios not to exceed 10% and 30% respectively. A special regime is set up for savings deposits, which, according to the first Decree of February 1935, may be invested to the extent of 50% in securities to be specified by the Ministry of Economy, and the remainder in mortgage bonds.

		Cash reserve entage of				uidity rese entage of (
Country	Sight	Time or savings	Total	Country	Sight	Time or savings	Total
	1	2	3		4	5	6
Ecuador	25	10	. —	Portugal	80 (1001)	<u> </u>	
Bolivia	20	10				•	
Chile •	20 ^b	8°	—	Roumania ^e	33 ¹ /3		
Portugal	20						
Colombia :				Bulgaria	33	1	
Member banks	15	5		Dulgaria		/3	
Non-member banks .	30	10			<u> </u> ∕		
Argentine	16	8	_	Switzerland ⁱ	25, 30, 40) or 50 ¹¹	
Greece	1						
United States ^d :	1	Ĩ		Sweden	25^{1}	- 1	
(i) Central reserve							
cities	13	3		Norway	20 ¹		5 m
(<i>ii</i>) Reserve cities	10	3					
(<i>iii</i>) Elsewhere.	10	3		Finland	20 ¹	_	
			_				
Bulgaria	10	ô	5	Turkey	_	_	15 ⁿ
Union of South Africa [†]	10	3					
Roumania ^{<i>e</i>}	10	-		Denmark	151	<u> </u>	10°
New Zealand '		3					
Canada ¹	-	-	5				
India ^h	5	2	—				
Mexico	5						
Switzerland ⁱ	2.5, 3, 4	For 51	_				
Denmark ^k :	, u, i					}	
Banks with capital of							
20 to 5 million kroner	3-2						
Banks with less capital	1						
Zanno wien iess capital	-		_				

* Commercial and Savings banks.

^b Including all current liabilities less " guarantee deposits ", against which 2% reserve.

• Excluding deposits falling due after thirty days, against which 1% reserve.

d Member banks. Powers given to Board of Governors for raising reserves by the Act of August 1935 were used : a 50% increase of above requirements went into effect on August 15th, 1936, and further increases on March 1st and May 1st, 1937, requirements at the last date being double those shown above.

• This ratio does not apply to " credit " or " business " deposits.

Against deposit liabilities in the country only.

All liabilities failing due within thirty days, including acceptances and balances of other banks of the same maturity. h " Scheduled " banks.

All liabilities falling due within thirty days, plus 15% of savings deposits proper and time and fixed deposits. (See Article 15 of Decree of February 26th, 1935.)

According as short-term liabilities (see (i)) are respectively less than 15%, between 15% and 20%, between 20% and 25% and above 25% of total liabilities.

* Liabilities falling due within thirty days.

In calculating the ratios here termed " liquidity reserves ", the banks' cash reserves proper are to be added to their easily realisable assets.

^m Total liabilities, excluding guarantees.

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To be arrived at over a period of five years from entry into force of law, with 3%, 6%, 9% and 12% requirements in each of the previous four years. • Total liabilities, including guarantees.

to total deposits, most countries lay down separate requirements for sight and for time and savings deposits. For the former, the ratio varies from 1% to 3% in Denmark to 25% in Ecuador (30% for non-member banks in Colombia), while for the latter it ranges from 2% in India to 10% in Bolivia. Liquidity reserve requirements are on a uniform basis,

except for Switzerland, and relate more generally to sight deposits, the ratio varying from less than 15% in Denmark to 80% in Portugal.

Finally, it is to be noted that the basic cash ratios in the United States are subject to increase by a decision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System according to the provisions of the Act of May 1933 as amended by the Banking Act of 1935. While the ratio may not be reduced below the basic minimum, powers are given to the Board to raise the ratio up to twice the basic requirements. These powers were used on August 15th, 1936, and on January 30th, 1937, and as from May 1st, 1937, the requirements being double the basic ratios. This system of ratios variable by a central bank according to the condition of the money market and as a complement to open-market operations is the most recent innovation in the field of credit control. It was originally recommended by the Macmillan Committee in 1931 (paragraph 360, Section 6), but has not been put into effect in the United Kingdom. In New Zealand, the Act of April 8th, 1936, amending the Reserve Bank Act of November 1933, empowered the Governor of the Reserve Bank, acting with the authority of the Minister of Finance, to raise or lower reserve requirements from time to time as a means of maintaining effective monetary control, the minimum ratios of 7%and 3% against sight and time deposits respectively fixed by the Act of November 1933 setting the lower limit to the scope of variation. In Belgium, the Banking Commission, which was authorised to fix permanent cash ratios, has interpreted its powers in a wide sense, and reserved the right to raise or lower reserve requirements as occasion demands. The Australian Royal Banking Commission's report of August 27th, 1937, recommends that the trading banks keep a certain percentage of their deposits in Australia with the Commonwealth Bank, and that the latter have power to vary the percentage from time to time within the limit fixed by the consent of the Treasurer (paragraph 589).

It may also be noted in this connection that in Sweden a law was passed in the second quarter of 1937 enabling the Government to authorise the Riksbank, whenever it requests and until February 28th, 1938, to require all joint-stock banks with own funds in excess of 5 million kroner to hold their compulsory reserve of 25% against sight liabilities only in the form of till money, balances with itself, and sight claims on foreign banks, and to prescribe at will the minimum proportion of balances with itself to total reserves. The law hitherto in force had prescribed that the minimum ratio of 25% might be held, in proportions to be determined by the banks themselves, in the form of till money, balances with the Riksbank, and sight claims on foreign banks as well as sight claims on Swedish banks, and short-term paper and securities discountable at the Central Bank.²⁵

With regard to the composition of the assets, the prescriptions are generally similar. Cash reserves, except those given for India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States, which have to be kept exclusively in the form of balances with the Central Bank, comprise notes, coin, balances with the Central Bank and postal cheques. In a few countries, there are certain special provisions. Thus, in Chile and Ecuador, subsidiary coin may not be held in excess of 10% of legal reserves; in Ecuador, banks may count for purposes of reserves up to 5% of their sight deposits abroad; while in Bulgaria, 50% of the reserves against sight and savings deposits must be kept in cash and the remainder in short-term bills to be deposited with the National Bank, and the reserve against total deposits may be held entirely in balances with the National Bank or in bills rediscountable with that institution.

²⁵ See Vol. II, chapter on Sweden.

Assets to be held as liquidity reserves are those generally described as "easily realisable". These are usually assets discountable with the Central Bank, and comprise mainly shortterm paper and securities issued or guaranteed by the State and public credit institutions. To these are sometimes added liquid foreign assets (Finland and Norway), bonds quoted on foreign stock exchanges (Finland), shares of the Central Bank (Norway), and acceptances, short-term advances against Stock Exchange securities and lombard loans, coupons and current account debtors covered by debentures accepted as collateral for loans by the Central Bank falling due within one month (Switzerland).

Long-term Banking Transactions.

The manner in which banks may invest the remainder of their funds — that is, those left over after the stipulations relating to the placing of their own resources and to cash and liquidity reserves have been observed — is also subject to detailed restrictions. The banking transactions placed under regulation are normally those of a long-term character. The legal provisions would seem to be designed to attain one or more of four objectives : to spread risks; to diffuse credit more widely in the national economy; to prevent industrial and commercial enterprises from being controlled by banks, and *vice versa*; and to separate deposit from "mixed" banking. These objectives are attained by regulations relating to loans to a single debtor, to transactions in banks' own (and sometimes other) shares, to participations and to real estate and mortgage business.

The regulations relating to loans to a single debtor are comparatively simple and uniform, and prescribe the observance of a general maximum ratio between unimpaired own funds and total credits to a single debtor. These ratios, expressed as percentages, are shown below for sixteen countries :

														%	, o	6
Denmark.								•					٠.	35	Colombia	0
Norway .														25	Czechoslovakia	0
Bolivia				•	•			•						20	Ecuador 16	0
Greece	,			٠.					•			٠		20	Poland b	0
Italy *					•			•						20	Portugal 10	0
Bulgaria .				•	•			•						10	Roumania	0
Chile		•			•				•					10	Turkey	0
China		•		•		•	,							10	United States of America 10	0
Law o	f	1	920	5.		b	H	lat	io	of	c	ap	ital	only.	• National Banks.	

The maximum credits allowable to individual debtors will be seen to amount to 10% of the banks' own funds in eleven countries, whereas in the remaining four the limit varies from 20% to 35%. Exceptions to these ratios are almost invariably provided for in special cases ; thus loans may exceed the limits when public authorities are the borrowers, when the collateral fulfils certain specified conditions, or when the consent of certain bodies such as the office of control or the board of directors, is obtained before going beyond the general maximum. On the other hand, in certain countries, such as Finland and Sweden, there are no precise rules beyond the general warning not to give credits to one and the same debtor which would endanger the liquidity and security of the bank. A provision implicit in most laws, and explicit in the German and Italian laws, is that requiring the bank to examine the position and the books of the individual debtor before granting large credits. In Germany, a bank has to give notice of the names of debtors whose total liability to it exceeds RM. 1 million for more than two months, and whereby the Reichskommissar is

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required, in turn, to inform individual banks, if the same debtor has had recourse to other institutions, of the total amount of his debt and the number of banks from which he has borrowed. In Italy, a borrower claiming more than 250,000 lire of credit is required, under the new regulations, to submit to the bank a declaration which contains, in addition to a detailed inventory of his assets and debts, a list of bank credits obtained or applied for. The borrower must also declare whether the credit is for his own account exclusively or also for that of others ; in the latter case, details have to be supplied to the bank. Further, all credit institutions are required to keep a register in which all credits granted are entered with the names of the bank managers who proposed them.²⁶

The second group of regulations is often complex and not always uniform; no more than a bare outline of the essential provisions can be attempted within the scope of the present review.²⁷ A brief reference should first be made to restrictions on transactions in a bank's own shares. Loans against the collateral of own shares or similar dealings in the same securities are forbidden (e.g., in Canada, Chile, Finland, Poland and Roumania); are limited to a specified proportion of own funds (e.g., 10% and 15% of paid-up capital in Denmark and Portugal respectively); or are made subject to the consent of the Office of Control, as in Norway. In Sweden, the prohibition of such transactions extends to the shares of companies with which a bank has connections or in which it may be otherwise interested.

The problem of bank participations in the widest sense of the term is closely related to the industrial financing functions of banks. The post-war attempts to separate these functions from those of deposit banking concentrate mainly on this aspect of the problem. The holding of shares in other banks and financial institutions²⁸ is therefore often ignored, and, when subjected to regulations, is allowed without restriction (*e.g.*, Belgium), restricted to a certain proportion of the bank's own funds (Ecuador), permitted under the same conditions as other shares (Finland), or, finally, limited to a specified percentage of the other bank's or credit institution's capital (Denmark).

The most radical separation of the industrial financing from the deposit functions of banks was undertaken in Belgium in consequence of the Decrees of August 22nd, 1934, and July 9th, 1935. Banks were thereby required not to hold shares, or to participate in any manner whatsoever, in enterprises other than banks as defined by the law. The sole exception to this rule is the provision permitting banks to hold, for a maximum period of six months from the subscription date, securities with the issue of which they have been concerned, and to demand shares as additional cover for doubtful advances or those in default, provided that they are disposed of within two years.²⁹ Almost equally radical is the separation effected in the United States by the Act of May 1933, and in Italy by the Law of March 1936. The former limits the subscription of a bank to 10% of an issue, and the holding of shares of the same company to 15% of a bank's capital and 25% of its reserves;

²⁶ An interesting variation of the same provision is that of the Canadian Bank Act with respect to credits granted under Section 88—*i.e.*, loans granted by commercial banks to specified classes of borrowers upon the security of "products of agriculture, the forest, quarry and mine, or the sea, lakes and rivers". The borrower must give notice of his intention to obtain loans under this section, such notice being registered in the office of the Central Bank in the province in which the borrower has his principal place of business. Presumably, the Central Bank informs the banks of this notice so as to protect other creditors of the borrower.

²⁷ Regulations on security issues represent too vast a field to be even touched on here. Reference should be made to the United States Securities Exchange Act of June 1934 and Title II of the Belgian Decree of July 1935 as examples of regulations of this type.

²⁸ Institutions other than holding companies and security affiliates. On the latter there are often detailed regulations.

²⁹ On the transitory difficulties encountered in the application of these regulations, see the first Annual Report of the Banking Commission, pages 16 to 20.

trading in securities and the possession of security affiliates are prohibited. The Italian law authorises the Inspectorate to fix a ratio between own funds and credits to enterprises, and to specify the long-term securities which banks may hold, and forbids the participation of banks in *consortia* handling securities other than those issued or guaranteed by the State.

Less striking, but equally significant, are the provisions of other countries having the same end in view. In Colombia and Sweden,³⁰ direct or indirect participations in industrial and commercial enterprises are generally forbidden. In the former country, transport companies and certain industrial enterprises specified by law are excepted from this rule, while, in the latter, banks may acquire shares in companies whose sole object is to administer real estate serving as bank premises, and, by royal warrant, shares in Swedish and foreign banks or in enterprises considered beneficial to banking or "of public utility". Swedish banks may also acquire other shares pledged as security for loans in order to protect themselves from loss, but these must be disposed of as soon as that can be done without loss. In other countries — notably, the Argentine, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Greece, Poland, Roumania and Turkey — participations or shareholdings are limited to a certain percentage of the banks' own funds.³¹ This ratio ranges usually from 10% (Finland) to 50% (Denmark); in Turkey alone are these assets allowed to equal the banks' own funds.

Such variations from these general restrictions as are provided tend to reinforce their severity. Only in Finland, where such securities may be acquired as cover for doubtful or bad loans, are banks allowed, as in Sweden, to hold them until they can be sold without loss. In Norway, a time-limit of three years is provided for disposing of securities acquired in a similar way and in excess of the 20% ratio allowed by law; in Poland, any excess over the legal limit of 50% of share capital has to be sold four days after due notice of such sale has been given to the debtor. In the Argentine, the Central Bank is responsible for arranging the liquidation of any amount over the 10% of capital and 25% of reserves permitted by law. In Switzerland, on the other hand, the law does not go beyond the regulations on the liquidity of funds and the obligation of the bank examiners to notify the Banking Commission of cases of too " unilateral " credits.

Regulations regarding real estate and mortgage business are generally restrictive. Indeed, in many countries, any investment in real estate, except for bank premises, is generally forbidden; in Norway, the law even specifies that real estate needed for a bank's business may not exceed 10% of its own funds, while in the Argentine the ratio is fixed at 20% of capital and 50% of reserves. When such transactions are allowed, they are limited to a maximum percentage of the bank's own funds (*e.g.*, Denmark, Chile, and Italy), or are subject to authorisation by the Office of Control (Finland and Sweden), or to the approval of the shareholders (Portugal). Mortgage loans are usually placed under the same restrictions as direct real-estate transactions. Two noteworthy exceptions are the provisions in Chile and the United States. In the former country, mortage loans may be granted up to 40%of the total assets of a bank. In the latter, national banks may, under the new provisions of the Banking Act of 1935, make real-estate loans up to 100% of their unimpaired capital and reserves or up to 60% of their time and savings deposits.

³⁰ The Law of 1911 provided for a 10% ratio between such assets and banks' own funds, but this provision was dropped in the amendments of 1933.

³¹ In the Argentine, the law provides that a bank may not hold more than 20% of the capital of an enterprise, while in Bulgaria banks may invest in shares up to 25% of their own funds only when their reserves constitute at least 25% of their share capital.

Publication of Returns.

Though the publication of annual returns is required in various countries by company law,³² the accounts so made public were generally far from detailed, and were not presented on a uniform or standard basis. In order to remedy this defect, and to enable the officials exercising control to apply the legal provisions, each banking law prescribes in detail the form in which accounts have to be presented, and many specify the individual items to be included under each heading. The details required vary with the degree of supervision and control imposed on the banks ; thus the standard returns of India and New Zealand contain but a bare minimum of information by comparison with the detailed and lucid data provided, for example, by the German, Swedish, Swiss and United States returns. In the United States, for special historical reasons, a bank may have to present returns on three separate forms — one to the Comptroller of the Currency, and, if it is a member of the Federal Reserve System and the Deposit Insurance Corporation, special returns to each of those institutions.

The returns have to be published monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly. Monthly returns are sometimes required, as in Belgium, to be submitted only to the Central Bank, while in Switzerland the frequency of returns depends on the size of the bank's balancesheet. The returns are usually published by the official controlling bodies, though publicity in the Press is often required.

Supervisory and Controlling Bodies.

In order to ensure the application of the law, and to supervise bank operations and accounts, special controlling bodies have been set up. Four types may be distinguished, according as the control is exercised by the State, the Central Bank, representatives of the controlled banks, or a body composed of the above and other representatives. The first type is the most prevalent. Supervision and control may be exercised directly by the State, as in Greece and the United States (by the Finance Minister in the first, and by the Comptroller of the Currency in the second, country). More often, special organisations nominated by the State, and remaining subject to its decisions, fulfil these functions. Control is thus exercised in the Latin-American countries, with the exception of the Argentine, by bodies known as the superintendencia bancaria or de bancos, on behalf of the Finance Minister; in the three Scandinavian countries, by an inspector or inspectorate deriving their powers from the Crown; in Canada, Finland and Poland, by inspectors subordinate to the Finance Minister; and in Germany, both by an office of control and by a Reichskommissar.33 The Aufsichtsamt is constituted by the President and Vice-President of the Reichsbank, the Ministers of Finance, Economy, Agriculture and the Interior, a representative of the Chancellor, and the Reichskommissar. Actual control is exercised by the last

³⁸ It should be noted that in France and the United Kingdom the most important banks publish monthly returns by convention. In the latter country, the Companies Act of 1929 requires all banks to exhibit in their premises halfyearly returns according to a brief Standard Model, and entitles each member or creditor of a bank to receive such a return upon payment of sixpence. See Chapter V of the Macmillan Report of 1931 for recommendations on the subject of returns.

³³ In this connection, two recommendations of the Australian Banking Commission's report of August 22nd, 1937, may be noted. First, that the Commonwealth Bank should equip itself for ascertaining trends in the country and abroad, so as to be able to "advise the trading banks as to the directions in which it is desirable in the national interest that advances should be made" (paragraph 621), and secondly, that power should be given to the "Treasurer to direct the Auditor-General to investigate the affairs of any bank and to report upon such matters as the Treasurer directs" (paragraph 666).

according to the instructions given by the *Aufsichtsamt*. The Italian Inspectorate is organised on similar lines.

The Central Bank is rarely vested with the power of supervision and control over the banks, although it is well represented in the controlling body, as the Governor is usually also president of the latter. India, New Zealand and South Africa are the notable exceptions, the central bank exercising such official supervision as is provided for by law.³⁴ In the United States, on the other hand, the control of the Federal Reserve Board over member banks is extensive and strict. The Reconstruction Finance and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporations exercise on their own behalf supervision and control over banks with which they deal.³⁵ Through the latter, in particular, a control extending throughout the country, which was formerly not possible,³⁶ has now been established.

The Hungarian Geldinstituts-Zentrale, created by the Government in 1916 for the purpose of "protecting the interests of Hungarian financial institutions", is probably the sole example of an independent controlling body originating in the banks themselves, with the State represented as a member.³⁷ In addition to exercising the supervision and control usually entrusted to official bodies, it acts as the organ through which the Government may enforce special or general banking or exchange regulations.

The Belgian and Swiss banking commissions are mixed bodies. The former is composed, in addition to the Governor of the National Bank and two State representatives, of four other members, two of whom are appointed from a list presented by the banks subject to the law, and two others from the nominees of the National Bank and the Institut de Réescompte et de Garantie. The members of the Swiss Commission, while they must be trained in banking matters, are not chosen from the banking profession or chartered accountancy. A peculiar feature of both commissions is that they are not empowered to examine the banks' books directly. This function is entrusted exclusively to chartered accountants with special rights and obligations. These may submit to the banking commission only general reports and such information as is necessary for the latter to determine whether the law is being applied. The powers of the Commission, while only broadly defined in Belgium, are specified in detail in Switzerland; in contrast with the extensive powers given to most controlling bodies to edict new rules or to impose additional restrictions, the Belgian and Swiss controlling bodies may not exceed the powers contained in the law.³⁸

³⁴ In the Argentine, the Central Bank also fulfils such functions, but does so on behalf of the Finance Minister and in an advisory capacity.

³⁴ The supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency is limited to national banks, and the powers of his superintendents vary from State to State. Further, neither he nor the examiners are empowered to enforce a decision. The membership of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the end of 1935 totalled 14,123 banks, as compared with 5,431 banks under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency and 6,387 banks under the control of the Federal Reserve Board. The powers of the Deposit Insurance Corporation (see §101 of the Banking Act of 1934 and §12B of the Federal Reserve Bank Act as amended) are, moreover, very extensive. (See below.)

³⁷ The Canadian Bankers' Association, organised in 1892 and given official recognition by the Bank Act, exercisea many of the functions entrusted to a controlling body until 1924, when a Government Inspector for Banks was appointed.

³⁸ An interesting feature of the Canadian and Swedish laws is that relating to revision. In Sweden, the banking law comes up automatically for revision every ten years ; while in Canada, a similar revision is provided for upon the renewal of the charters of the banks, which occurs every ten years.

³⁵ In addition, there are the control and prescriptions of the State authorities. Each of the forty-eight States have their own banking laws, bank commissioners and examiners, and several of them have general tax or interest rate regulations which affect banking business. Some of the State banking provisions apply only to banks which are chartered by the State, but others apply to all banks doing business in that State. The very wide variations in the nature and scope of State banking regulations is illustrated by the provisions relating to cash reserves. These are given in tabular form in the March 1937 number of the Federal Reserve Bulletin, pages 188 to 219.

Deposit Insurance.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the United States is the only example of organised deposit insurance. It was originally provided for in the Glass Banking Act of 1933, and its statutes were amended and completed by the Banking Act of 1935. Of the Corporation's capital, the Treasury subscribed 150 million dollars; the Federal Reserve banks an amount equal to half their reserves — *i.e.*, about 75 million dollars; insured banks pay premia at the rate of 1/12 of 1% per annum of their total deposits, less uncollected items. The Treasurer is empowered, when necessary, to purchase additional obligations of the Corporation up to 250 million dollars. Its total capital at the end of June 1937 amounted to 289 million dollars. Every licensed bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve system is required to insure with the Corporation, and non-licensed banks can do the same if State authorities certify their assets to be sufficient to cover deposit and other liabilities. Against the payment of premia, insurance up to the full amount of 5,000 dollars for any one bank depositor is provided by the Corporation.

The powers of the Corporation to examine and direct insured banks are wide, and in their exercise it may receive help from the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve System. The Corporation is further authorised to make loans to, and purchase the assets of, its member banks when " such action will reduce the risk or avert a threatened loss to the Corporation and will facilitate a merger or consolidation of an insured bank with another insured bank ". (The remainder of the Corporation's funds has to be invested in securities issued or guaranteed by the Government.) These powers include the right to eliminate unsound banks by ordering their liquidation or to refuse to continue insurance and the discretionary power to refuse insurance to banks which do not serve the " convenience and the needs of the community "; they have been extensively used, according to the Corporation's reports.

At the end of June 1937, 13,885 out of a total of 15,527 banks were members of the Corporation, their deposits constituting 89.7% of the aggregate deposits. Finally, it should be noted that most banks, not members of the Federal Reserve System, will come under that jurisdiction through the requirement that, with certain exceptions, insured State banks, having deposits of 1 million dollars or more during 1941 or any succeeding year must become member banks by July 1st, 1942, or lose the right to deposit insurance.

APPENDIX.

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MONETARY STATISTICS.

		INCIPAL MEASU			
Country	Official suspension	Exchang	e control	Depreciation or devaluation in	Introduction
	of gold standard	Introduction	Suppression	relation to gold	of a new gold parity
Albania	17 . 20		_	20	_
Argentine	17. x11. 29	13. x. 31	_	xi. 29 111. 30	_
Austria	17. x11. 29	0 21	_	11. 30 1x. 31 — 1v. 34	
Belgium.	5. IV. 33	9. x. 31	26. IV. 35	IX. 31 - IV. 34 III. 35	31. 111. 36
Bolivia	30. 111. 35	18. 11. 35	20. IV. 55	m. 30	51. 111. 50
Brazil.	25. 1x. 31	3. x. 31 18. v. 31		x11. 29	
Bulgaria.		1918		XII. 27	
Canada	19. x. 31	1710		1x. 3I	_
Chile	20. 19. 32	30. vii. 31		IV. 32	
China	20. 10. 52	9.1x.34-14.11.38	23. x1. 35		
Colombia	25. IX. 31-	25. IX. 31		ı. 32	
Costa Rica		16. 1. 32		1. 32	
Cuba	21. xi. 33	2. vi. 34	13. vii, 34	rv. 33	*22. v. 34
Czechoslovakia		2. x. 31	—	11. 34 — x. 36	17.11.34 *9.x.36
Danzig		12. vi. 35		v. 35	2. v. 35
Denmark	29. IX. 31	18. xr. 31	- 1	1x. 31	
Ecuador.	8. 11, 32	2.v.32 - 30.v11.36	7.x.35 — 31.vu.37	vi. 32	
Egypt	21. IX. 31	- 1		ıx. 31	—
Estonia	28. vi. 33	18. x1, 31	-	vī. 33	i —
Finland	12. x. 31	— ·		x. 31	
France				1x. 36 vi. 37	
Germany	—	13. vn. 31	-	—	-
Greece	26. IV. 32	28. 1x. 31	-	IV. 32	-
Guatemala	· -	_		IV. 33	ļ
Honduras		27. 111. 34	·	IV. 33	i
Hong-Kong		9. xi. 35	-	-	-
Hungary	-	17. vii. 31		—	
India	21. 1x. 31			1 x. 31	
Iran		25.11.30 - 1,111.36	30. v. 33	ix. 31	
Ireland	26. tx. 31			111. 34 - x. 36	*8. x. 36
Italy	13. x11. 31	26. v. 34 1. vii. 32		xii. 31	0. x. 50
Latvia	28. IX. 36	8. x. 31	_	1x. 36	
Lithuania		1. x. 35			_
Luxemburg	i _	18. 11. 35	26. IV. 35	111. 35	l. IV. 35
Malaya (British)	21, ix, 31			ıx. 31	-
Mexico	25. vii. 31		—	viii. 31	
Netherlands	27. 1x, 36	i —	—	1x. 36	·
Netherlands Indies	27. 1x. 36			1x. 36	
New Zealand	21. IX. 31	-		tv. 30	-
Nicaragua	13. x1. 31	13. xt. 31		ı. 32	
Norway	28. 1x. 31) —		1x, 31	
Palestine	21. ix. 31			1x. 31	⊢ .
Panama	•		-	IV. 33	
Paraguay	• •	viii. 32	—	x1. 29	
Peru	14. v. 32			v. 32	_
Philippines	1 .			14. 33	_
Poland		26. IV. 36			
Portugal	31. x11, 31	21. x. 22	18. x. 37	x. 31 vii. 35	
Salvador, El.	9. x. 31	18. v. 32 viii. 33	x. 33	x. 3i	
Siam	11. v. 32			vi. 32	
Spain		18. v. 31	·	1920	i
Sweden	29. ix. 31		_	ix. 31	
Switzerland		-		1x, 36	*27. ix. 36
Turkey	•	26. 11. 30		1915	
Union of South Africa .	28. x11. 32	-	—	1, 33	
United Kingdom	21. ix. 31	-	·	1x, 31	
United States of America	20. IV. 33	6. 111. 33	12. xt. 34	iv. 33	*31. 1. 34
Uruguay	x11, 29	7. ix. 31		IV. 29	
U.S.S.R	•	10 .	•	IV. 36	
Venezuela		12. xii, 36		1x. 30	_
Yugoslavia		7. x. 31		vii. 32	_
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Table I. -- DATES OF PRINCIPAL MEASURES AFFECTING EXCHANGE RATES.

* Provisional parity.

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Table II.	 GOLD VALU	E OF	CURRENCIES,

Per	centage parity	Сшиа	BFAIN	Іяли	URUGUAT	URUGUAY uncontrolled free rate	AROENTINA	ARGENTINA free rate	Brazili	BRAZIL free rate	Botivia	BOLIVIA free rate	Ачятылыа	NEW ZEALAND	PENU	VENEZUELA	MENICO	UNITED KINDOM	I'NDIA	BRIT. MALATA	DENMARK	Norway	BWEDEN	CANADA	Ачнтвіл	SALVADOR
1929	111 X XI		1	1 • •	100 94.5 93.6		100 97.4		100			4			1											
1930	I II III VIII	84.9 82.1 80,7 66.0	89.2 86.5 83.9 74.1	88.8 81.7 86.7 86.8	89.9 86.0 86.1 80.2		94.7 89.7 88.8 85.5		92,7 93,2 96,1 83,2		100 97.7 97.4 97.0		100 95.9 94.1	100 95.8	100 90.0	100										
1931	VII VIII IX XI XII	53.1 50.9 52.5 54.5 58.3 56.2	63.4 59.9 61.2 61.0 58.7 57.2	60.4 60.4 63.4 62.2 59.1 60.3	52.5 44.5 40.5 33.7 43.5 43.1		72.4 66.9 61.9 53.9 61.0 60.7		60.1 53.2 49.4 47.0 51.6 51.8	· .	95.7 95.4 90.0 77.0 77.5 69.5		76.6 76.6 71.5 61.4 58.7 55.2	91.2 85.0 73.0 69.8	69.9 69.9 69.8 68.4 69.9 69.9	90.1 89.4 88.1 86.2 79.9 80.3		93.1	100 92.9 78.6 76.7 69 5	94.3 79.5 76.0	100 94.3 82.2 77.1 69.4	100 94.8 82.4 76.6 69.0	100 97.3 86.3 77.4 69.8	89.0	100 92.1 91.3 83,9	100 96.2 94.8 88.2
	I III V VI VI XI XI XI XI	55.9 56.2 53.5 52.2 51.7 50.3 50.2 47.3	57.2 51.8 52.4 55.3 56.2 54.8 55.7 55.5	60.6 45.3 44.2 41.3 39.1 38.5 36.5 36.5	43 4 45.5 45.8 46.0 45.7 46.0 45.8 45.8		60.4 60.3 60.5 60.7 60.7 60.7 60.7		51.5 51.9 54.7 59.6 62.7 63.5 63.8 63.8		69.8 68.1 64.7 56.9 56.1 55.4 51.4 50.2		56.3 59.7 61.5 60.3 59.8 58.2 53.7 53.8	70.4 69.0 68.4 66.6 61.5	69.9 69.6 69.8 66.3 53.4 54.5 44.9 43.1	77.8 80.7 85.0 80.7 78.5 78.1 78.2 82.9	78.9 67.6 67.0 60.7 54.0 55.6 64.6 64.2	75.5	70.7 74.8 76.8 74.8 74.4 73.1 67.9 67.9	74.4 73.9 72.2 66.9	74.4 71.7 63.7	69.8 73.1 71.2 69.0 67.4 65.8 62.4 63.0	71.6 74.1 71.2 69.9 69.8 68.0 65.0 66.8	85.1 89.5 89.9 88.4 86.7 87.1 87.3 86.6	78.9 83.7 84.6	87.0 78.7 74.8 73.4 73.4 75.8 82.0 82.2
1933	I II IV V VI XI	47.9 48.6 49.9 49.6 50.1 51.0 48.1 49.3	55.7 56.2 57.5 57.8 58.0 57.6 57.0 55.8	37.2 36.5 37.0 37.3 40.2 44.3 46.1 44.7	45.8 45.8 44.1 43.9 44.2 46.1 46.1		60.7 60.7 60.4 59.9 60.0 60.1 60.1 59.6		63.8 63.8 61.0 54.5 52.1 47.7 44.8		54.2 54.4 47.0 46.8 46.0 46.2 43.1 44.1		55.2 56.1 56.0 55.9 54.9 55.2 51.4 52.6	56.4 56.2 56.0 55.0 55.3 51.5	43.6 43.2 40.7 39.1 35.8 35.9 34.8 33.2	82.9 82.9 80.7 76.7 72.9 71.9 69.8 72.1	60 5 57.0 56.8 51.8 49.4 45.3 38.1 34.9	69.1 70.3 70.5 70.3 68.9 69.3 64.6 66.2	69.6 70.8 70.7 70.3 69.1 69.4 64.7 65.7	68.7 69.7 69.8 69.4 68.6 68.9 64.7 66.1	57.2 56.9 55.8 56.1 52.4	64.4 65.6 65.3 63.7 63.6 58 9 60.4	68.3 68.2 67.9 67.0 64.4 64.8 60.5 61.9	74.7	83.2 81.5 76.8 75.7 78.4 78.5 78.2 78.2 77.9	79.4 75.2 73.1 65.2 58.4 56.5 42.9 39.2
1934	I II IV V XII	51.4 49.8 49.4 48.4 46.1 48.7	55.9 54.9 55.2 55.3 55.3 55.3	43.4 43.9 41.9 41.3	46.2 46.2 46.2 46.6 46.1 46.1	23.0	49.8 47.9 47.6 47.9 47.5 46.1	37.8 36.9 35.8 34.9 32.9 35.0	42.6	33.8	43.4 41.6 41.1 40.3 42.2 39.1		52.4 49.9 49.7 50.0 49.6 47.9	50.0 49.8 50.1 49.7	35.9 34.5 35.1	83.1 80.9 87.6 95.0 91.7 84.6	35.1 33.7 33.1 32.9 33.0 33.1	65.5 62.7 62.3 62.7 62.2 60.4	62.5	62.9 62.4	53.1 50.8 50.5 50.8 50.4 48.9	59.7 57.2 56.8 57.2 56.7 55.1	61.3 58.7 58.3 58.7 58.2 56.5	62.8 60.1 59.4 59.3 59.4 60.2	78.1	40.1 41.9 45.8 46.1 48.0 47.5
1935	I II IV V VI VII IX XI XII	49.9 52.0 54.2 55.2 58.5 57.3 54.8 52.2 53.6 50.7 42.2 41.9	55.3 55.3 55.3 55.3 55.3 55.3 55.3 55.3	46.7 52.6 53.8 41.6 37.9	46.1 46.0 46.1 46.1 46.0 46.0 46.0 46.1 46.1 46.1 46.1	22.3 22.5 23.1 23.3 23.4 23.4	45.7 45.4 45.4 45.6 45.9 46.0 46.1 46.0 45.8 46.0 46.0 46.0	35.2 35.9 35.2 35.8 36.0 36.8 37.1 37.3 37.9 38.1 38.1 38.1	40.5 40.4 40.7 41.0 41.2 41.2 41.2 41.1 41.4 41.4 41.7 41.7 41.7	32.5 32.9 30.6 29.8 27.4 27.0 26.8 26.5 27.3 28.4 27.6 27.3	40.7 40.7 40.5 42.2 42.4 42.2 38.4 38.1 38.3 38.5 38.7 38.3	9.6 9.4 9.5 9.6 9.7 9.7 9.8 9.9 9.8 9.9 9.9	46.0 46.8 47.4 47.6 47.8 47.9 47.8 47.8 47.8	47.5 46.3 47.1 47.6 47.9 48.1 48.2 48.1	36.4 36.1 35.6 35.0 35.3 35.7 35.5 35.7 36.0 36.8 36.9 37.2	81.3 80.8 80.3 80.8 80.9 79.7 79.7 80.1 79.4 79.4 79.2	33.1 33.1 32.9 33.3 33.0 33.0 32.9 33.1 33.1 33.1 33.1	59.8 59.5 58.1 59.0 59.7 60.1 60.3 60.4 60.2 60.0 60.2 60.1	60.1 59.9 58.4 59.3 60.1 60.4 60.5 60.7 60.6 60.3 60.5 60.5	59.6 59.9 59.9 60.2 60.3 60.2	48.5 48.3 47.1 47.9 48.4 48.7 48.8 49.0 48.8 48.6 48.8 48.6 48.8 48.7	54.6 54.3 53.9 54.5 55.0 55.0 55.0 55.0 54.7 54.9 54.9	56.0 55.7 54.4 55.3 56.3 56.4 56.5 56.4 56.4 56.4 56.4 56.4 56.4	59.6 59.4 59.1 59.4 59.2 59.1 59.0 59.0 59.0 58.6 58.9 58.8	78.7 78.5 78.0 79.1 79.5 79.1 79.5 79.6 79.6 79.6 79.5 79.4 79.3	47.7 47.6 47.4 47.3 47.4 47.2 47.1 47.1 47.1 47.4 47.4 47.4 47.4
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1937	I II IV V VI VII XI XI XII	42.0 41.9 42.0 42.1 41.9 41.7 41.9 41.7 41.9 41.7 41.6 41.7	28.6 27.1 24.7 23.0 21.5 21.0 20.4 25.2 26.1 25.2 25.3 24.9	40.6 40.5 40.8 40.9 40.7 40.7 41.0	45.1 45.0 45.0 44.9 45.2 45.3 45.3 45.3 45.2 45.1 45.2 45.1 45.2 45.7	33.1 33.0 33.1 33.0 32.5 30.7	45.5 45.4 45.3 45.6 45.8 46.1 44.2 5.9 46.0 46.0 46.3 46.4	42.2 41.8 41.3 42.2 42.3 42.0 41.9 41.7 41.5 41.2 40.8	43.0 43.0 43.0 43.1 43.1 43.1 43.1 43.1 43.1 43.1 43.1	30.0 30.2 30.9 31.7 32.4 32.8 32.3 31.6 28.8 28.3 26.9	9.8 9.8 9.8 9.8 9.8 9.8 9.8 9.8 9.9 9.9	5.1 5.5 6.6 6.6 6.9 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0	47.5 47.3 47.2 47.6 47.8 47.7 48.0 48.2 47.9 47.9 47.9 47.9 48.3	47.8 47.7 47.6 47.9 48.1 48.1 48.1 48.4 48.6 48.3 48.3 48.3 48.3 48.3	38.1 38.3 38.4 38.2 37.5 38.1 38.3 37.9 37.1 36.8 36.1	78.4 78.1 85.1 97.0 99.8 99.0 98.7 99.1 98.1 95.7	32.9 32.9 32.9 32.9 32.9 32.9 32.9 32.9	59.6 59.4 59.3 59.7 60.0 59.9 60.3 60.5 60.1 60.1 60.6 60.6	60.0 59.8 59.7 60.1 60.3 60.3 60.7 60.9 60.5 60.5 61.0 61.0	59.9 59.7 59.5 60.0 60.3 60.2 60.5 60.8 60.4 60.4 60.4 60.4 60.9 61.0	48.3 48.2 48.1 48.4 48.6 40.6 48.9 49.0 48.7 48.8 49.2	54.3 54.2 54.1 54.4 54.7 54.7 55.0 55.2 5 4.8	55.8 55.5 55.5 56.1 56.1 56.4 56.3 56.3 56.3 56.8	59.0 59.1 59.1 59.2 59.0 59.0 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1	78.4 78.4 78.4 78.5 78.6 78.6 78.6 78.8 79.1 79.1 79.0 79.3	47.3 47.3 47.3 47.3 47.3 47.3 47.3 47.3
1938	I	41.7 41.9	24.7 24.5	41.1	38.0		46.4 46.5	40.6 37.2	-	27.6 28.8	-		48,4 48,5		36.3 	95.7 	32.9 32.9 32.9	60,7	. 1	61.0	49,2	55.4	56.8 56.8 57.0	59.1	79,3 79,3 79,5	47.3

* For uninterrupted series until the end of 1936, see Money and Banking 1936/37, Vol. I, pages 112-113. Source: Statistical Year-Book of the League of Nations.

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¹ China, Spain, Iran : average rate 1929 = 100,

FINLAND	PORTUGAL	JAFAN	COSTA-RIOA	COSTA-RICA free rate	GREECE	CHILE	CRILE free rate	ECUADOR	Ягия	Υυσοθιάτια	U, South Afr.	Cotostuta	Conomia free rate	UNITED STATES	F.BTONIA	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	ITALY.	BELGIUM	ГОХУМНОВО	DANEIU	ROUMANIA	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	8WITZERLAND	Percentag of parity
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59.7 53.6 58.4 58.2 57.6 51.0 57.3 56.5	71.5 74.2 76.4 75.2 75.3 72.9 68.5 68.2	55.1	97.1 94.1 94.1 88.9 88.9 88.9 88.9 88.9 88.9		100 94.9 51.2 49.2 49.3 44.3 41.8	49.3 49.5 49.5		100 83.9 80.0 80.0 80.0	100 74.6 72.6 67.9 67.9	100 94.9 76.7 76.4	100														XII. 1932 I. IV. V. VI. VI. XI. XII.
57.9 59.2 59.9 59.9 59.1 55.3 56.3	68.6 70.1 70.9 69.4 69.0 69.5 69.0 68.7		88.9 85.3 84.2 80.4 74.5 72.5 59.9 55.6		41.6 43.2 43.7 43.2 43.3 43.5 43.6 43.6	47.3 44.1 50.4 49.1	18.0 16.9 19.6 20.3	80.0 80.0 84.2 81.2 72.1 68.0 56.1 52.2	69.7 70.9 71.1 70.8 69.5 69.9 65.2 66.7	77.0 77.2 77.9 77.2 77.9 77.4 78.2 78.2	71.0 70.0 69.8 69.4 68.2 68.5 63.8 65.4	97.0 88.6 84.6	-	100 95.5 85.3 81.6 67.4 62.5	94.1 64.9										1933 I. II. IV. V. VI. X. XI.
56.2 53.6 53.1 53.4 53.0 51.6	66.3 63.5 62.9 63.0 62.5 60.4	38.1 36.2 35.9 36.0 35.9 34.3	58.7 56.9 56.0 55.7 55.8 55.9		43.5 43.2 43.2 43.1 43.2 43.2 42.9	49.9	19.8 19.6 19.4 20.2 19.3 20.5	30.9 29.9 29.3 28.2 27.6 24.7	66.0 63.2 62.9 63.2 62.7 60.9	78.2 77.3 76.6 76.4 76.4 76.7	64.7 61.9 61.6 62.0 61.5 59,7	43.4 43.6 41.4 36.5 37.4 39.4		63.1 60.6 59.5 59.2 59.2 59.2 59.4	62.6 63.0 62.5	90.9	100 97.0 96.4 95.9 96.4								1934 I. II. IV. V. XII.
51.1 50.8 49.6 50.3 50.9 51.3 51.3 51.3 51.4 51.3 51.3 51.3 51.3	59.9 59.5 58.1 59.0 59.7 60.1 60.3 60.4 60.3 60.4 60.3 60.1 60.2 60.2	34.0 33.8 33.2 33.8 34.3 34.5 34.6 34.8 34.5 34.2 34.2 34.2 34.2 34.2	56.0 55.5 47.2 44.8 40.4 37.6 37.5 35.9 35.5 35.0 34.9 34.8	46.7 46.8 43.9 41.4 38.6 37.6 36.9 34.8 34.8 34.8 34.6 34.8 34.6 34.8	42.9 42.8 42.9	24.8 24.8 24.7 24.9 24.9 24.8 24.8 24.8 24.6	20.8 20.3	26.5 28.2 28.3 28.3 28.2 28.2 28.2 28.2 28.3 28.3	60.3 60.0 58.5 59.5 60.2 60.6 60.8 60.8 60.9 61.3 60.5	76.8 76.7 76.8 77.1 77.1 77.1 77.0 77.1 77.2 77.2	59.2 58.9 57.4 59.1 59.4 59.6 59.8 59.7 59.3 59.5 59.5	39.2 36.0 32.9 33.6 33.6 33.1 32.2 32.3 34.2 35.0 34.6 34.8	36.0 34.9 32.7 33.3 33.0 32.4 31.7 31.6 33.2 33.4 33.0 32.6	59.5 59.4 59.2 59.4 59.5 59.3 59.2 59.1 59.4 59.5 59.5 59.5	60.2 59.8 58.4 59.3 60.0 60.4 60.5 60.7 60.6 60.2 60.5 60.4	83.8 83.8 83.8 83.8 83.5 83.7 83.3 83.0 83.0 83.0 83.0 83.0	96.4 95.7 93.7 93.5 92.9 93.0 92.4 92.2 92.0 91.8 91.6 91.1	100 96.8 72.4 72.5 72.2 71.9 71.8 72.1 72.0 72.3 72.0	100 96.8 90.5 90.6 90.2 89.9 89.8 90.1 90.1 90.4 90.0	57.1 56.9 57.6 57.5 57.5 57.6 57.6	100 94.2 77.4 77.4 77.4 77.4 74.8				1935 I. II. IV. VI. VI. VII. IX. X. XI. XII. XI
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50.7 50.6 50.5 50.8 51.1 51.4 51.3 51.3 51.3 51.3 51.7 51.8	59.4 59.4 59.3	33.8 33.8 33.9 34.1 34.0 34.2 34.4 34.2 34.2 34.2 34.2 34.5	42.0 42.0 42.0 42.0 42.0 42.0 42.0 42.0	41.7 41.8 41.9 41.8 41.9 41.9 41.9 41.9 41.9 41.9 41.9 41.9	40.9 40.8 40.7 41.0 41.2 41.2 41.4 41.5 41.3 41.3 41.3	25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.0 25.0 25.0 25.1 25.1	17.3 17,5 17.6 18.0	28.2 28.2 28.2 28.1 28.1 28.1 28.1 21.9 22.2 22.1 21.5 21.3	60.1 59.9 59.8 60.2 60.5 60.2	77.2 77.3 77.3 77.3 77.3 77.4 77.2 77.2 77.2 77.5 77.6	58.9 58.8 58.7 59.1 59.4 59.3 59.7 59.9 59.6 59.6 60.1 60.1	34.8 34.7 34.6 34.6 34.6 34.6 34.6 34.6 34.6	33.9 33.7 33.5 33.7 33.9 33.5 33.5 33.5 33.7 33.7 31.6 31.4	59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1 59.1	60.0 59.8 59.7 60.2 60.4 60.3 60.7 60.9 60.6 60.6 61.1 61.1	69.6 69.5 69.5 69.5 69.5 69.5 69.5 69.6 69.8 70.1 70.0	59.0 59.0 59.0 59.0 59.0 59.0 59.0 59.1	71.6 71.6 71.6 71.7 71.6 71.5 71.5 71.5 71.5 71.6 72.3 72.2	89.5 89.5 89.5 89.6 89.6 89.4 89.4 89.4 89.4 89.4 89.5 90.3 90.2	57.3 57.3 57.3	71.8 71.9 71.9 72.0 71.9 71.9 71.9 71.9 71.9 72.2 72.2 72.2 72.2 72.2	69.3 67.8 67.5 66.9 57.4 56.5	80.5 80.4 80.4 80.5 80.7 80.8 81.0 81.0 81.0 81.2 81.5 81.7	70.2 69.9 69.8 69.9 70.0 70.0 70.2 70.3 70.3 70.5 70.9 70.8	1937 I. II. IV. VI. VI. VII. IX. X. XI. XII.
51.8 52.0	60.4			····	41.7	25.1 25.1			61.2 61.4	78.1 78.5	60.1 60.3	33.7 33.4		59.1 59.1	61.1 61.4		59.0 59,0	71.9 72.1	89.9 90.1	57.5 57.6	72.6 72.8	50.3 49.5	81.9 82,2	70.8 71.1	1938 I. 11.

Gold parity in 1929 = 100.*

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Peru: gold parity 1930 = 100.
Portugal, Yugoslavia: gold parity 1931 = 100.
Bolivia: II. 1935-III. 1936: export rate; IV-VII. 1936: free rate; since VIII. 1936: bank rate.
Ecuador: I. 1934-VII. 1936 and since VIII. 1937: free rate.

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			(Currency (Compositio			Whole-	Cost	Commercial and Savings Banks Deposits						
Country, unit of currency	End	0	entral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks		
(000,000's) and percentage base	ot	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (s) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929-100		Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits		
• IL		(a)	(6)	(0)	(d)	(6)	(I)	(9)	(h)	(1)	6)	(k)	n)	(m)		
Albania	1929 1930	12 13	7	· ·	19 24	•	•	100		•	•	•	•	•		
· · ·	1931	12	12		24			90 89	·	•	•	•		•		
	1932	13	14		27			68								
Frank	1933	12	10		22			54								
	1934	11	8	•	19	•		51			-	•		•		
	1935	12	8	•	20	·	•	63	•	•		•	•	•		
i	1936 1937	11	16	•	27	·	·	63		·	•	. •	·	•		
	(1934	11 92	14 114	·	25 100	·		67	•	•	•	•	· ·	•		
1000 100	1935	100	114		105	•					•			l •		
1929 = 100	1936	92	229		142											
	1937	92	200	•	132	•	•			•			•			
Argentine 1	1929	1,247			1,247	1,178	2,037	100	100	1,178	1,771	954	3,903	155		
•	1930	1,261			1,261	1,189	1,999	90		1,189	1,713	1.054	3,956	158		
	1931	1,245			1,245	971	1,703	97		971	1,647	899	3,517	153		
Deep	1932	1,339	-	•	1,339	1,083	1,777	89	•	1,083	1,570	872	3,525	149		
Рево	1933 1934	1,214 1,171	-	•	1,214	1,171	1.865	87	83	1,171	1,533	763	3,467	152		
	1935	982	707	196	1,171 1,885	1,111 1,065	1,871 2,123	102 102	80 91	1,111	1,589	727	3,427	163		
	1936	1,094	551	208	1,853	1,289	2,371	106	91	1,065 1,289	1,580	712	3,357 3,670	178		
	1937	1,150	485	209	1,844	1,402	2,557	116	93	1,402	1,810	669	3,881	*212		
	1934	94		•	94	94	92			94	90	76	88	105		
1929 = 100	1935	79	•	•	151	90	104			90	89	75	86	115		
	1936 1937	88 92	•	•	149 148	109 119	116 126			109 119	93 102	76 70	94 99	125 137		
Australia ²	(1020	12.4	100	****										157		
nustiana -	1929 1930	42.4 42.5	15.5 7.6	*3.3 3.3	61.2 53.4	99.4 85.2	137.4 98.0	100	100	99.4		192.7	292.1	220.0		
	1931	48.4	8.9	3.8	61.1	89.0	107.0	78 79	90 82	85.2 89.0		194.0	279.2	196.8		
1	1932	45.2	6.1	4.0	55.3	87.7	101.3	76	79	87.7		194.0 189.7	283.0 277.4	194.5		
£	1933	45.2	7.2	*4.0	*56.4	94.7	108.2	80	79	94.7		186.9	281.6	197.1 203.3		
	1934	45.2	10.5	*4.0	*59.7	103.4	115.6	81	80	103.4		192.1	295.5	212.9		
	1935 1936	46.3 47.2	10.5	*4.0	*60.8	110.6	137.3	81	82	110.6		182,5	293.1	220.5		
	1937	47.2	16.4 17.4	*4.0 *4.0	*67.6 *71.2	111.7 122.6	147.4 *157.0	89 88	84 86	111.7		183.8	295.5	224.2		
	1934	107	68	121	98	104	84	00	00	122.6 104		*198.4 100	*321.0	233.5		
1929 = 100	1935	109	68	121	99	111	100			111		95	101	97 100		
	1936 1937	111 117	106 112	121 121	110 116	112 123	107 114			112		95	101	102		
• · · · • • • •	Ì						114			123		103	110	106		
Austria	1929	1,094	64	93	1,251	2,183	3,335	100	100	2,183	•	531	2,714	1,430		
	1930 1931	1,090 1,183	93 128	92 98	1,275 1,409	2,587	3,760	82	97 07	2,587	•	623	3,210	1,646		
	1932	914	218	90 97	1,229	1,433	2,614	86 83	97 96	1,433	•	.'		I,498		
Schilling	1933	952	142	96	1,190	1,222	2,352	83	96 96	1,433	•	258 227	1,691	1,559		
	1934	964	154	109	1,227	1,128	2,275	84	94	1,128		244	1,449 1,372	1,547 1,630		
	1935	976	216	126	1,318	1,103	2,299	83	95	1,103	•	271	1,372	1,050		
	1936 1937	944 944	204	124	1,272	•••		86	95		•		.,	1,713		
	1934	944 88	252 241	125 117	1,321 98	 52	 68	85	94					1,786		
1929 = 100	1935	89	338	135	105	51	69			52 51	·	46	51	114		
1973 = 100	1936	86	319	133	102						•	51	51	120		
ļ	1937	86	394	134	106								•••	120 125		
	!										•			147		

Table III. — CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS.

* Approximate or provisional figure.
 ¹ Commercial banks include the Banco de la Nación. Cost-of-living figures represent yearly averages.
 * Figures for central bank sight liabilities, for commercial banks and for cost of living represent averages for the last quarter.

				Currency C	ompositio	n		Whole-	Cost	Commercial and Savings Banks Deposits					
Country, unit of currency	End	Q	Central Banks and Treasuries				Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Savings Banks				
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (e)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929=100		Sight	Baving:	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Bavinga deposite	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(8)	(1)	(9)	(4)	(8)	(1)	(k)	(I)	(m)	
Belgium	1929	14,175	1,244	592	16,011	•	*33.642	100	100	•	•	•	29,363	5,438	
•	1930	17,133	1,470	831	19,434			80	101	•	•	•	30,001	7,653	
	1931	18,930	1,318	866	21,114	•	*42,274	67	88	•	•	•		9,115	
	1932	18,354	1,086	480	19,920	•	*35,411	61	86	•	•	•		9,813	
France	1933	17,204	3,006	700	20,910	•	*35,040	57	83	•	•	•	23,289	9,964	
	1934	17,828	1,169	926	19,923	•	•	55	79	•	•	•	(1) to (k) (1) 29,363	10,452	
	1935	21,218	4,905	820	26,943	16,067	38,555	68	85	16,067	—	3,036		10,584	
	1936	23,321	4,442	*850	•28,613	17,312	*42,169	75	88	17,312	-	3,300		11,456	
	1937	22,146	3,904			•••	·	77	95		-	•••		12,490	
	(1934)	126	94	156	124	•				•	•	•	-	192	
1929 = 100	1935	150	394	139	168	•	115		. '		•	•		195	
1020 - 100	1936	165	357	144	179	•	125		1	·	•	•	70	211	
	1937	156	314		•••	•					•	•		230	
Bolivia	1929	43.0	17.9	5.6	66.5	18.0	79.0			18.0	4.5	11.9	34.4		
	1930	32.2	14.7	5.6	52.5	13.7	65.0			13.7	4.1	11.8			
	1931	27.0	11.2	5.6	43.8	11.6	52.7			11.6	3.8	10.7	26.1		
	1932	37.6	42.3	4.8	84.7	13.3	92.8			13.3	3.2	7.2			
Boliviano .	1933	53.8	54.0	5.7	113.5	23.8	113.4			23.8	2.8	13.6			
2011112110	1934	83.6	139.0	5.8	228.4	51.9	232.1		1.	51.9	2.9	3.5	58.1	1.	
	1935	145.9	231.8	5.3	383.0	95.6	384.2			95.6	3.4	3.3			
	1936	210.3	232.7	6.5	449.5	117.0	467.4			117.0	3.1	1.7			
	1937	-10.5						•						Ι.	
	(1934	194	777	104	343	288	294		ł	288	64	29	4		
	1935	339	1.273	95	576	531	486			531	76	28			
1929 = 100	1936	489	1.300	116	676	650	592			650	69	14			
	1937												{		
Brazil ¹	(1929	3,394			3,394	3,487	5,331	100	100	3,487	431	2,007	5,925		
	1930	2,842	_		2,842	2,856	4,534			2,856	394	2,481	5,731		
	1931	2,942			2,942	3,490	5,204			3,490	451	2,021	5,962		
	1932	3,239	·		3,239	4,732	6,126			4,732	510	1,601	6,843		
Milreis	1933	3,037	·	.	3,037	4,447	6,011			4,447	524	1,513	6,484		
	1934	3,157		.	3,157	5,056	6,803			5,056	566	1.797	7,419	l .	
	1935	3,612		.	3,612	4,873	7,142	75	100	4,873	615	2,279	7,767		
	1936	4,050			4,050	5,245	*7,945	74	117	5,245	712	2,375	8,332		
	1937	4,532			4,532									.	
	1934	93			93	145	128			145	131	90	125		
1000 100	1935	106			106	140	134			140	143	114	131	•	
1929 = 100	1936	119			119	150	149			150	165	118	141	•	
	1937	134			134		•••							•	
Bulgaria ²	1929	3,609	2,175	143	5,927	7,989	13,183	100	100	7,989	283	146		684	
-	1930	3,296	1,547	206	5,049	7,134	11,287	71	87	7,134	351	174		897	
	1931	2,919	1,397	710	5,026	5,950	9,983	69	78	5,950	471	197		1,268	
	1932	2,635	1,597	886	5,118	5,279	9,491	53	72	5,279	517	196		I,486	
Lev	1933	2,984	1,516	941	5,441	4,329	9,079	52	67	4,329	699	184		1,706	
	1934	2,449	1,734	1.287	5,470	4,153	8,936	55	62	4,153	1,009	181		2,024	
	1935	2,497	1,917	1,234	5,648	4,301	9,457	57	58	4,301	1,023	212		2,252	
	1936	2,571	2,265	1,241	6,077	4,470	*9,840	61	57	4,470	1,050	225	5,745	2,520	
	1937	2,569	3,739	1,253	7,561			68	60					2,858	
	1934	68	80	900	92	52	68			52	357	124		296	
1000 100	1935	69	88	863	95	54	72			54	361	145		329	
1929 = 100	1936	71	. 104	868	103	56	75			56	371	154	68	368	
	1937	71	172	876	128							•••		418	
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Table III. — CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

Approximate or provisional figure.
 Commercial banks include the Banco do Brasil.
 Commercial banks comprise popular banks and ordinary joint-stock banks. The latter do not specify their deposits, all of which are included in columns (e) and (i).

Country				Currency C	ompositio	<u> </u>	127-4	Whole- sale	Cost	Commercial and Savings Banks Deposits					
Country, unit of currency	End	C	ntral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	prices	living		Savings Banks				
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929-100		Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savinga deposita	
•	[[(4)	(8)	(0)	(d)	(e)	<i>w</i>	(9)	(h)	(1)	10)	(k)	(I)	(m)	
Canada 🐪	1929	187		32	219	821	1,040	100	100	821		1,876	2,697	93	
	1930 1931	163 160		32	195 193	689 698	884 891	81 74	95	689	_	1,798		92	
	1932	144		33	177	538	715	74 67	85 79	698 538		1,670 1,706	1 ·	89	
\$	1933	151	_	34	185	563	748	72	78	563	_	1,679	1 .	89	
-	1934	160		*34	*194	628	*822	74	79	628	·	1,733		88	
	1935	170		*35	*205	694	*899	76	81	694	—	1,865	2,559	89	
÷ *	1936	191	—	*35	*226	755	*981	83	82	755	-	1,966	2,721	93	
. '	(1937	207	_	•36	*243	752	*995	87	84	752	-	1,991	2,743	95	
	(1934	86		106	89	76	79		[76	—	92	(1) to (2) (2) (2,697 2,487 2,368 2,244 2,261 2,559 2,721 2,743 88 95 101 102 1,276 1,119 896 1,132 1,290 1,550 1,702 1,844 1,985 121 133 145 156 60.6 53.6 48.0 55.4 58.8 62.6 66.0 73.1 80.4 109 121 133 25,659 27,328 24,986 24,065 23,300	95	
1929 = 100	1935 1936	91 102	_	109	94 103	85 92	86 94			85 92	_	99	1	96	
	1937	111		113	111	92	96			92 92	_	105	1	100	
Chile	1929	352	127	35	514	512	860	. 100	100	512	41	723	1,276	237	
•	1930	306	85	35	426	434	729	78	101	434	47	638		229	
	1931	319	90	35	444	419	677	78	100	419	12	465		164	
Peso	1932 1933	488 515	319 350	18	825	706	1,177	176	123	706		426		199	
1050	1934	515	346	23	886 885	893	1,431 1,710	167 178	130	893	-	397	1 .	278	
	1935	567	297	26	890	1,191	1,821	182	135	1,124		426	1	338	
	1936	653	288	25	966	1,226	1,878	211	150	1,226		618	1	465	
	1937	709	262	26	997	1,381	2,097	225	165	1,381		604		546	
	(1934	147	272	66	172	220	199		1	220		59		143	
1929 = 100	1935	161	234	74	173	233	212			233	—	71	133	174	
	1936 1937	186 201	227 206	71	188 194	239 270	218			239	-	85		196	
	1757	201	200	/*	194	270	244			270	—	84	156	230	
Colombia	(1929	46.9	6.2	11.4	64.5	39.6	95.8		.	39.6	6.5	14.5	60.6	.	
	1930	35.3	6.1	10.2	51.6	30.2	74.7			30.2	7.3	16.1			
	1931	28.1	10.2	12.2	50.5	26.5	68.1	•	· ·	26.5	8.0	13.5	48.0		
Peso	1932	30.3 39.8	18.4 21.0	13.1	61.8	34.4	81.4	•	•	34.4	6.8	14.2	4	· ·	
1680	1934	48.1	24.3	13.4	74.0 85.8	39.4 48.5	98.6	•	·	39.4	5.9	13.5		· ·	
	1935	51.0	28.8	15.8	95.6	49.0	116.9	•	· ·	48.5 49.0	4.7	9.4		· ·	
. · · ·	1936	65.1	33.1	11.5	109.7	57.9	149.4			57.9	5.0 5.7	12.0 9.5		· ·	
	1937	60.7	38,2	15.1	114.0	64.1	155.4			64.1	6.1	10.2		1 :	
	(1934	103	392	118	133	122	122		ļ	122	72	65	4		
1929 = 100	1935	109	465	139	148	124	132			124	77	83	109		
	1936 1937	139 129	534 616	101 132	170 177	146 162	156 162			146 162	88 94	66 70		:	
Czecho-	 (1929	8,230	675	332	9,237	12,566	19,995	100	100	12,566		13.093		36,737	
slovakia	1930	7,824	570	362	8,756	12,993	20,037	83	95	12,993		14,335		40,120	
	1931	7,679	361	437	8,477	11,221	*18,503	77	91	11,221		13,765		42,898	
Koruna	1932	6,754	602	519	7,875	10,832	*16,901	72	93	10,832	.	13,233		42,545	
12010100	1933	6,334 6,017	871 766	544 602	7,749		*17,003	• 71	89	10,884	•	12,416		40,412	
	1935	6,137	411	602	7,385	11,471	*17,150 *15,853	76 78	89	11,471	•	12,678		40,202	
	1936	6,973	410	568	7,951		*16,990	81	93 93	10,857 10,946	•	13,041		#41,035	
	1937	7,498	292	545	8,335			80	95		·	13,118		*41,548	
	(1934	73	113	181	80	91	86			 91		 97		109	
1929 = 100	1935	75	61	182	77	86	79			86		100		112	
	1936	85	61	171	86	87	85			87		100		113	
	1937	91	43	164	90						•	•••			
							·	,				l <u> </u>	<u>I</u>	1	
• Appr	oxima	te or pro		figure.						-					

Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

	· ·			Currency (Compositio			Whole-	Cost	Сошп	arcial and	1 Savings	Banks De	posits
Country, unit of currency	End	Ce	entral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabil:ties	Token coins less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	- - 100	Bight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits
	Į –	(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(*)	(1)	(9)	(1)	(i)	(i)	(k)	(1)	(m)
Danzig	1929	38	4	*8	50	•	•	100	100	•	•	•	154	•
	1930	38	2	8	48	• •		85	93	•	•	·	151	•
	1931	44	10	7	61	•	·	73	84	•	•	•	98 97	•
Gulden	1932 1933	37 40	, 11	7	53 58	•	·	66 66	77 77	•	·	•	83	· ·
Guiden	1934	39	. 1	8	51			· 65	76	•	•	· ·	89	•
	1935	29	3	8	40			102	93	•				•
	1936	32	8	8	48			107	96					
	1937	36	12	9	57			102	98	-				
	(1934	103	100	100	102								58	
	1935	. 76	75	100	80									
1929 = 100	1936	84	200	100	96		.			•].			
	1937	95	300	113	114		•			•	•	•		
							0.25						1	
Denmark ¹	1929	367	68	26	461	551 614	935 987	100	100	551	543	898 920	1,992	2,120
	1930	360 346	78	27	465 438	545	906	80 79	92 88	614 545	576 536	920 879	1,960	2,202
	1931 1932	340	63 130	29	438	533	883	79	89	533	476	880	1,900	2,192
Krone	1932	375	77	30	482	569	948	86	94	569	521	901	1,007	2,203
MIONE	1934	386	144	32	562	575	1,004	93	97	575	582	925	2,082	2,209
	1935	384	113	34	531	580	994	95	100	580	594	946	2,120	2,202
	1936	399	83	35	517	624	1,048	103	101	624	591	983	2,198	*2.180
	1937	417	122	37	576	*658	*1,114	ш	106	*658	*587	*985	*2,230	*2,164
	(1934	105	212	123	125	104	107			104	107	103	105	104
1000 100	1935	105	166	131	115	105	106			105	109	105	106	104
1929 = 100	1936	109	122	135	112	113	112		ļ	113	107	109	110	103
	1937	114	179	142	125	119	119			119	109	110	112	102
Ecuador	(1929	30	16	5	51	24	66	1		24		10	34	2
Liculuoi	1930	23	17	5	45	22	58	•		22	_	11	33	3
	1931	19	9	6	34	13	43			13	_	6	19	2
	1932	24	1 11	5	40	25	52			25	-	5	30	3
Sucre	1933	36	20	6	62	43	83			43	—	7	50	3
	1934	47	29	8	84	50	114	•	.	50		15	65	3
	1935	49	40	8	97	43	123	•	.	43	-	20	63	4
	1936	57	34	10	101	•		•	•	•	-	1	· ·	4
	1937	68	40	12	120	57	153	-	•	57		23	80	4
·	(1934	157	181	160	165	208	173		1	208		150	191	150
1929 = 100	1935	163	250	160 200	190	179	186			179	—	200	185	200 200
	1936 1937	190 227	213 250	200	198 235	238	232			238		230	235	200
Egypt	1929	26.6	32.8	*5.0	64.4	•	•	100	100	•	•	•	•	4.1
	1930	21.0	19.8	*5.0	45.8	ŀ·	•	88	94	•	•	•	•	4.3
	1931	19.5	19.7	*5.1	44.3	•	•	79	90	•	•	•	•	4.3
47	1932	18.7	23.1	*5.1	46.9	•		66	86	•	•	•	•	5.2
£E	1933	20.3	22.5	5.2	48.0	•	•	63	81	•	· ·	· ·	· ·	7.1
	1934	19.8 23.3	21.4	5.2 5.4	46.4 57.0	·	·	85 81	86 87	·	· ·			8.4 9.2
	1935	23.3	26.2	*5.4	*54.7	l .		72	85	•				11.2
	1936 1937	20.7	25.7	*5.5	*51.9			76	85	•				12.4
	(1934	74	65	104	72									205
	1935	88	86	108	89			•						224
1929 = 100	1936	87	80	108	85		.				.			273
	1937	78	78	110	81	.	.					•	.	302
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Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

* Approximate or provisional figure. ¹ Cost of living figures refer to January 1st of the following year:

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			(Currency (Compositio	n		Whole-	Cost	Comu	nercial and	d Savings	Banks D	eposits
Country, unit of currency	End	Ce	ntral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savir ge Banks
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	= 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits
		<i>(a)</i>	(b)	(0)	(d)	(e)	0	(0)	(h)	(0)	(1)	(k)	(1)	(m)
Estonia	1929	34	16	3	53	42	91	100	100	42	.	24	66	3,
	1930	32	16	3	51	46	93	82	85	46	•	27	73	, 4
1	1931	35	15	3	53	. 38	87	73	81	38		22	60	5
Eesti	1932	31	13	3	48	35	80	69	76	35	· ·	16	51	5
Kroon	1933	32	15	4	51	36	83	76	27	36	1 ·	15	51	6
	1934	37	20	4	61	49	105	71	73	49	•	16	65	8
	1935	40	30	2	72	54	119	76	80	54	ŀ	20	74	10
	1936	44	32	4	80	69	142	81	86	69	·	24	103	10
1	1937	49	38	4	91	75	157	86	92	75	· ·	67	98	267
i	1934	109 118	125 188	133	115 136	117 129	115 131		l	129	1 .	83	112	333
1929 = 100	1935	129	200	133	150	164	151			164		100	141	333
	1937	144	238	133	172	179	173			179		117	156	333
Finland	1929	1,361	227	52	1,640	1,486	2.888	100	100	1,486	767	5,228	7,481	4,859
	1930	1,279	200	54	1,533	1,555	2,865	88	88	T,555	829	5,314	7,698	5,176
	1931	1,293	133	57	1,483	1,635	2,886	94	86	1,635	793	4,951	7,379	5,230
	1932	1,085	183	89	1,357	1,607	2,751	92	83	1,607	787	4,761	7,155	5,247
Markka 🤇	1933	1,184	397	102	1,683	1,766	2,915	91	81	1,766	838	4,894	7,498	5,495
	1934	1,277	359	116	1,752	1,525	2,878	92	82	1,525		139	7,664	5,986
	1935	1,381	598	124	2,103	1,621	3,091	93	83	1,621	1 .	359	7,980	6,566
	1936	1,630	993	137	2,760	1,822	3,731	97	83	1,822	• ·	783	8,605	7,494
	(1937	2,052 94	1,170	*140 223	*3,362	2,244	*4,289	104	89	2,244		786 102	10,030	8,975
	(1934 1935	101	158 263	223	107	103	100		l	103 109		102	102	123 135
1929 = 100	1936	120	437	263	168	123	129	· ·		123		113	115	155
	1937	151	515	269	205	151	149			151		130	134	185
France ¹	1929	67,769	20,094	1,196	89,059	42,325	127,891	100	100	42,325	l _	5,200	47,525	31,972
	1930	76,156	24.849	1,217	102,222	44,358	141,818	86	107	44,358		5,204	49,562	38,603
	1931	83,547	29,513	1,256	114,316	44,028	146.042	71	96	44,028		3,982	48,010	50,860
_ ·	1932	82,721	24,328	1,363	108,412	43,334	141,478	66	93	43,334		3,523	46,857	57,283
Franc	1933	80,638	16,953	2,925	100,516	38,087	131,671	65	95	38,087	. —	3,246	41,333	58,859
	1934	81,855	20,344	3,981	106,180	36,199	135,555	55	91	36,199	-	2,817	39,016	60,034
1	1935	80,669	12,131	4,283	97.083	32,450	125,193	56	86	32,450		2,412	34,862	62,808
	1936 1937	87,420 91,263	14,792	*4,464	106,676	34,508	137,332	83 101	97 118	34,508		2,246	36,754	59,029
	(1934	121	101	333	119	 86	 106	101	118	86			82	60,247 188
1000	1935	119	60	358	109	77	98	l	l	77	_	46	73	196
1929 = 100	1936	129	74	373	120	82	107			82		43	77	185
	1937	135	95	385	129									188
Germany ²	1929		485	988	6,952	4,490	[1,218	100	100	4,490	1 —	7,623	12,113	8,827
	1930	5,202	417	984	6,603	4,565	10,933	86	93	4,565	-	6,643	11,208	10,271
	1931	5,213	555	1,179	6,947	3,870	10,600	76	85	3,870		3,776	7,646	9,745
D.J.B.	1932	4,106	459	1,480	6,045	3.494	9,366	67	77	3,494		3,948	7,442	9,738
Reichsmark (1933	4,082	511	1,485	6,078	3,155	9,074	70	78	3,155	-	3,860	7,015	10,684
	1934	4,257	995	1,484	6,736	3,372	9,968	74	79	3,372	-	3,882	7,254	12,273
	1935 1936	4,725 5,049	841 753	1,557	7,123	3.297	10,247	75	80	3,297	704	2,896	6,897	13,424
	1930	5,049	766	1,569 1,578	7,371	3,674 3,911	10,866 11,657	75 77	80	3,674	785	3,007	7,466	14,222
	(1934)	78	205	150	97	75	89	. 77	81 81	3,911 75	961	3,248	8,120	15,537
	1935	86	173	158	102	73	91		10	75 73	_	51	60	139
1929 = 100	1936	92	155	159	106	82	97			82		38 39	57 62	152 161
	1937	102	158	160	114	87	104			87	_	43	67	176
i	i l				1		· ·			•			1	110

Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

* Approximate or provisional figure.
 ¹ Commercial banks comprise principal deposit and investment banks. (h) : averages of last quarter.
 ² Figures refer throughout to the end of November of each year. Deposits include correspondents' accounts.

Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

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Country, unit of currency (000,000's)	End	Ce	otral Banks	and Treasuri	29	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	tal Banks		Savings Banks
and percentage base	of	Note circulation (bank and State notes)	Central b.nk sight llabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (e)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929=	=100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Bavings deposits
	1	(a)	. (b)	(0)	(d)) (e)	(1)	(9)	(h)	(4)	()	(k)	1 (1)	(17)
Greece 1	1929	5,193	1.530	*250	6.973	11.405	17,269	100	100	11,405		1,830	13.235	1,715
	1930	4,803	1,728	*279	6,810	10,815	16,437	85	86	10,815		2.648	13,463	2,385
	1931	4,003	702	309	5,014	9,284	13,171	79	86	9,284		3,120	12,404	3,101
	1932	4,714	3,451	338	8,503	8,812	16,444	109	98	8,812		3,257	12,069	3,343
Drachma	1933	5,449	5,424	336	11,209	9,904	19,141	108	101	9,904	-	3,124	13,028	4,346
	1934	5,686	4,166	348	10,200	10,949	18,663	110	102	10,949		2,938	13,887	4,933
	1935	5,988	4,784	362	11,134	10,748	20,562	114	104	10,748		2,857	13,605	5,115
	1936	6,203	5,715	*375	*12,293	11,127	21,636	117	108	11,127		2,716	13,843	5,529
	1937	6,776	6,387	*390	*13,553			126	115		1.			·
	1934	109	272	139	146	96	108	1		96	.	161	105	288
1929 = 100	1935	115	313	145	160	94	119			94		156	103	298
1525 - 100 (1936	119	374	150	176	98	1 25			98	.	148	105	322
	1937	130	417	156	194						•	•		
Hungary	1929	501	98	39	638	919	*1.256	100	100	919	992	909	2,820	105
	1930	469	67	62	598	898	*1,219	74	85	898	1.019	992	2,909	130
	1931	423	126	66	615	797	*1,178	82	85	797	812	804	2,413	105
	1932	353	78	62	493	770	*1.055	67	81	770	719	711	2,200	107
Pengö	1933	369	103	70	542	775	*1,150	59	75	775	731	668	2,174	115
10go	1934	381	106	70	557	674	*1,060	69	75	674	761	665	2,100	127
	1935	417	147	71	635	701	*1,149	80	80	701	800	681	2,182	140
	1936	436	213	77	726	684	*1,226	76	83	684	840	659	2,183	*146
	1937	466	246	79	791	717	*1.309	79	88	717	926	709	2,352	*166
	(1934	76	108	179	87	73	84			73	77	73	74	121
1020 100	1935	83	150	182	100	76	91	1	1	76	81	75	77	133
1929 = 100	1936	87	217	197	114	74	98			74	85	. 72	77	139
	1937	93	251	203	124	78	104			78	93	78	83	158
India ²	1929	1,794	—					100					2.046	991
	1930	1,613		.	ļ .	.		71		•			2,122	1.057
	1931	1.793	—	• •	.	· •	· ·	70	•		•	•	1,974	1,147
	1932	1,748			· ·	· ·	-	62				•	2,176	1,350
Rupee	{ 1933	1,781			•		•	63	100		•	•	2,213	1,456
	1934	1,839		•	} .			66		l .	•	•	2.276	1,654
	1935	1,718	346	•	2,064	1,232	2,913	66	102	1,232	•	983	2,215	*1,753
	1936	1,920	233	· ·	2,153	1,278	3,193	67	102	1,278	•	1,018	2,296	
	(1937	1,854	312	· •	2,166	1,256	3,144	72	107	1,256		1,059	2,315	
	(1934	103		•	· ·	· ·	· ·			•		-	111	167
1929 = 100	1935	96	•	•	· ·	•	•			•	•	•	109	177
	1936 1937	106	•			•	•			•	-	•	112	
Ireland °) (1929	14.2		0.7	14.9		*75.7		100				126.9	13.0
A. 070010	1930	14.3		0.8	15.1		*76.3		93				128.0	14.5
	1931	13.4		0.8	14.2		*71.7		94				128.9	16.1
	1932	13.4	_	0.8	14.2		*76.7		88			:	142.4	17.3
£	1933	13.7	<u>-</u>	0.9	14.6		*74.8		89				131.9	18.6
	1934	13.9		0.9	14.8		*74.0		89				130.4	19.5
	1935	14.3		1.0	15.3		*76.8		92				130.3	20.6
	1936	15.1	_	1,1	16.2		*78.7		94				*131.3	
	1937	15.7	-	1.1	16.8	.			101	.				
	(1934	98		129	99	.	98	1	1	.	.		103	150
1000 100	1935	101		143	103	.	101		1	.			103	158
1929 = 100	1936	106		157	109	.	104	1		.			103	
	1937	111	-	157	113					.	•			
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Approximate or provisional figure.
Sight doposits include savings accounts.
Up to 1934: Issue Department of Treasury (a) and deposits with domestic joint-stock banks, deposits in India with Exchange Banks and private deposits with the Imperial Bank (l). Since 1935: Reserve Bank of India (a) and (b) and deposits with scheduled banks (c) (i) (k). Data for coin in circulation not available. Savings comprise P. O. savings, P. O. eash certificates and deposits with co-operative banks and refer to March 31st of the following year; (h) Base VII.1933 - VI.1934 = 100.
* (h): November.

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_				Currency C	ompositio	<u> </u>		Whole-	Cost	Сота	nercial and	I Savings	Banks De	eposits
Country, unit of currency	End	Ce	ntral Banks	and Treasur	es	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabliities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (c) to (-)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (s) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	- 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits
		(6)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(9)	(h)	(1)	6)	(k)	(4)	(11)
Italy ¹	1929	16,854	1,985	1,992	20,831	22,416	42,069	100	100	22,416	5,092	3,296	30,804	25,537
	1930	15,680	2,421	2,135	20,236	22,328	41,341		92	22,328	5,075	3,576	30,979	27,490
	1931	14,295	2,070	2,138	18,503	19,719	37,130		84	19,719	4,377	2,717	26,813	29,755
Lira	1932	13,672	1,622	2,140	17,434	17,953	34,252	•	82	17,953	4,178	2,752	24,883	32,627
Lira	1933	13,243	1,569	2,142	16,954	17,535	33,269	67	80	17,535	3,899	3,236	24,670	36,004
	1934	13,145	1,106	2,144	16,395	16,905	32,139	65	74	16,905	4,007	3,455	24,367	37,282
	1935	16,297	1,090	2,363	19,750	14,925	33,394	78	81	14,925	3,951	3,588	22,464	36,121
	1936	16,525	1,432		•••	•••		83	85			•••	•••	39,247
	1937							101	97	•••		•	•••	42,018
	(1934) 1935	78	56	108	79	75	76			75	79	105	79	146
1929 = 100	1935	97 98	55 72	119	95	67	79			67	78	109	73	141
	1930		72		••• *							•••		154
i		•••	•••				•••			•••		•••		165
Japan ²	(1929	1,771	533	425	2,729	3,220	5,253	100	100	3,220	_	5,993	9,213	2 470
	1930	1,556	456	422	2,434	2,911	4,726	73	77	2,911		5,748	1 .	3,479
	1931	1,469	374	416	2,259	2,616	4,343	69	74	2,616		5,558	8,659 8,174	3,890
	1932	1,562	384	414	2,360	2,699	4,522	84	81	2,699	_	5,433	8,132	4,252
Yen }	1933	1,679	369	435	2,483	2,901	4,785	- 80	82	2,901		5,826	8,727	4,381
	1934	1,804	335	445	2,584	3,052	4,900	82	83	3,052	1 _	6,302	9,354	4,831
	1935	1,910	392	458	2,760	3,089	5,214	87	86	3,089	<u> </u>	6,785	9,874	5,157
	1936	2,057	345	*460	•2,862	3,430	*5,609	98	90	3,430		7,502	10,932	5,195
	[1937]	2,483	424	*465	3,372	4,214	*6,724	110	. 101	4,214		8,138	12,352	5,803
	1934	102	63	105	95	95	93		· ·	95		105	102	139
1929 = 100	1935	108	74	108	101	96	99			96	(—)	113	107	148
	1936	116	65	108	105	107	107			107	<u> </u>	125	119	149
	1937	140	80	109	124	131	128			131	i —	136	134	167
Latvia ^s	(1929)	83	70	22										
Latvia -	1929	86	72	23	178	58	229	100	•	58	-	4	, 62	10
	1931	76	77 86	26	189 189	60	242	75	100	60	-	4	64	15
	1932	68	87	29	184	25 26	209 205	• 67	80	25	-	2	27	15
Lat	1933	75	103	30	208	20	205	70	75	26	-	2	28	19
	1934	82	112	30	224	33	249	69 69	72	27		2	29	27
	1935	81	110	31	222	39	249	73	69 69	33 39		2	35	40
	1936	85	136	30	251	71	307	87	72	71		1	40	56
	1937	111	147	33	291	*124	*396	96	81	*124		*9	81 *133	68 *86
	1934	, 99	156	130	126	57	109			57	_	50	56	400
1929 = 100	1935	98	153	135	125	67	109			67	- 1	25	65	560
	1936	102	189	130	141	122	134			122		250	131	680
	1937	134	204	143	163	214	173			214		225	215	860
I ithnanta	11000			· •							.			
Lithuania	1929	95	99	12	206	*43	*242	•	100	*43		*58	101	45
	1930 1931	117	103	14	234	*55	*280	•	83	*55		*72	127	67
	1931	109 96	78	14	201	42	236	•	74	42	-	63	105	78
Litas	1933	88	57 61	14	167	47	209	•	60	47		55	102	· 85
	1934	88	69	14 14	163	44	201	•	55	44	-	46	90	77
	1935	104	45	16	171 165	44	210	•	49	44		36	80	70
	1936	110	78	17	205	42 55	201	•	45	42		29	71	60
	1937	117	92	21	205	í '	253	·	49	55		35	90	*72
	(1934	93	70	117	83	 102	 87	•	52		-			*83
1090 100	1935	109	45	133	80	98	87 83			102	-	62	79	156
1929 = 100	1936	116	79	142	100	128	105			98 129	-	50	70	133
	1937	123	93	175	112					128	-	60	89	160
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Table III. -- CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

Approximate or provisional figure.
 Commercial banks comprise all ordinary joint stock banks. Sight deposits include correspondents' accounts.
 Commercial banks : "Ordinary banks".
 (g): 1930 = 100.

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	of currency	End	Ce	ntral Banks	and Treasur	ries		of currency	sale prices	of Living		Commerci	ial Banks		Savings Banks
Miccico (1920) 14.1 48.3 205.6 268.0 175.6 419.3 100 175.6 42.9 218.5 Peso 1930 8.5 45.6 200.2 252.4 102.0 330.5 102.0 43.4 145.4 1932 47.7 66.3 93.1 57.6 182.4 460.8 93 102.9 12.2 233.6 1934 100.0 93.5 512.4 132.2 142.0 495.6 233.8 649.3 94 234.3 20.8 42.4 234.7 1935 211.4 182.4 566.4 241.3 116 123 1.0 123 1.1 106	and percentage		circulation (Bank and State	bank sight	coins (less those held by central			(d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial	1929	= <u>`</u> 100	Sight	Savings	Other		Savings deposits
$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $			(a)	(b)	(0)	(d)	(0)	(1)	(9)	(h)	(1)	(1)	(k)	(1)	(m)
$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	Mexico	1929	14.1	48.3	205.6	268.0	175.6	419.3	100		175.6	_	42.9	218.5	
$ \begin{array}{c} \mbox{Peso} \hfill $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$ $$			8.5	45.6	208.2	262.3	183.0	400.6			183.0	— —	60.2	243.2	
$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $		1931	6.6	43.0	205.2	254.8	102.0	330.5		•	102.0	—	43.4	145.4	
$ \begin{array}{c} 193 & 10 & 0.95. & 10.0 & 40.35 & 10.1. & 400.4 & 295 & 1.0.2 & 1.2. & 1.2. & 2.94.7 \\ 1934 & 100. & 95.5 & 100. & 40.35 & 103.1 & 514.3 & 95 & & 193.8 & & 41.6 & 2.94.7 \\ 1936 & 270.2 & 112.0 & 184.2 & 56.6 & 233.8 & 648.3 & 94 & & 241.3 & 26.5 & 44.3 & 312.1 \\ 1937 & 128.7 & 196.7 &$	Dees		47.3	66.3	193.4	307.0	135.2	382.3	90		135.2	- 1	26.9	162.1	•
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Table III. — CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

* Approximate or provisional figure.
* November.
* Commercial banks : principal banks only.
* Up to 1933 : net circulation of note-issuing banks (a). Since 1934 : Reserve Bank (including net circulation of old notes).
Up to 1933, cost-of-living figures refer to last quarter.
* March 31st of the following year.

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			(Currency C	ompositio	1		Whole-	Cost of	Comm	ercial and	Savings	Banks D	posits
Country, unit of currency	Eod	Ce	wiral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	living		Commerci	al Banks		Bavings Banks
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (c) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929 =	= 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (1) to (k)	Savings deposits
		(a)	(6)	(c)	{d})	(e)	(1)	(9)	(h)	(i)	6)	(k)	(1)	(m)
Norway	(1929	318	90	18	426	124	493	100	100	124	894	40	1,058	2,287
	1930	312	65	18	395	128	467	87	96	128	897	59	1,084	2,234
	1931	334	68	19	421	113	489	82	90	113	835	46	994	2,150
Krone	1932	315	77	19	411	99	456	83	89	99	752	32	883	2,114
Arone	1933	327	64	19	410	83	446	82	88	. 83	719	35	837	2,051
•	1934	333	80	20	43,3	99	478	84	90	99	700	41	840	1,980
	1935	348	81	22	451	119	521	88	92	[19	745	40	904	1,990
	1936	429	106	23	558	128	637	94	95	128	712	44	884	1.863
	1937	449	104	25	578	*135	*657	107	103	*135	*770	*45	*950	
	(1934	105	89	· 111	102	80	97			80	78	103	79	87
1929 = 100	1935	109	90	122	106	96	106			96	83	100	85	87
	1936	135	,118	128	131	103	129		•	103	80	110	84	81
	1937	141	116	139	136	109	133			109	86	113	90	
Peru	(1929	65	12	22	99		1.00		1 100					
reru	1929	64		23		88	162	100	100	88	23	53	164	·
	1930	55	6	19	93	54	129	93	92	54	17	43	114	· ·
	1932	50	6	19	82	51	118	<i>91</i>	87	51	18	34	103	· ·
Sol	1932	67	20	22	74	54		93	85	54	20	29	103	-
	1934	74	28	24	109	98	146	101	84	70	26	31	127	ł •
	1935	84	18	23	126		188 205	100	85	98	33	33	164	
	1936	96	32	23	123	108	205	102	88 92	108 128	40	42 49	190	· ·
	1937	96	39	28	163			. 103 109	92 99		49	ł	226	· ·
•	(1934	114	233	109	127	111	 116	109	y y		 143	 62		· ·
	1935	129	150	105	126	123	127			123	145	79	100	•
1929 = 100	1936	148	267	105	153	145	143			145	213	92	116	·
	1937	148	325	127	165								138	· ·
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Poland ¹	1929	1,404	468	196	2,068	520	2,485	100	100	520	130	388	1,038	914
	1930	1,331	210	238	1,779	506	2,187	83	92	506	181	405	1,092	1,202
	1931	1,220	213	240	1,673	356	1,957	73	82	356	85	223	664	1,241
	1932	1,003	220	322	1,545	297	1,786	62	72	297	76	191	564	1,342
Zloty	1933	1.004	262	342	1.608	302	1,854	60	69	302	67	132	501	1,368
	1934	981	241	384	1,606	285	1,831	56	63	285	81	136	502	1,505
	1935	1,007	210	404	1,621	286	1,838	55	60	286	94	125	505	1,605
	1936	1,034	292	428	1.754	330	2,016	59	62	330	87	112	529	1.568
	1937	1,059	360	438	1,857	373	2,144	60	64	373	108	137	618	*1,802
	1934	70	51	196	78	55	74			55	62	35	48	165
1929 = 100	1935	72	45	206	78	55	74			55	72	32	49	176
	1936	74	62	218	85	63	81			63	67	29	51	172
	1937	. 75	77	223	90	72	86			72	83	35	60	197
Portugal	(1020	2044		***									1	1
r orrugar	1929	2,046	331	*10	*2,387	481	*2,706	100	100	481	—	567	1,048	1.822
	1930	1,994	350	*20	*2.364	389	*2,608	••	94	389	—	494	883	1,983
	1931 1932	2,062 2,001	279 544	42	2,383	464	2,637		82	464	-	347	811	2,134
Escudo	1932	1,989	534	70 121	2,615	481	2,928	86	85	481		337	818	2,521
	1934	2,137	758	145	2,644 3,040	521	2,995	88	83	521		317	838	2,605
	1935	2,205	758	145		606	3,449	88	84	606	_	359	965	2,839
	1936	2,205	926	160	3,138	626	3,580	81	84	626		330	956	2.828
	1930	2,2237	1,057	*176	3,343 *3,457	*754 *957	*3,855	94	86	*754		•••		*2,963
	(1934)	104	229	1,450	127	1 1	*4,135	103	108	*957				*2,685
2000	1935	104	236	1,520	131	126 130	127 132			126	-	63	92	156
1929 = 100	1936	110	280	1,600	140	150	132			130		58	91	155
	1937	109	319	1,760	145	199	142			157		•••		163
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Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

Approximate or provisional figure.
 ¹ Commercial banks : joint-stock banks only.

_				Currency C	ompositio	n		Whole-	Cost	Comm	nercial and	I Savings	Banks De	posits
Country, unit of currency (000,000's)	End	Ce	ntral Banks	and Treasur	ies	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks
and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight dcposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	= 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits
		(a)	(5)	(c)	(d)	(#)	(1)	(9)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	0	, (m)
Roumania	1929	21,144	9,371	420	30,935	19,561	43,867	100	100	19,561		31,753	51,314	1,730
	1930	19,605	5,077	1,454	26,136	18,212	36,338		85	18,212	-	35,111	53,323	1,993
	1931	23,750	3,865	2,653	30,268	12,840	40,048		66	12,840	•	17,366	30,206	2,298
_	1932	21,594	6,366	3,681	31,641	11,714	40,833		60	11,714		14,469	26,183	2,376
Leu	1933	21,219	7,257	3,653	32,129	10,111	39,315		57	10,111		12,886	22,997	2.897
	1934	22,307	7,232	3,599	33,138	7,897	36,811	66	54	7,897	•	10,387	18,284	
	1935	23,127	7,665	3,567	34,359			73	61					
	1936	25,663	10,299	4,475	40,437			79	61			·		
	1937	29,391	11,143	4,748	45,282				74					
	1934	106	77	857	107	40	84			40		33	36	
1929 = 100	1935	109	82	849	111									••• ,
1929 = 100 /	1936	121	110	1,065	131									
	1937	139	119	1,130	146	•••				•••	•			
Salvador	(1929	15			15	7	20		.	7	•	2	9	•
	1930	11	—	•	11	6	15	•		6	•	2	8	
	1931	10		•	10	5	13			5		2	7	•
a 1	1932	12	—	•	12	6	16			6		2	8	•
Colon	1933	14			14	5	17			5		2	7	
	1934	15	4	•	19	5	22			5	•	1	6	•
	1935	13	6		19	4	21			4		1	5	-
	1936	16	4	•	20	4	22			4		1	5	•
	1937	15	6	•	21	4	24			4	•	1	5	•
	(1934	100	•		127	71	110			71		50	67	
1929 = 100	1935	87	•	•	127	57	105			57	•	50	56	
1525 - 100 (1936	107	• .		133	57	110			57	•	50	56	•
	1937	100	•	•	140	57	120			57	-	50	56	•
Spain	1929	4,458	2,586		7,044	3,605	9,684	100	100	3,605		2,479	6,084	1,955
	1930	4,767	2,368	.	7,135	3,899	10,033	102	113	3,899	•	2,669	6,568	2,147
	1931	4,993	2,770		7,763	3,015	, 9,729	104	113	3,015	-	2,361	5,376	2,292
•	1932	4,834	2,658	1 .	7,492	3,197	9,632	99	99	3,197	•	2,615	5.812	2,456
Peseta	1933	4,825	2,669	· ·	7,494	3,265	9,607	98	99	3,265	•	2,812	6,077	2,638
	1934	4,711	2,559	•	7,270	3,462	9,650	100	101	3,462	•	3,094	6,556	3,116
	1935	4,837	2,849	•	7,686	3,667	9,972	103	98	3,667		3,461	7,128	
	1936	•	•	· ·	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	1937	•	•	l ·	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•
	(1934	106	99		103	96	100			96	•	125	108	159
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Sweden '	1929	569	274	*60	903	659	1,478	100	100	659	688	2,134	3,481	3,168
İ	1930	594 · 592	293	*60	947	681	1,539	δ4 70	95	681	710	2,240	3,631	3,300
	1931	· 583	173	*60	816	610	1,338	79 77	92	610	686	2,257	3,553	3,433
Krona	1932	598 648	203	*60	861	· 625	1,353	77	91	625	648	2,283	3,556	3,593
	1933	648 708	471	*60	1,179	674	1,520	79 83	90	674 607	643	2,311	3,628	3,647
	1934	708	407	*60	1,175	697 766	1,585	82 84	91	697	656	2,200	3,553	3,785
	1935	786	384	*60	1,230	766	1,715	84	93	766	674	2,192	3,632	3,848
	1936	893	594		1,547	892	2,046	90	93 07	892	682	2,259	3,833	3,910
I	1937	980 124	780 149	*60 100	1,820	985	2,262 107	97	97	985	722	2,292 103	3,999 102	
	1934	124		100	130	106				106	95 08	103	102	119 121
1929 = 100	1935	138	140	100	136	116	116			116	98 99	105	110	121
	1936	157 172	217 285	100	171 202	135 149	138			135 149	105	100	115	
	1937	1/2	203	100	202	149	153			147	105	107		

Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

* Approximate or provisional figure. 1 (h) January 1st of the following year.

MONEY AND BANKING 1937/38

				Currency C	ompositio	n		Whole-	Cost	Comm	nercial an	d Savings	Banks D	eposits
Country, unit of currency	End	C	entral Banks	and Tressu	ries	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks
(000,000's) and percentage basej	to	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight liabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (e)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	= 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposita
	1	(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(0)	(t)	(9)	(N)	(4)	(1)	(k)	(1)	(m)
Switzerland	1929	999	201	235	1,435	3,756	4,824	100	100	3,756	3,294	6,628	13,678	1,328
	1930	1,062	242	290	1,594	2,287	3,422	83	97	2,287	4,422	8,010	14,719	1,434
	1931	1,609	924	301	2,834	2,449	4,005	73	90	2,449	4,575	7,205	14.229	1,530
Franc	1932	1,613	974	317	2,904	2,418	4,086	65	83	2,418	4,680	6,811	13,909	1,608
Flanc	{ 1933	1,510	641	337	2,488	2,191	3,661	65	81	2,191	4,591	6,407	13,189	1,657
	1934	1,440	580	*350	*2,370	1,954	*3,421	63	80	1,954	4,553	6,136	12,643	1,687
	1935	1,366	367	*360	*2,093	1,592	*3,136	65	81	1,592	4,410	5,547	11,549	1,706
	1936	1.482	1,278	*360	*3,120	2,226	*4,029	76	82	2,226	4,350	5,473	12,049	1,695
	1937 (1934	1,531	1,616					78	86					
	1935	144 137	289	149	165	52	71			52	138	93	92	127
1929 = 100	1936	148	183 636	153	146	42	65			42	134	84	- 84	128
	1937	153	804	153	217	59 	84 			 	132	83	88	128
Turkey ¹	(1929			.				100	100					
•	1930							70	90	•	· ·	•	· ·	•
	1931			1.	•			61	87		· ·	•		·
0.00	1932	148.6	13.3	8.6	170.5	*(88.1)	(223.4)	53	83	*(88.1)	· .	*(22.0)	(110.1)	20.9
£ T	1933	146.8	18.9	8.6	174.3	.116.1	235.3	48	76	116.1	_	24.3	140.4	20.9
	1934	158.1	17.9	8.6	184.6	120.3	256.2	56	71	120.3		20.4	140.7	20.7
	1935	162.7	14.6	15.7	193.0	115.9	254.0	64	72	115.9	-	35.9	151.8	20.4
	1936	180.8	11.9	20.3	213.0	106.5	277.2	64	70	106.5	49.0	29.3	184.8	21.2
	1937	168.6	17.8	24.2	210.6]	64	71					122.4
	(1934	106	135	100	108	137	115			137		93	128 `	99
1932 = 100	1935	109	110	183	113	132	114			132		163	138	98
	1936 1937	122 113	89 134	236 281	125 124	121	124			121		133 	168	101
Union of	(1929	9.2	7.2	•3.2	19.6	20.0								107
South	1930	8.0	7.0	•3.1	19.0	30.9 28.2	42.6 39.9	100	100	30.9	3.5	26.2	60.6	11.2
Africa '	1931	8.8	6.1	+2.9	17.8	26.2	39.9	88	96	28.2	3.6	31.7	63.5	11.2
	1932	8.3	5.1	+3.3	16.7	23.5	33.6	83 75	92	24.8	3.7	28.1	56.6	11.1
£	1933	11.9	31.1	*3.8	46.8	52.8	70.3	75 91	88 90	23.5 52.8	3.5	27.4	54.4	12.0
	1934	13.0	28.6	•4.2	45.8	55.6	76.3	82	50 88	55.6	4.3	24.1	81.2	15.7
	1935	14.1	35.3	*4.3	53.7	61.9	84.3	86	88	61.9	4.4 4.9	25.2	85.2	20.0
	1936	16.4	28.0	•4.3	48.7	72.1	95.1	87	89	72.1	5.5	21.6	88.4	22.1
	(1937)	18.1	23.5	*4.4	46.0			92	94			16.9	94.5	24.5
	(1934	141	397	131	234	180	179	_		180	126	96	141	26.2 179
1929 = 100	1935	153	490	134	274	200	198			200	140	82	146	197
	1936 1937	178 197	389 326	134 138	248 235	233	223 			233	157	65	156	219
United) (1929	372.3												234
Kingdom ³	1929	371.5	160.2 175.2	83.5	616.0	-	1,457.1	100	100	1,195.0	-	1,016.4	2,211.4	4 897.4
Tringuom .	1931	367.1	175.2	80.3	627.0		1,507.7	81	93	1,230.9	-	1,051.1	2,282.0	4 930.1
	1932	374.1	174.5	77.2 68.2	618.8 587.3	1,068.6	1,374.7	78	90	1,068.6	-	1,045.0	2,113.6	920.3
£	1933	393.1	159.9	70.1	623.0	1,214.8	1,476.2	74	87	1,214.8	-	1,179.9	2,394.7	943.8
	1934	408.1	156.7	71.0	635.8	1,282.1	1,546.4 1,577.2	77	87	1,249.7	-	1,108.3	2,358.0	981.6
	1935	427.5	121.3	73.0	621.8	1,282.1	1,648.2	77 80	87	1,282.1	[-	1,117.0	2,399.1	1,032.3
	1936	470.8	202.2	75.0	748.0	1,509.9	1,847.9	80 88	90 92	1,398.2	—	1,133.9	2,532.1	1,092.7
	1937	509.3	168.6	75.0	752.9			94	92	1,509.9	-	1,186.4	2,696.3	1,156.4
	1934	110	98	85	103	107	108	~7	, ,,	107	- 1			*1,210,0
1929 = 100	1935	115	76	87	101	117	113			107 117		110	108	115
1040 - 100	1936	126	126	90	121	126	127			126		112	114	122
	1937	137	105	.90	122							117	122	129
												•••		135

Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (continued).

Approximate or provisional figure.
November.
Commercial banks comprise national and foreign joint-stock banks (national banks only in 1932). Savings with the "Caisse d'épargne d'Istanbul".
Commercial bank accounts in the Union only. Figures for wholesale prices refer to January of the following year.
Deposits of all joint-stock banks divided into sight and other accounts according to those of London clearing banks. (h) January 1st of the following year.
November 20th for Trustee Savings banks.

_	ļ		•	Currency C	Compositio	a		Whole-	Cost	Comp	nercial and	l Savings	Banks De	posits
Country, unit of currency	End	Ce	entral Banks	and Treasur	ice	Commercial Banks	Net amount of currency available	sale prices	of living		Commerc	ial Banks		Savings Banks
(000,000's) and percentage base	of	Note circulation (Bank and State notes)	Central bank sight llabilities	Token coins (less those held by central banks)	Total (a) to (c)	Sight deposits	Total (d) + (e) less cash reserve of commercial banks	1929	- 100	Sight	Savings	Other	Total (i) to (k)	Savings deposits
		(a)	(8)	(0)	(d)	(0)	0	(9)	(11)	. (0)	6)	(k)	10	(m)
U. S. A. ¹	1929	2,729	2,414	1,752	6,895	18,862	22,825	100	100	18,862		13,376	32,238	164
	1930	2,564	2,517	1,958	7,039	17,502	21,473	84	- 93	17,502		13,813	31,315	245
	1931	3,552	2,125	1,686	7,363	14,955	19,820	72	83	14,955	-	11,728	26,683	605
\$	1932	3,835	2,561	1,372	7,768	13,393	18,227	66	75	13,393		11,025	24,418	901
*	1933	4,457	2,865	1,038	8,360	13,442	18,653	74	77	13,442	—	10,092	23,534	1,209
	1934	4,362	4,405	1,174	9,941	16,774	22,025	81	80	16,774	—	11.544	28,318	1,207
	1935	4,467	6,386	1,414	12,267	20,175	26,204	85	84	20,175	→	11,102	31,277	1,201
	1936	4,874	7,109	1,669	13,652	23,299	29,682	88	86	23,299		11,712	35,011	1,260
ļ	1937	4,793	7,577	1,758	14,128			86	89	•••	<i>→</i>			1,270
	(1934	160	182	67	144	89	96			89	-	86	88	736
· 1929 == 100 -	1935	164	265	81	178	107	115			107		83	97	732
	1936	179	294	95	198	124	130			124	—	88	109	768
	1937	176	314	100	205							•••		774
Uruguay	1929	71	42	2	115	38	136			38	·	41	79	52
	1930	74	42	2	118	41	137			41		48	89	53
	1931	81	32	*2	*115	43	*129		•	43		47	90	46
	1932	85	32	*2	*119	54	*132			54	_	45	99	44
Peso	1933	78	32	*2	*112	44	*129			. 44		46	90	64
	1934	80	32	*2	*114	42	*133			42		49	91	64
	1935	82	29	*2	*113	39	*129			39		58	97	67
	1936	89	33	*2	*124	36	*132			36		73	109	75
	1937	91	31	•2	*124	† 44	*135			<u>† 44</u>		183	1 127	*85
	1934	113	76	100	99	- 111	98			- 111	-	120	115	123
1929 = 100	1935	115	69	100	98	103	95			103	-	141	123	129
	1936	125	79	100	· 108	. 95	97			. 95		178	138	144
	1937	128	74	100	108	Ť 116	99			† 116	-	† 202	1 161	163
Venezuela	1929	58	<u> </u>	*45	*103	126	226	100		126	5		131	
	1930	68	-	*45	*113	58	168	92		58	5		63	
	1931	61		*45	*106	83	184	89		83	6	_	89	.
	1932	60	·	*50	*110	84	191	82		84	6		90	
Bolivar	1933	58		*50	*108	91	195	75		91	6		97	
	1934	63		*50	*113	105	213	73		105	6	—	[111	•
	1935	72	-	*60	*132	*133	*259	67		*133	*7		*140	•
	1936	132	-	•60	*192			77						•
	(1937							•••			•••	-		•
	(1934	109	- 1	111	110	83	94			83	120	-	85	•
1929 = 100	1935	124		133	128	106	115			106	140		107	•
	1936	228		133	186									•
Vuqqelovia	 (1929	5,818	1,250	146	7,214	*2,336	*8,816	100	700	*2,336	*7 0.00	3,842	13,186	562
Yugoslavia	1930	5,397	667	140	6,207	2,709	8,144	78	100 87		*7,008 7,597	3,886	14,192	739
	1931	5,172	417	161	5,750	1,936	7,058	67	86	2,709 1,936	6,867	2,930	11,733	950
	1932	4,773	698	479	5,950	1,426	6,846	64	79	1,426	5,343	2,787	9,556	1,168
Dinar	1933	4,327	1,031	960	6,318	1,420	7,182	62	79	1,420	4,900	2,322	8,682	1,435
	1934	4,384	866	994	6,244	866	6,513	62	74	866	4,522	2,672	8,061	1,750
	1935	4,890	1,386	870	7,146	1,101	7,460	71	78	1,101	4,354	2,258	7,713	2,020
	1936	5,409	1,629	865	7,903	1,139	8,375	71	75	1,139	4,146	2,460	7,745	2,182
	1937	5,834	2,459	840	9,133			79			4,140			2,633
	(1934	75	69	681	87	37	74			37	64	70	61	311
	1935	84	- m	596	99	47	85			47	62	59	58	359
1929 = 100	1936		130	592	110	49	95			49	59	64	59	388
	1937		197	575	127									469
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Table III. - CURRENCY COMPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS (concluded).

* Approximate or provisional figure. † November. ¹ Commercial banks comprise all member banks. Savings with the United States Postal Savings System.

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Couptry and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt, securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (i)
Albania		 (1929	(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(e) 	(<i>II</i>)	(9) 5	(ħ) 2	(i) 19	(1) 21
Aibaula		1930	_	-	-		-	6	6	2	26	- 28
National Bank		1931	-	- 1				7	7	5	21	26
	Frank	1932	-	-	- 1		-	6	6	5	25 20	30 27
		1933 1934					-	3	3	7	17	24
		1935		_	-			4	4	8	15	23
		1936	-	-	-	—	-	4	4	8	23	31
		(1937 (1934			_			5 60	5 60	8 350	21 89	29 114
	1929 = 100.	1935	- 1	-	— '	_	_	80	80	400	79	110
	1029 = 100.5	1936		-	-			80	80	400	121	148
		1937	-	-	-	—	1 -	100	100	400	111	138
Argentine ¹		1935	119	_	119	235	-	-	354	1,224	129	1,353
	Peso	1936	119	-	119	418	-	-	537	1,224	303	1,527
Central Bank		1937	119	17	136	422	-	-	558	1,354	68	1,422
	1935 = 100.	1936	100		100 114	178 180			152 158	100	253 53	113 105
			1	1			1					
Australia		1929		-	. —	25.7	7.7	18.6	52.0	18.2	7.9	26.2
Commonwealth		1930 1931			<u> </u>	23.3	6.3	20.9	50.5 91.6	15.4	4.3	19.7
Bank		1932	-	- 1	_	57.6	10.9	22.2	90.7	8.5	18.0	26.5
	£A	1933	-	-	-	58.7	9.5	18.3	86.5	0.5	34.7	35.2
		1934 1935	_			59.9 66.0	9.5 9.5	22.8	92.2 92.6	0.5	39.2 30.4	39.7 30.9
		1936	_	_		69.8	8.1	22.1	100.0	² 0.3	38.2	38.5
		1937		-	-	80.3	13.0	14.1	107.4	° 0.3	52.4	52.7
		(1934) 1935	-		-	233 257	123 123	123 92	177	3	496	152
	1929 = 100.	1936	_		_	272	105	119	192	2	385 484	118
		1937	-	-	·	312	169	76	207	2	663	201
Austria		 (1929	109		109		4	307	420	169	660	820
11400114		1930	101		101		7	149	257	214	801	829
National Bank		1931	96	-	96	_	5	934	1,035	189	140	329
	Schilling	1932 1933	663 624		663 624			405	1,069 913	149	54	203
		1934	624	_	624			239	864	189 ³ 242	38	227 3311
		1935	624	-	624	—	1	226	851	242	154	396
		1936 1937	620 612		620			209	829	243	138	381
		(1934	572	-	612 572	-	25	189 78	801	243	217 10	460
	1929 = 100.	1935	572	-	572		25	74	203	143	23	48
		1936 1937	569 561		569 561		-	68	197	144	21	46
					100		-	62	191	144	33	55
Belgium		1929	-	1,688	1,688	295	76	4,243	6,302	5,876	2,888	8,764
National Bank		1930 1931		1,462	1.462	325 344	91	4,687	6,565	6,862	4,852	11,714
		1932	_	1,820	1,820	349	100	5,161	6,113	12,749		12,749
	Franc	1933		1,756	1,756	350		4,190	6,296	13,668		13,668
		1934 1935	-	1,718	1,718	354		4,001	6,073	12,524		12,524
		1935		812 786	812	356 358		6,897 7,286	8,065	17,286 ³ 18,640		17,2863
		1937	-	761	761	361	_	6.642	7.764	17.623		18,640
		1934	-	102	102	120		94	96	213	-	143
	1929 = 100.	1935 1936	-	48	48	121	-	163	128	294	-	197
		1937	_	45	45	121	_	172 157	134 123	317 300	_	213 201
	l	Į		· ·	1			1				201

Table IV. — CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS.

Argentine : Foreign assets include gold earmarked abroad.
 At market value.
 New parity.

Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduclary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (c) + (f)	Goki reserves	Foreign 263ets	Totai gold and foreign assets (k) + (i)
Bolivia		1929	(a)	(6)	(c) 4.4	(d) 3.8	(e) 0.6	() 17.2	(ø) 26.0	(h) 9.2	(6) 46,4	(<i>ii</i>) 55.6
Donvia		1929		4.4	3.3	5.1	2.1	17.2	28.3	2.8	36.3	39.1
Central Bank		1931	-	2.2	2.2	6.5	4.6	18.3	31.6	1 16.2	10.5	1 26.7
	Boliviano.	1932	-	12.7	12.7	57.1	4.8	17.9	92.5	27.0	2.5	29.5
	Donviano.	1933		3.9 34.9	3.9 34.9	115.4	5.2 3.8	15.0	139.5	7.9	6.7 4.2	14.6
		1935		4.9	4.9	388.7	3.1	5.3	402.0	19.7	9.1	28.8
•		1936	-	3.7	3.7	413.4	4.7	7.1	428.9	² 64.2	41.4	² 105.6
		(1937 (1934		 793	 793	 5,455	633	 59	985	 103	 9	25
	1000 100	1935		111		10,229	517	31	1,546	214	20	52
*	1929 = 100.	1936	-	84	84	10,879	783	41	1,650	698	89	190
	,	1937	-					·		·		
Bulgaria		1929	3,470	_	3,470	_	42	1,628	5,140	1,388	1,158	2,546
· ·	1 .	1930	3,162	157	3,319	- 1	58	800	4,177	1,455	792	2,247
National Bank		1931	2,995	279	3,274		95	711	4,080	1,512	257	1,769
	Lev	1932	2,903	423 818	3,326		100	527	3,953	1,519	123	1,642
		1934	2,728	655	3,383	_	122	440	3,945	1,547	121	1,668
	ļ	1935	2,671	910	3,581		118	671	4,370	1,591	447	2,038
	ļ	1936	2,551	936	3,487	-	201	558	4,246	1,652	724 585	2,376
		1937	3,495	385	97		290	27		1,774	10	66
	1929 = 100.	1935	77	_	103	-	281	41	85	115	39	80
	1929 = 100.	1936	74	-	100		479	34	83	119	63	93
		1937	101	-	112					144	51	101
Canada		1935		34	34	84	_	- 1	118	3 181	4	185
	\$	1936		61	61	99	-	-	160	³ 179	9	188
Bank of Canada		1937		82 179	82 179	92 118			174	³ 180 99	15 225	195 102
	1935 = 100.	1937	-	240	240	110	_	- 1	147	99	375	105
Chile		1 1020		1		25		0.2	110	62	385	448
CHIE		1929 1930	_			25 25		93	118	63 62	279	341
Central Bank		1931	i	184	184	8	- 1	130	322	100	95	195
	Dana	1932	-	311	311	329		129	769	84	70	154
	Peso	1933		672 704	672			120	792	95 140	72	167 142
	1	1935		697	697		- 1	89	786	141	ī	142
	ļ	1936		690	690	-		176	866	141	2	143
		(1937 (1934		783	783		-	- 63	910 647	141 222	3	144
	1020 - 100	1935	_		-	- 1		96	666	224	_`	32
	1929 = 100.	1936			-	-	-	189	734	224		32
		1937	_	-	<u> </u>	-	-	137	771	224	1	32
Colombia		1929	_	1.5	1.5	0.4	-	18.1	20.0	22.4	15.4	37.8
	ł	1930	- 1	4.0			_	13.5		1	9.9	1
Bank of the Republic		1931 1932		7.4			1	20.2			4.7	
Republic	Peso	1933		26.0	1							
		1934	-	28.0	28.0	13.2	12.0	10.3	63,5	4 14.3	1.9	4 16.2
		1935		27.6	1	1	12.0	6.9		⁵ 27.6 ⁵ 33.2	4.6 8.8	1 -
		1936 1937		28.2 28.8		17.2	12.0	23.3	70.5	\$ 29.9	6.5	⁵ 36.4
	1	1934	-	1.867	1,867	3,300		57	318	64	12	43
	1929 = 100.	1935	<u> </u>	1,851	1,851	4,425	-	38	321	123	30	85
		1936		1,880	1.880	4.300 4.475		72 129	353 410	148 133	57 49	111 96
		}					±				1	

Table IV. -- CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

¹ Since 1931, in paper bolivianos. ³ Gold revalued. ³ At market value.

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⁴ Including " premium on gold ". ⁶ In paper pesos.

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Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt, socurities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (c) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assots	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (s)
Cbb			(a)	(b)	(0)	(d)	(0)	<i>. (1)</i>	· (g)	(A)	(1)	(1)
Czechoslovakia		1929 1930	3,761 3,453	362 323	4,123	_	-	1,011	5,134	1,261	2,270	3,531
National Bank		1931	3,121	294	3,776 3,415	_	_	525 2,316	4,301 5,731	1,545 1,650	2,447	3,992
		1932	2,687	—	2,687	—	_	1,675	4,362	1,709	1,029	2,738
	Koruna (1933	2,593	—	2,593	—		1,751	4,344	1,708	926	2,634
		1934	2,095	-	2,095	—	-	1,379	3,474	¹ 2,680	229	1 2,909
		1935 1936	2,046	_	2,046	-	-	1,345	3,391	2,691	81	2,772
		1930	2,022	_	2,022 2,010	_	-	2,339 2,635	4,361 4,645	¹ 2,592 2,627	439 479	¹ 3,031 3,106
		(1934	56	_	2,010			136	68	213	10	82
	1929 = 100.	1935	54		50	→		133	66	213	4	79
	1828 - 100.	1936	54	-	49	<u> </u>		231	85	206	19	86
		1937	53	-	53		-	261	. 90	208	21	88
Danzig		1929	_		_		3	10	13	_	41	41
B-L (D)		1930	-	-	-	—	5	4	9	—	45	45
Bank of Danzig		1931	-	_	-		5	11	16	22	25	47
	Gulden	1932 1933		2	2 	_	5	12	. 19	21	14	35
		1934	_	_'		_	3	22	19	30 24	10	40
		1935		1	1	_	2	17	20	1 21	9	1 30
		1936	—	—		-	2	18	20	30	l i	31
		1937	-	2	2	→	5	15	22	28	4	32
		1934	-	-	-	-	100	220	192	-	7	66
	1929 = 100.	1935		_	_	_	67 67	170 180	154	-	22	73
	-	1937		-	_	_	167	150	154 169		2	76
Denmark		1929		_	_		38	182	220	172		
	ļ	1930	-		_		51	166	217	172	90	262
National Bank		1931	-	13	13		49	246	308	144	15	159
		1932	-	60	· 60		145	189	394	133	5	128
	Krone	1933	-	113	113	-	120	201	434	133	-27	106
		1934 1935		192 240	192 240		141	217	550	133	-68	65
		1936		222	222		94 50	212 222	546 494	118	-73	45
		1937	-	195	195	-	73	180	448	118	-41 62	77
		1934	-	-	—	-	371	119	250	77	-76	25
	1929 = 100.	1935	-				247	116	248	69	-91	17
		1936	-	-	—	-	132	122	225	69	-46	29
		1937	-	_		-	192	99	204	69	69	69
Ecuador		1929		10	1,0	_		5	15	6	29	35
a		1930	-	9	9	_	-	5	14	6	23	29
Central Bank		1931	-	8	8	-	-	6	14	6	10	16
	Sucre	1932 1933	=	20	20	-	-	9	29	14	3	17
		1934	1 =	33 36	33 36	_	-	17 15	50	14	4	18
		1935	- 1	18	18		2	25	51 45	17 137	10	27 1 40
		1936	_	16	16		8	23	47	- 37 1 33	19	1 52
		1937	-	26	26		7	28	61	39	11	50
•		1934	-	360	360		-	300	340	267	34	77
	1929 = 100.	1935		180	180	-	-	500	300	617	10	114
]	1936 1937	_	160 260	160 260			460	313	550	66	149
		1.7.57	1	200	200		-	560	407	650	38	143

Table IV. — CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

' New parity.

Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Tres- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (s) + (f)	Gold Teserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (i)
_		l	(a)	(6)	(¢)	(d)	(e)	<i>(</i>))	(0)	(14)	(1)	6)
Egypt		1929	. —	-		22	1	13	36	4	28	32
National Bank		1930 1931				16		8	25 26	4	20	24
of Egypt		1932	-	_`		21	i	6	28	7	15	22
	£ E	1933		-	-	19	1	6	26	7	18	25
		1934	-	-	- 1	19	1	6	26	7	17	24
		1935 1936	-	-	<u> </u>	22	3	7	32 30	7	21	28
		1930			_	21	3	7	31		17	24
		(1934	—	_	-	86	100	46	72	175	61	75
	1929 = 100.	1935		-	—	100	300	54	89	175	75	88
		1936	-	-	-	95	200	54	83	175	75	88
	ļ	1937			-	95	300	54	86	175	61	75
Estonia		1929	_	1.—	-	0.8	0.1	27.3	28.2	6.4	24.0	30.4
_		1930			-	0.3	0.5	23.9	24.7	6.6	23.7	30.3
Bank of		1931	-	3.1	3.1	-	3.1	23.9	30.1	6.6	15.8	22.4
Estonia	Eesti Kroon	1932	_	4.8	4.8 4.0		3.1	20.3	28.2	20,1	5.1	20.3
	Lesti Kroon	1934	_	3.3	3.3		2.9	13.3	19.5	27.7	8,0	35.7
		1935	_	_	_	-	3.3	19.6	22.9	34.1	5.7	39.8
		1936	-	-	-		3.6	22.3	25.9	34.2	10.7	44.9
		1937	-	-	- 1	-	3.3	23.4	26.7	34.2	21.6	55.8
		1934		-	-	-	2,900	49 35	69 81	433 533	33 25	117
	1929 = 100.	1935	_				3,300 3,600	82	92	534	45	148
		1937		-	_	_	3,300	86	95	534	90	184
Finland		1929				287	36	1,382	1,705	302	683	985
r manu		1929				315	56	935	1,306	301	935	1,236
Bank of		1931	_	· _	— .	293	66	1,309	1,668	304	491	795
Finland		1932	-	-	—	236	65	1,218	1,519	304	545	849
	Markka	1933	} -	-	-	246	70	716	1,032	323	1,324	1,647
		1934 1935				273 223	85 191	672 782	1,030	323 472	1,436	1,759
		1936				93	348	950	1,391	815	1,485	2,300
		1937	-	-	-	145	351	1,080	1,576	635	2,032	2,667
		1934	- 1	-		95	236	49	60	107	210	179
	1929 = 100.	1935	-	-	_	78	531	57	70	156 270	194	182
		1936 1937				32 51	967 975	69 78	82 92	210	217 298	234
		Ì		{								
France	}	1929	3,200	5,612	8,812	113		10,979	19,904	41,622	26,053	67,675
Bank of France	1	1930	3,200	5,304	8,504 10,357	113		11,367	19,984 21,523	53,563 68,481	26,205 21,500	79.768
Bank of France		1931	3,200		10,002	113		7,291	17.406		4.483	87,612
	Franc	1933	3,200	6,187	9,387	113	—		18,006		1,162	78,121
		1934	3,200	5,898	9,098	113	-	8,374		82,123		83,085
		1935	3,200	5,800	9,000	113		14,617		66,298		67.627
		1936 1937		23,079 33,221	26,279	113 113	_			60,359 ¹ 58,933 ¹		61,821 ¹ 59,852 ¹
	ļ	(1934	100	105	103	100	_	76	49,000	195	4	123
	1020 - 100	1935	100	103	102	100	_	133	119	159	5	100
	1929 = 100.	1936	100	411	298	100		118	198	145	6	91
	6	1937	100	592	413	100		121	250	142	4	88

Table IV. — CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

¹ New parity.

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Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor, advances to Govt. Institut, (inc), discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims of Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt, loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (c) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (i)
Carmany			(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(0)	(h)	(1)	(i)
Germany		1929	70	350	420	-	93	2,463	2,976	2,283	812	3,095
Reichsbank		1930	70	347 289	417 359	_	103	2,331	2,851	2,216	764	2,980
		1932	70	166	236	_	323	2,892	3,451	806	-120	686
	Reichsmark	1933	70	193	263	-	592	3,171	4,026	386	222	608
	ļ	1934	70	167	237	-	773	4,132	5,142	79	89	168
		1935	70	231	301	-	675	4,441	5,417	82	177	259
		1936 1937	70	179	249 349		534 404	5,431	6,214	66	111	259
		(1934	100	48	56	_	831	168	173	3	11	5
	1929 = 100.	1935	100	66	72	-	726	180	182	4	22	8
	10-0 - 100.	1936	100	51	59	- 1	574	221	209	3	14	6
	}	1937	100	80	83	-	434	240	224	3	23	8
Greece		1929	2,714	882	3,596	-	56	325	3,977	640	2 477	2
		1929	2,714	675	3,389	1 _	299	325	4,015	510	2,477	3,117
Bank of Greece		1931	2,672	454	3,126	-	287	533	3,946	869	1,051	1,920
		1932	2,714	1,928	4,642	654	360	1,054	6,710	1.		1,599
	Drachma	1933	2,714	2,603	5,317	641	371	716	7,045		.	3,954
		1934	2,714	1,361	4,075	639	282	1.211	6,207		·	4,013
		1936	3,605	3,174 3,427	5,888 7,032	567	299 488	1,661	8,415 9,564	· ·	·	3,261
		1937	3,856	3,490	7,346	514	445	2,376	10,681		1 :	3,173
		1934	100	154	113	-	504	373	156			129
	1929 = 100.	1935	100	360	164		534	511	,212		.	105
		1936	133	389	196	- 1	871	458	240	•	·	102
		1937	142	396	204	-	795	731	269	· ·	·	112
Hungary		1929	88		88			329	417	163	80	243
		1930	64		64	-		298	362	163	67	230
National Bank	ſ	1931	58	[—	58	-	-	441	499	102	24	126
	Pengö	1932	52	24	76	-	-	449	525	97	20	117
	rengo	1933 1934	50	31 34	81 84			605 597	686	79	33	112
		1935	77	33	110			554	681 664	79	35	114
		1936	98	24	112	-	-	525	647	84	42	150
		1937	115						582	84	59	143
		1934	57	-	95		-	181	163	48	44	47
	1929 = 100.	1935	88		124 127			168	159	48	89	62
		1937	131					160	155 140	52 52	53	52
	l	l]		1.10		1 1	59
India	Bunas	1935	-	20	20	256	52	-	328	444	842	1,286
Reserve Bank	Rupee	1936 1937		10	10	234	63	-	307	444	840	1,284
ANDOL TO LOUR	1005	(1937 ; 1936.		20 50	20 50	274 91	62 121		356	444	839	1.283
	1935 = 100.	1937	_	100	100	107	119	_	94 109	100	100	100
v . b	1	ļ	1					1		1 .00	100	100
Italy	1	1929	1,813	456	2,269	1.053	-	7,192	10,964	5,190	5,151	10,341
Bank of Italy	1	1930 1931	1,784	527	2,311	1,160	-	6,521	9,992	5,297	4,327	9,624
or avery		1932	1,773	370	2,143 1,773	1,375	_	7,411 8,644	10,929	5,626	2,171	7,797
	Lira	1933	1,773	_	1,773	1,300	_	5,987	11,783	5,839 7,092	1,305	7,144
		1934	1,773		1,773	1,385		7,759	10,917	5,811	305	7,397
	1	1935	1,773		1,773	1,399			13.161	3,027	368	3,395
		1936	1,773	3,000	4,773	1,533	-		13,937	¹ 3,959	63	1 4,022
		(1937)	 98	<u> </u>	 78							4,028
	1000 100	1935	98		78 78	132 133		108	100	112	1	57
	1929 = 100.	1936	98	658	210	135		139 106	120	58	7	33
	t	1					1	1 .00	127	76	1	39
		1937						1	····			39

Table IV. — CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

¹ New parity.

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Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, stc.	Non-Govt, loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (e) + (1)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (6
		i	(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(9)	(ħ)	(1)	(1)
Japan		1929	22	- <u> </u>	22	202 176		747 821	971 1,022	1,072 826	261 230	1,333
Bank of Japan		1930 1931	22	3	25	252		1,027	1,304	470	110	580
source of oupon		1932	. 22	25	47	565		830	1,442	425	130	555
	Yen	1933	22	3	25	682	-	919	1,626	425	53	478
		1934	22	46	68	647	- 1	941	1,656	466	54	520
		1935	22	96	118 186	729 829		914 810	1,761	548	51	599
		1936		164	3	1,387		712	2,102	1 801	52	853
		1934	100		309	320	—	126	171	43	21	39
	1929 = 100.	1935	100	—	536	361	-	122	181	47	43	46
	1929 100.	1936	100] -	845	410) (108	188	51	20	45
		1937	-		14	687	-	95	216	75	20	64
Latvia		1929		-	- 1	8	-	141	149	24	56	80
		1930	-	-	-	9	-	153	162	24	41	65
Bank of Latvia	l	1931		-		9	l	131	140	32	14	46
	T	1932		-	-	9		125	134 141	36		47
	Lat	1933		_		8		132	145	46	4	50
		1935	_	_	_	10	_	114	124	46	8	54
		1936	. –	_	_	11	-	121	132	1 77	28	105
		1937	-	-	-		-	* 136		77	43	120
		1934	-	-	-	100	-	97	97	192 192	143	63
	1929 = 100.	1935	-			125	-	81	83 89	192	50	131
		1936					-	96		196	77	150
												1
Lithuania		1929	1	· ·	.	\ ·	· ·	· ·	84	35	79	114
		1930	•	· ·	.{ · }	•	•	·	102	39 50	86	125
Bank of Lithuania		1931		· ·					92	49	16	65
Difficanta	Litas	1933							84	52	15	67
		1934				.		· ·	101	52	8	60
		1935	•	۱ ·		1 •	} ·	\ ·	102	36 73	18	54
		1936	•	· ·	· ·	•	•	1 :	106	79	10	85
		1937			1				120	149	10	53
	1000 100	1935] .				121	103	23	47
	1929 = 100.	1936		· ·	.	•	•	·	126	209	13	73
		1937) ·	· · ·	•] •	· ·) - ·	143	226	8	75
Natharlanda		(1929	<u> </u>		_	2	5	182	207	447	220	667
Netherlands	1	1930	_	-	-		6	148	174	426	247	673
Netherlands		1931	-	-			7	188	215	887	86	973
Bank		1932	-	19	19		0	118	157	1,033	71	1,104
	Gulden	1933		18	18		2 7	177	217	922 842		843
		1934 1935		17	15		0	173	228	643	2	645
		1936		12	12		0	343	395	720	2	722
		1937	-	10	10		0	218	268	1.366	5	1,371
	ļ	1934	-	-	-	14		96	110	188	-	126
		1935	I —	·	. —	16	v	95	110	144	4 4	1 21
	1929 = 100.	1936	L _			16		188	191	161	1	108

Table IV. -- CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

Provisional figure.
New parity.
Foreign bills only.

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Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (h) + (i)
Netherlands Indies Bank of Java	Gulden	1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 <i>1934</i> <i>1935</i>					(e) 	()) 112 49 58 45 62 62 80 62 62 55 71	(9) 112 49 63 45 62 63 80 63 67 56 71	(A) 140 139 113 104 108 113 80 89 117 81 57	(i) 23 31 5 19 1 1 2 2 4 4 9	(<i>ff</i>) 163 170 118 123 109 114 82 91 121 70 50
New Zealand	1929 = 100. £N.Z	1936 1937 1934 1935				-		55 55 —	56 60 2 2	64 84 3 3	9 17 22 21	56 74 25 24
Reserve Bank	1934 = 100.	1936 1937 1935 1936 1937		8 7 — — —	8 7 — —		3 3 100 150 150		11 10 100 550 500	3 3 100 100 100	16 17 95 73 77	19 20 96 76 80
Norway Bank of Norway	Krone	1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 <i>1934</i>				16 10 12 12 14 18 21 34 6 <i>113</i>	18 17 27 20 21 20 22 12 7 7	187 160 229 231 258 251 216 217 123 134	221 187 268 263 293 289 259 263 190 131	147 146 155 144 1135 1135 1215 185 1215 180 92	66 72 23 31 6 41 46 108 233 62	213 218 178 175 149 176 231 1323 1413 83
Peru	1929 = 100.	1935 1936 1937				131 213 19	122 67 7	116 116 66	117 119 86	126 146 122	70 164 353	108 152 194
Central Bank	Sol	1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 <i>1934</i>		9 27 34 33 46 46	9 27 34 33 46 46			32 23 13 12 22 28 25 38 39 88	32 23 13 21 49 62 58 84 85 <i>194</i>	77 63 40 42 40 40 40 40 44 47 52	9 7 17 3 4 8 5 20 44	86 70 60 40 45 44 48 49 67 51
	1929 = 100.	1935 1936 1937			-			78 119 122	181 263 266	52 57 61	89 56 222	56 57 78
Poland Bank of Poland	Zloty	1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937		30 8 32 104 138 138 158 157 103	30 8 32 104 138 138 158 157 103	55 57 57 57 57 57 57 45 45	28 38 49 49 49 46 84 180 172	781 758 796 700 767 709 799 789 685	894 861 934 910 1,011 950 1,098 1,171 1,005	701 562 600 502 476 503 444 393 435	526 413 214 137 88 28 27 30 36	1,227 975 814 639 564 531 471 423 471
	1929 = 100.	1934 1935 1936 1937		460 527 523 343	460 527 523 343	104 104 82 82	164 300 643 614	91 102 101 88	106 123 131 112	72 63 56 62	5 5 6 7	43 38 34 38

Table IV. -- CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

¹ Gold abroad valued at purchase price.

Ocuntry and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (k) + fo
	<u> </u>		(a)	(6)	(6)	(4)	(=)	<i>w</i>	(0)	(A)	(1)	(6)
Portugal		(1929	1,751	10	1,761	1	6	440	2,208	209	412	621
		1930	1,531	10	1,541	2	6	664 346	2,213	209 286	259 503	468 789
Bank of		1931 1932	1,058	11	1,069	169 228	14	343	1,640	539	472	1,011
Portugal	Escudo	1933	1,052	_	1.052	267	12	332	1,663	770	117	887
	200440	1934	1,049	_	1,049	304	15	318	1,686	903	250	1,153
		1935	1,047		1,047	305	14	340	1,706	910	302	1,212
		1936	1,044	_	1,044	394	14	342	1,794	912	430	1,342
	,	1937	*1,042	<u> </u>	*1,042	*395	*12	*338	*1.787	917	*420	*1,337
× *		1934	60	-	. 60	30,400	250	73	76	432 435	.61 73	186
	1929 = 100.	1935	60		60 50	30,500	233 233	77 78	77 81	435	104	216
	, ,	1936 1937	60 60		59 59	39,400 39,500	200	77	81	439	102	215
Roumania		1929	3,797	1,672	5,469	548	150	9,717	15,884	9,185	6,792	15,977
		1930	3,617	_	3,617	553	231	8,132	12,533	9,275	1,823	11,098
National Bank		1931	3,767		3,767	495	231	13,758	18,251	9,675	323	9,998
		1932	3,726	2,000	5,726	314	231	13,549	19,820	9,527	559	10,086
	Leu	1933	3,681	2,000	5,681	420	155	12,493	18,749	9.896 10.285	270	10,160
		1934	3,655	6,013	9,668 10,775	502 499	159 159	9,675 8,144	20,004	10,285	1,953	12,75
		1935 1936	3,639 3,624	7,136 5,818	9,442	540	147	8,904	19,033	15,5681	3,586	19,154
		1930	3,607	6,924	10,531	650	387	7,991	19,559	16,458	2,338	18,796
		1934	96	360	177	92	106	100	126	112	18	72
	1 1000 100	1935	96	426	197	91	106	84	123	118	29	80
	1929 = 100.	1936	95	348	173	99	98	92	120	169	53	120
		1937	95	414	193	119	258	82	123	179	34	118
Spain		1929	_	285	285	344	15	3.594	4,238	2,566	101	2,667
	Į	1930		287	287	344	18	3,620	4.269	2,440	84	2,524
Bank of Spain		1931	-	528	528	344	18	4,739	5,629	2,447 2,259	279 285	2.720
	Decete	1932		470 357	470 357	344 344	18 18	4,398 4,381	5,230	2.239	279	2,540
	Peseta	1933 1934	_	469	469	344	18	4,089	4,920	2,267	282	2,549
		1935	_	794	794	344	18	3,633	4,789	2,255	281	2,536
•		1936	[]	•					.		•	
		1937	1 .		•	•	•		•		•	· ·
		1934	-	165	165	100	120	114	116	88	279	90
	1929 = 100.	1935	-	279	279	100	120	101	213	88	278	9
. •		1936 1937				:		•			•	
Sweden		(1929	 .		_	23		379	402	245	265	510
	1	1930	-	-	1 —	4	2	321	327	241	390	631
Riksbank		1931		-	-	4	-	558	562	206	49	255
	1	1932	-	-	-	238		205	443	206	214	420
	Krona	1933	-	-	-	227	-	56	283	370 351	447 554	817
	1	1934	1			149	4	44 42	193 75	408	629	1,037
		1935 1936	1 =			29	5	37	71	529	717	1,246
	1	1930	=		_	6	4	38	48	539	984	1.52
		1934		_	_	648		12	48	144	209	177
	1000 100	1935		-		126	-	+ 1	19	167	237	203
	1929 = 100.	1936	1 -			126		10	18	216	271	244
		1937	-	-	-	- 1	-	10	12	220	371	299

Table IV. -- CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

Provisional figure.
 New parity.

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Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiductary note-issue	Tempor. advances to Govt. Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc.	Non-Govt, loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credits (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)	Gold reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets $(h) + (i)$
· · · ·			(a)	(6)	(c)	(đ)	(e)	μ (D)	(9)	(1)	(0)	ω
				1	1							
Switzerland		(1929	-	39	39	5	<u> </u>	226	270	595	353	948
		1930		39	39	8	1	142	190	713	438	1,151
National Bank		1931	-	<u> </u>		29	9	125	163	2,347	103	2,450
		1932	-	5	5	37		84	140	2,471	87	2,558
	Franc	1933	-	73	73	11 45	17	151	252 222	1,998	7	2,015
		1934 1935	—	6 176	6 176	45	5	231	452	1,389	7	1,396
•		1935		29	29	12	4	81	126	22.709	58	2.767
		1937	1 -	10	ĩó	28	3	55	96	2,679	513	3,192
		(1934	_	15	15	900		73	82	321	2	202
	1020 - 100	1935	_	451	451	800	_	102	167	233	2	147
	1929 = 100.	1936) '	74	74	240	_	36	47	455	16	292
		1937	i	26	26	560	—	24	36	450	145	337
							•			· ·		
Turkey		1932	154.8	0.4	155.2	28	.2	2.3	185.7	20.6	-0.7	19.9
•		1933	152.0	4.2	156.2	30	.0	5.5	191.7	24.9		20.4
Central Bank	£T	1934	148.9	3.7	152.6	33	.5	11.8	197.9	27.5	0.1	27.6
	L I	1935	147.8	—	147.8	38	.8	31.7	218.3	29.5	-9.7	19.8
		1936	146.7	2.3	149.0	41		40.1	230.2	33.9	9.9	43.8
	l I	1937	144.7			44		*60.5	*249.6	36.7	-0.8	35.9
		1934	96	925	98	119		513	107	133	··	139
	1932 = 100	1935	95	—	95	138		1,378	118	143	-	99
		1936	95	575	96	146		1,743	124	165	I	220
		1937	93	•••		157		2,630	134	178	-	180
Union of		(1929				1.8	0.6	1.7	4.1	7.5	6.6	14.1
South Africa		1930			_	0.2	1.6		2.9	6.7	7.2	13.9
South Minea		1931	_	1.5	1.5	0.8	1.2	3.6	7.1	8,1		8.1
Reserve Bank		1932		3.5	3.5	0.2	1.9	1.5	7.1	7.2	1 _	7.2
	£S.A	1933	_	2.4	2.4		1.7	0.3	4.4	17.1	18.9	36.0
		1934		_	—	—	1.7	0.1	1.8	22.3	10.5	32.8
		1935	-	—		-	1.7	0.3	2.0	25.7	11.5	37.2
		1936	-	0.8	0.8		1.7		2.5	24.6	10.8	35.4
*	ļ	1937	1 -	3.4	3.4	-	1.7	0.4	5.5	22.9	6.9	29.8
		1934	- '	-	-	-	283	6	44	297	159	233
	1929 = 100	1935	-	—	—	-	283	18	49	343	174	264
		1936	-			_	283	-	61	328	164	251
		1937	-	-	_	_	283	24	134	305	105	211
United Kingdom		1929	244.8		244.8	81.7	28.7	42.2	397.4	3 46.		146.1
Autor windom		1929	244.0	_	244.1	81.0	35.2	49.0	409.3	148.3		140.1
Bank of		1931	253.7	<u> </u>	253.7	95.4	54.8	27.3	431.2	121.3		140.3
England		1932	266.2	_	266.2	102.4	22.8	18.5	409.9	120.6	_	120.6
-	£	1933	254.2	—	254.2	88.0	15.6	16.8	374.6	191.7	- 1	191.7
		1934	256.6		256.6	87.5	11.7	7.6	363.4	192.8	_	192.8
	{ •	1935	257.3	l —	257.3	81.9	14.2	8.5	361.9	200.7		200.7
	1	1936	199.8		199.8	134.5	21.3	17.5	373.1	314.2	_	314.2
	1	1937	219.7	-	219.7	114.6	21.1	9.2	364.6	327.2	-	327.2
		1934	105	—	105	107	41	18	91	132	-	132
	1929 = 100.	1935	105	-	105	100	49	20	91	137	—	137
	1929 = 100.	1936	82	-	82	165	74	41	94	215		215
		1937	90	-	90	140	74	22	92	224	—	224
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Table IV. — CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (continued).

Provisional figure.
Including, since 1932, " effets de la Caisse de prêts ".
New parity.
Including small amount of silver coin in Banking Department.

Country and central bank	Unit of currency (000,000's) and percentage base	End of	State Debt rela- ting to fiduciary note-isaue	Tempor. advances to Govt Institut. (incl. discounts of Trea- sury bills)	Total direct claims on Governm. (a) + (b)	Holdings of Govt. securities	Holdings of other securities, etc	Non-Govt. loans, advances and discounts	Total domestic credita (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)	Goki reserves	Foreign assets	Total gold and foreign assets (A) + (i)
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1 .		(a)	(6)	(c)	(d)	(0)	(I)	(9)	(h)	(1)	0
U.S.A.		( 1929	-	—		511	12	1,025	1,548	2,857	- 1	2,857
		1930	1 —	-	- 1	729	7	615	1,351	2,941	I →	2,941
Federal Reserve		1931		· `	-	817	5	977	1,799	2,989	-	2,989
Banks		1932	-	-	-	1,855	5	268	2,128	3,223	1 -	3,223
	<b>\$</b>	1933	·	-	'	2,437	1	231	2,669	3,569	1 -	3.569
		1934	-	-	-	2,430		27	2,457	5.143	-	ⁿ 5,143
		1935	-	-	-	2,431	-	42	2,473	7,571	-	7,571
		1936		-	-	2,430	-	31	2,463	8,865	-	8,865
	, I	(1937	-	-	-	2,564		28	2,592	9,129	-	9,129
	1	[ 1934	-	-	- 1	476		3	159	180		180
,	1929 = 100.	1935	-	-		476		4	160	265		265
		1936	- 1	-	-	476	-	3	159	310	- 1	310
		1937		-	i i	502	-	3	167	320	<u> </u>	320
•		(		-			Ι.	100		66	2	68
Uruguay	1	1929	-	8	8	1	1		110	60	<b>1</b>	60
<b>D</b> 1 4 1		1930	-	9	9	8	2	102	121	51		51
Bank of the		1931	-	12	12	7	1	91	111			50
Republic		1932	-	21	21	6	2	86	115	47	3	
•	Peso	1933	-	24	24	6		74	105	49	4	53
		1934	-	26	26	6	1	79	112	47 188	· _	47 188
		1935	-	13	13	6	5	68	92	00		
,		1936	( — I	9	9	10	7	67	93	88 87	-	88
Υ.		1937	-	16	16	19	9	79	123	71	ł	87
	l i	1934		325	325	600	100	79	102	133		129
	1929 = 100.	1935	— .	163	163	600	500	68 67	84 85	133		129
	· ·	1936	-	113	113 200	1000 1900	700 900	79	112	133		129
	1	1937		200	200	1900	900	. /9	112	152		120
¥7		1929	4,153		4,153		. 65	1,518	5.736	² 1.046	2 742	21,788
Yugoslavia		1929	4,133		4,021	_	88	1,637	5,746	² 1,080	\$ 358	21,438
National Bank		1930	1,799		1,799	-	108	2,253	4,160	1,758	425	2,183
National Dank		1932	1,809	600	2,409		82	2,457	4,948	1,761	209	1,970
	Dinar	1933	1,716	600	2,316		78	2,102	4,496	1,795	166	1.961
	Dinar	1934	1.687	600	2,287	_	135	1,764	4.186	1,785	225	2,010
	1	1935	1.671	600	2,271	_	180	1.781	4,232	1.432	364	1,796
		1936	1,648	600	2,248	102	181	1,717	4,248	1,626	552	2,178
Ϋ́.	]	1937	1,638	600	2,238		98	1,705	4,441	1,709	440	2,149
		(1934	41		55	_	208	116	73	171	30	112
		1935	40		55	_	277	117	74	137	49	100
	1929 = 100.	1936	40		54	_	278	113	74	155	74	122
		1937	39		54	_		112	77	163	59	120
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Table IV. -- CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF CENTRAL BANKS (concluded).

¹ New parity. ² Gold at new parity ; foreign assets at current rate, excluding "blocked " amounts.

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#### Table V. — CENTRAL GOLD AND FOREIGN ASSETS RESERVE RATIOS.

Figures relate to aggregate net reserves, note circulation and other sight liabilities of Central Banks and State Issue Departments at the end of each year.

Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	9.4	8.1	21.0	19.8	32.6	37.5	38.7	28.4	30.3
Ubania. $\ldots$ $(b)$	1	93.8	85.3	88.6	95.0	97.1	97.7	89.4	90.1
(0)		116.0	108.4	110.5	122.4	128.3	117.7	115.4	116.5
( (a)		(77.0)	(47.8)	(43.8)	(46.4)	(47.9)	72.5	74.4	82.8
$rgentine 1 \dots (b)$			(,			,	80.2	92.8	87.0
(0)			1			1	80.2	92.8	87.0
( (a)	43.2	36.4	21.8	18.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6
ustralia 2				25.5	45.5	45.7	34.7	34.0	32.3
(0)	61.9	46.6	49.3	58.9	78.2	87.8	67.0	81.8	106.2
( (a)	14.6	18.1	14.5	13.2	17.2	21.6	20.3	21.1	20.3
ustria	35.1	34.8	22.3	16.6	17.2	21.6	20.3	21.1	20.3
(0)	71.6	85.8	25.1	18.0	20.7	27.8	33.3	33.1	38.4
( (a)	38.1	36.9	63.0	66.8	67.6	65.9	66.2	67.1	67.6
elgium (b)	56.8	63.0	63.0	66.8	67.6	65.9	66.2	67.1	67.6
l (0)	56.8	63.0	63.0	66.8	67.6	65.9	66.2	67.1	67.6
( (a)	22.4	9.3	46.5	33.8	7.3	4.3	5.2	14.5	
olivia	66.7	66.5	61.5	33.8	7.3	4.3	5.2	14.5	1
(0)	98.5	86.8	74.0	36.9	13.5	6.2	7.6	23.8	
( (a)	37.0	4.5	0	0	0	3.1	7.0	9.6	11.0
$razil3 \dots \dots $					1	1			1
(0)	43.8	15.0	7.0	21.7	30.9	25.0	30.6	23.3	16.3
( (a)	24.0	30.0	35.0	35.9	34.3	37.0	36.0	34.2	31.0
ulgaria (b)		36.5	38.3	36.1	35.6	35.8	33.7	34.2	31.0
(0)	44.0	46.4	41.0	38.8	37.5	39.9	46.2	49.1	40.9
anada 4		(119.2)	(89.9)	(95.3)	(84.1)	(80.7)	67.0	58.7	52.7
	(39.8)	(60.0)	(45.5)	(43.2)	(43.5)	(36.5)	69.5	63.5	59.9
( (a)	13.2	15.8	24.4	10.4	11.0	16.3	16.3	14.9	- 14.5
hile	93.4	87.2	47.6	19.0	19.3	16.5	16.5	15.2	14.8
(0)	93.4	87.2	47.6	19.0	19.3	16.5	16.5	15.2	14.8
( (a)	41.4	41.5	23.5	25.1	23.5	19.7	34.5	33.8	30.1
olombia (b)	69.9	65.2	35.5	35.1	27.6	22.3	40.3	41.0	35.4
(c)	69.9	65.2	35.5	35.1	27.6	22.3	40.3	42.7	36.7
( (a)	14.2	18.4	20.5	23.2	23.7	39.5	41.1	35.1	33.7
zechoslovakia (b)	39.7	47.6	33.7	37.2	36.6	39.5	41.1	35.1	33.2
( c)	39.7	47.6	33.7	37.2	36.6	42.9	42.3	41.1	39.9
( (a)	-		40.2	46.9	58.5	55.2	63.8	73.6	59.2
anzig	39.7	41.5	87.3	77.6	77.9	61.9	70.1	73.8	65.
( o)	98.5	112.4	87.3	77.7	78.0	62.0	92.1	77.2	66.9
( (a)	39.6	39.3	35.3	28.8	29.5	25.1	23.7	24.5	21.8
$enmark \dots (b)$		41.4	35.5	29.2	30.3	26.8	25.9	24.5	21.8
( ( )	60.3	62.0	39.0	27.7	23.4	12.2	9.0	15.9	33.4
( (a)	12,1	14.3	20.1	40.3	25.6	22.2	41.1	35.8	36.6
Ecuador	76.0	73.0	55.4	49.2	32.7	35.9	44.6	57.0	46.6
(0)	76.0	73.0	55.4	49.2	32.7	35.9	44.6	57.0	46.6

(a) Gold reserves
(b) Gold reserves and eligible foreign assets
(c) Gold reserves and all foreign assets } at book value { as per cent of total note circulation and Central Bank sight liabilities.

¹ 1929 to 1934: Ratio of total gold with Caja de Conversión and Banco de la Nación to total note issue. Since 1935 new Central Bank and new parity.
² Commonwealth Bank only; (a) and (b): Issue Department; (c) both Departments.
³ Ratios of total gold (a) and net foreign assets (b) to total notes only. Since 1934, gold at current rate.
⁴ Up to 1934: (1) = ratio of total gold to net circulation of Chartered Bank and Dominion notes. (2) = ratio of total gold to net circulation of Chartered Bank and Dominion of Chartered Bank and Bank of Canada notes. (2) = ratio of total gold and the Bank of Canada's foreign assets to net circulation of Chartered Bank and Bank of Canada notes. Gold at par.

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Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (	a) 6.4	9.9	10.8	15.9	15.6	15.9	12.7	13.3	
	b) 45.9	52.3	51.1	45.7		1			14.1
					48.1	48.7	46.4	48.1	45.7
	(c) 53.8	59.3	58.3	52.5	58.2	58.1	54.6	56.3	51.4
	a) 12.8	13.8	13.2	34.3	43.0	48.7	48.8	45.0	39.4
	<i>b</i> ) 54.1	48.5	43.1	44.3	47.9	56.5	51.0	56.5	59.0
	(c) 60.5	63.6	45.0	45.7	51.0	62.9	56.9	59.0	64.3
	a) 19.0	20.4	21.3	24.0	20.4	19.7	23.8	31.1	19.7
Finland	62.0	83.5	55.7	67.0	104.2	107.5	90,8	87.7	82.8
: te	(c) 62.0	83.5	55.7	67.0	104.2	107.5	90.8	87.7	82.8
-	a) 47.4	53.0	60.6	77.7	78.9	80.4	71.4	59.1	53.4
	b) (c) 77.0	79.0	79.6	81.8	80.0	81.3	72.9	60.5	54.2
( (	a) 36.7	37.6	17.2	18.6	9.4	2.8	2.6	1.0	1.0
	6) 43.5	45.8	20.1	21.1	9.6	2.9	2.7	1.1	1.1
	c) 49.9	50.7	15.3	16.1	14.0	4.4	5.7	2.6	3.7
( (	a) 9.5	7.8	18.5	(7.4)	(16.7)	(18.4)	(14.5)	(10.1)	(8.4)
Greece ¹	6) 46.3	46.1	40.7	19.6	36.4	40.7	30.3	26.6	26.5
L.	(c) 46.4	46.1	40.8	19.6	36.4	40.7	30.3	26.6	26.5
	a) 27.2	30.4	18.6	22.4	16.7	16.2	14.0	13.0	11.8
Hungary (	b) 33.7	36.6	21.6	25.5	19.3	20.4	19.9	19.5	20.0
l i	(c) 40.5	43.0	22.9	27.0	23.8	23.3	26.7	19.5	· ···
((	a) 19.6	21.8	24.7	25.4	24.9	24.2	21.5	20.6	20.5
India ²	b) 60.1	54.0	42.7	56.2	56.5	67.9	53.6	53.8	57.6
Li Li	(c)		1				62.0	60.7	59.3
	a)	-	_		-	-	-	- 1	-
Ireland	ъ) 50.2	55.5	55.2	55.3	56.4	56.8	58.1	60.3	61.8
L.	(c) 50.2	55.5	55.2	55.3	56.4	56.8	58.1	60.3	61.8
( (	a) 27.5	29.3	34.4	38.2	47.9	40.8	17.4	22.0	
Italy	Ъ) 54.9	53.2	47.6	46.7	49.9	41.3	19.5	22.4	
1	(c) 54.9	53.2	47.6	46.7	49.9	41.3	19.5	22.4	•
	a) 47.2	41.0	25.5	21.8	20.8	21.8	21.9	22.8	27.6
	6)			ł					
ti ti	(c) 58.5	52.5	31.5	28.5	23.4	24.3	26.7	25.0	29.3
( (	a) 15.4	14.8	19.5	23.1	25.2	23.9	24.3	34.9	30.0
Latvia	b) 47.3	37.2	26.8	29.8	27.0	25.8	28.1	47.4	46.8
	(c) 51.6	39.8	28.5	30.6	27.1	26.0	28.1	47.4	46.9
	a) 18.0	17.9	26.8	32.0	35.0	33.3	24.2	38.8	37.9
Lithuania (	b) 58.4	57.2	44.6	42.4	45.4	38.6	36.0	43.9	40.6
l l l	(c) 58.4	57.2	44.6	42.4	45.4	38.6	36.0	43.9	40.6
	a) 36.2	27.7	12.9	7.7	12.2	14.0			
Mexico	67.7	34.2	21.6	18.4	19.4	18.9	83.3	84.1	57.8 ⁵
l i	(c) 67.7	34.2	21.6	18.4	19.4	18.9	83.3	84.1	57.8 ⁵
10	a) 49.9	48.6	73.6	81.5	80.6	79.4	74.8	65.2	84.1
	b)								
	(c) 74.5	76.7	80.8	87.1	80.7	79.5	75.0	65.4	84.4
	a) 37.8	44.2	43.1	43.4	50.2	53.1	43.9	45.0	43.4
	6)			1.			l	1	
L i	'c) 44.2	54.2	45.1	51.5	50.6	53.4	44.7	46.0	44.8
<b>(</b> (	a) (80.0)	(88.9)	(79.3)	(61.0)	(56.2)	11.8	11.5	9.8	10.0
	6)			1		98.2	98.9	67.9	70.3
	(c)	1	1	1	1	98.2	98.9	67.9	70.3

Table V. - CENTRAL GOLD AND FOREIGN ASSETS RESERVE RATIOS (continued).

¹ Since 1932: (a): Gold at stabilisation parity; (b) and (c): Gold and foreign assets at current rates.
² 1929 to 1934: ratios of Treasury gold (a) and foreign assets (b) to total note issue. Since 1935: Reserve Bank of India: ratios of gold (a) and cover assets (b) and other foreign assets (c) to net circulation of notes and sight liabilities.
³ Foreign assets exclude balances abroad published only for the end of March each year.
⁴ 1929 to 1933: old banks of issue; ratio of gold to notes only. Since 1934: Reserve Bank.

⁵ November.

Country	. 1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	36.0	38.8	38,5	36.8	36.6	32.7	43.2	40.2	32.6
$Vorway \dots	52.2	57.7	44.1	44.8	38.0	42.6	53.9	60.4	74.7
(c)	52.2	57.7	44.1	44.8	38.0	42.6	53.9	60.4	74.7
( (a)	100.0	89.2	69.2	71.4	48.0	38.9	39.2	34.3	34.7
eru (b)	112.6	100.3	96.6	72,1	48.0 51.1	43.2	46.8	38.0	49.9
(c)	112.6	100.3	96.6	72.1	51.1	43.2	46.8	38.0	49.9
( (a)	37.4 .	36.5	41.9	41.1	37.6	41.2	36.5	29.6	30.6
oland (b)	59.8	55.2	48.0	45.0	37.6	43.5	38.7	31.9	33.2
(0)	65.5	63.3	56.8	52.2	. 44.5	43.5	.38.7	31.9	33.2
(a)	8.8	8.9	12.2	. 21.2	. 30.5	31.2	30.5	28.6	28.
ortugal (b)	11.8	12.0	33.1	37.8	33.8	37.8	37.0	37.3	
(0)	26.1	20.0	33.7	. 39.7	35.1	39.8	40.6	42.2	40.0
(a)	30.1	37.6	35.0	34.1	34.8	34.8	35.1	43.3	40.6
loumania (b)	52.2	44.7	36.0	35.8	35.7	35.1	35.4	43.3	40.0
( ( )	52.4	45.0	36.2	36.1	35.7	39.0	41.4	53.3	46.
(a)	(70.3)	(69.2)	(70.5)	(58.2)	(52.0)	61.2	65.6	64.6	63.
alvador $1 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b \end{pmatrix}$					· ·	64.9	72.0	71.8	75.
((c)				· ·		- 64.9	72.0	71.8	75.
(a)	- 36.4	34.2	29.0	30.1	30.2	31.2	29.3		{ .
pain (b)	37.9	35.4	32.5	. 34.0	33.9	- 35.1	39.0	] •	
( (0)	37.9	35.4	32.5	· 34.0	33.9	35.1	39.0	1 ·	· ·
weden $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	29.0	27.2	27.2	25.7	33.1	31.5	38.1	35.6	30.
weden:	60.5 60.5	71.2	33.7	52.4	73.0	81.1	96.9	83.8	86.
	1		33.7	52.4	73.0	81.1	96.9	83.8	86.
witzerland $\ldots$ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	49.6	54.7	92.6	95.5	92.9	94.5	80.1	98.1	85.
(c)	79.0	88.2	96.7	98.9	93.7	94.9	80.5	100,1	100.
( (a)				ł		}			
$urkey^2$ , (b)		1 •	· ·	12.7	15.0 12.3	15.6	16.6	17.6	19.
(c)		1		12.3	12.3	15.7	11.2	22.7 22.7	19.   19.
nion of South ((a)	45.7	44.6	54,5	53.2	39.9	53.6		1	
Africa (b)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	11.0			37.7	0.00	52.0	55.4	55.
(c)	85.8	92.2	54.8	53.2	83.9	78.9	76.0	79.7	71.
( (a)	27.4	27.1	22.4	23.2	34.7	34.1	36.6	46.7	48.
nited Kingdom . (b)									1 10.
( (c)			1						
(a)	64.8	68.2	61.8	57.8	53.2	92.6	92.4	93.2	102.
$(S.A.* \dots (b))$		ł					÷,	:	
( ( )				1		2.1			
$ruguay^4$ $\begin{pmatrix} (a)\\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	58.0	51.3	45.0	40.1	44.1	41.8	79.7	72.3	70.
	59.4	61.2		·	1				[
( (c)		51.3	45.0	42.9	47.7	41.8	79.7	72.3	70.
enezuela $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	49.5	59.4	51.4	51.3	49.4	62.5	89.0 ·	80.6	]
	64.7 [,]	63.0	53.6	52.1	49.8	44.1	02.0		
	1	· ·				66.1	93.0	•••	
$ugoslavia \dots \begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	14.8	17.8	31.5 37.5	32.2	33.5	34.0	. 22.8	23.1	20.0
	34.9	28.7	39.1	36.0	35.6	36.3 38.3	23.3	23.1	20.6
(10)	1				50.0	, ,,,,	28.6	31.0	25.9

Table V. -- CENTRAL GOLD AND FOREIGN ASSETS RESERVE RATIOS (concluded).

* Provisional figure.

 1 1929 to 1933 : old banks of issue ; ratio of gold to notes only. Since 1934 : new Central Bank and new parity.
 ³ Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey established in October 1931.
 ⁴ Ratio of total gold reserves to total of all notes and gold certificates in circulation and sight liabilities of Federal Certificates. Reserve Banks. ⁴ Revaluation of gold reserve in 1935. 7

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End	of :	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1985	1936 ·	1937
Albania		1 -	_	_	1	1	1	1	1	· 1	1
Algeria	• • •	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Argentine ¹		473	405	411	252	248	238	238	262	296	277
Australia ²		109	89	75	51	41	2	2	2	2	2
Austria		24	24	30	27	21	27	27	27	27	27
Belgium	• •	126	163	191	354	361	380	348	346	· 373	353
Bolivia	• •	8	5	2	6	6	. 3	2	2	2	2
Brazil		149	150	11	-	1 -	- 1	4	10	14	19
Bulgaria	• •	10	01	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	14
Canada		191	151	194	144	137	127	129	114	112	109
Chile	• •	7	8	8	12	10	12	17	17	17	17
China		<b>—</b> .	-	1 1		3	5	- 4	6	5	9
Colombia		24	22	17	9	12	14	11	9	11	10
Congo, Belgian		1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	*3
Czechoslovakia		34 ·	37	46	49	51	51	66	66	54	54
Danzig		-	- 1	I —	4	• 4	6	5	2	3	3
Denmark		46	46	46	39	36	36	36	32	32	32
Ecuador	• •	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	2
Egypt		18	19	20	21	33	33	32	32	32	32
Estonia	•••	2	2	2	2	4	5	7	9	9	9
Finland		8	8	8	8 -	8	8	8	12	21	16
France		1,247	1,631	2,099	2,683	3,257	3,015	3,218	2,598	1,769	1,516
Germany		666	560	544	251	209	109	36	37	163	178
Greece		. 7	8	7	11	8	24	23	20	16	14
Hungary		35	29	29	18	17	14	14	14	- 15	15
India		124	128	128	162	162	162	162	162	162	162
Iran		i —	-	1	3	4	11	12	14	14	15
Italy		266	273	279	296	307	373	306	159	123	123
Japan 4		541	542	412	234	212	212	232	251	273	154
Latvia		5	5	5	.6	7	9	9	9	9	9
Lithuania		3	. 4	4	5	5	5	5	. 4	7	8
Mexico ⁵		7	7	4	3	4	9	13	26	27	18
Morocco		3	3	3	4	. 4	4	4	4	. 5	3
Netherlands		175	180	171	357	415	371	338	259	289	549
Netherlands Indies		68	· 56	56	45	42	44	46	32	36	47
New Zealand		32	28	29	28	21	21	15	14	14	14
Norway	•••	39	39	39	42	39	36	34	42	· 46	43
Peru	•••	21	21	18	12	11	n.		12	12	13
Philippines		3	] 3	3	3	1 I	1	1 1	•1	•1	*1
Poland	• •	70	79	63	67	56	53	56	50	44	49
Portugal		9	9	9	13	24	34	40	40	40	41
Roumania		49	55	55	58	57	59	62	65	67	71
Salvador, El.,		5	5	3	3	3	3	4	. 4	4	4
Siam		- 1	- 1	-	23	28	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	• •	494	495	471	434	436	436	438	435	.	•
Straits Settlements		2	2	2	2	2	•2	*2	•2	*2	*2
Sweden		63	66	65	55	55	99	94	109	142	144
Switzerland 7		103	115	138	453	477	386	368	268	387	383
Turkey			- 1	-	4	10	12	13	14	16	17
Union of South Africa .	• •	39	37	33	39	36	83	108	125	120	112
United Kingdom *		746	711	722	590	587	933	938	977	1,529	1,592
United States of America	<b>i</b>	3,746	3,900	4,225	4,051	4,045	4,012	4,865	5,980	6,649	7,536
Uruguay ⁹		72	68	61	53	48	50	48	45	45	44
Venezuela	• •	18	18	15	15	15	15	20	30	31	<b>#</b> 31
Yugoslavia	· •	18	18	19	31	31	32	31	25	29	30
Other countries		1	[.			1	1				
(Latin America only)		*3	•5	*6	*6	+5	*6	*5	•5	*5	*5
U.S.S.R. 10		92	147	249	328		416	439		225	
Total		10,009	10,396	11,050	11,389		12,034	12,971	· ·	13,204 11	
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Total excluding U.S.S.R.	• •	9,917	10,249	10,801	11,061	11,640	11.618	12,532	12.804	12,979 11	13,7811

#### Table VI. — CENTRAL MONETARY GOLD RESERVES OF THE WORLD. \$ (000,000's) of old gold content.

* Provisional figures. ¹ Argentine : gold reserves of the Conversion Office only : since June 1935 : of the Central Bank only. ² Australia : gold with the Issue Department of the Commonwealth Bank only. ³ Excluding gold held by the former "Privatnotenbanken". ⁴ Japan : domestic gold holdings of the Bank of Japan and the Government. ⁵ Mexico : Bank of Mexico only. ⁶ New Zealand : the amounts of subsidiary coin included in the published gold reserve of the note-issuing banks up to 1933 have been estimated on the basis of specially furnished official information and are here deducted. ⁷ Switzerland : excluding gold held by Exchange Equalisation Fund amounting, between XII. 36 and VI. 37, to 73 million dollars. ⁶ Uniguay : since 1935, including gold earmarked for the liquidation of blocked credits. ¹⁰ U.S.S.R. : in the period considered, important amounts of gold have been exported or pledged abroad. ¹⁰ Excluding reserves of Bank of Spain which stood at 425 million dollars at the end of July, 1936.

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Table VII. — VALUE	OF WORI	d Gold	PRODUCTION.
\$ (000,000)	s) of old gold	content.	

Countries	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937**
Australia.	8.8	9.7	12.3	14.8	17.2	18.3	19.0	24.3	28.2
Belgian Congo	3.6	4.0	4.4	5.3	5.8	6.8	7.6	8.0	
Brazil	2.3	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.9
Canada	39.8	43.5	55.7	62.9	61.0	61.4	67.9	77.5	84.6
Chile	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	3.0	4.9	5.5	5.3	6.6
Colombia *	2.8	3.3	4.0	5.1	6.2	7.1	6.8	8.1	9.1
France	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	
French Guiana (E)	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.9	
French West Africa (E).	-	0.1	0.6	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.6	2.4	
Gold Coast.	4.3	5.0	5.4	5.8	6.3	6.7	7.4	8.9	11.5
India	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.7	6,8	6.9	6.8
Japan	6.9	8.0	8.3	8.3	9,1	10.1	12.2	14.0	15.0
Korea	3.7	4.1	6.0	6.4	7.6	8.3*	9.8•	12.6*	
Mexico	13.5	13.8	12.9	12.1	13.2	13.7	14.1	15.6	17.3
Netherlands Indies	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	
New Guinea	0.9	0.5	0.6	1.3	2.5	4.5	5.2	4.7	
New Zealand •	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	4.0
Peru	2.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.2	
Philippines	3.3	3.7	3.8	5.0	6.7	7.0	9.3	12.4	14.6
Roumania $(a)$	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	3.1	
Southern Rhodesia	11.6	11.3	11.0	11.9	13.3	14.3	15.0	16.5	16.6
Sweden	0.7	0.7	1.3	2.7	6.0	5.1	3.7	3.3	•••
Tanganyika	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1 1.1	1.4	
Union of South Africa .	215.2	221.5	224.8	238.9	227.7	216.6	222.7	234.3	242.6
U.S.A. (b)	42.6	44.2	46.0	48.2	47.6	57.4	66.9	77.9	84.4
U.S.S.R. (c)	18-22.0	22-30.0	21-35.0	25-39.0	51-56.5	73-86.0	93-120.0		•••
Venezuela	(E) 1.0	(E) 1.2	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.3	
Yugoslavia	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	•••
Other countries	4.3	4.9	5.3	6.9	8.8	11.7	12.1	14.0	•••
Total	405.4	425.4	451.9	491.8	521.7	558.3	618.1	684.6	731.1
fotal, excluding U.S.S.R.	384.9	400.6	425.1	461.7	468.8	481.3	514.1	568.8	608.1

SOURCE : Statistical Year-Book of the League of Nations, 1937/38. Rate of conversion is \$1=1.50463 grammes of fine gold.

Estimates.
Provisional figures.
(a) Industrial production.
(b) United States, including Alaska.
(c) Estimates, the publication of official absolute figures was interrupted in 1927.
(E) Exports.

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Por cent	Banks' discount	5%	Y ield of	Central bank	Govt,	Central bank	Comm. paper	Rents	Yiehl of Govt.	Prov.	Central bank	Banks'	Yield of Govt.	" Native rate of	un Vield of
orone cons.	alid loan rates a	State Loan	Govt. bonds c	discount rate	bonds	discoupt rate	1-3 months	be!ge 3%	bonds (5% " Unifor- misadas ")	Ontario bonds	discount rate	loan rate	bonds (7% " Deuda Tuterna")	interest" (Sbanghal) k	bonds (Shanghað
Yearly average														1	
1929	6.00 - 9.00	6.34 ⁸	5.12	7.33	6.8	4.35	4.30	4.52	6.521	4.90	6.00	9.17		5.11	14.82
1930	6.75 - 8.50	6.268	5.55	5.75	6.6	2.96	2.78	3.94	6.79	4.71	6.41	9.42	7.79	2.56	17.64
1931	6.75 - 9.00	6.52	6.06 ^ª	7.04	7.0	2,50	2.32	3.98	6.50	4.63	7.36	9.53	11.82	4.75	19.26
1932	6.00 - 9.00	7.15	4.42	6.83	8.4	3.47	3.12	4.51	6.35	5.21	5.23	9.06	11.42	3.65	24.46
1933		7.00	3.75	5.22	7.7	3.50	2.42	4.54	5.88	4.68	4.50	7.69	7.85	1.83	16.82
1934		5.39	3.35	4.74	7.3	2.93	2.16	4.08	5.92	4.11	4.50	7.14	7.53	3.29	12.39
1935		5.24 5.09	3.58 3.88	3.83 3.50	6.4 5.9	2.19 2.00	2.06 1.32	3.90 3.72	6.25 6.49	3.88 3.59	4.31-	7.17	7.48 8.26	5.11	12.98
1936 1937	4.00 - 6.50 4.00 - 6.50	4.99	3.84	3.50	5.3	2.00	1.16	3.33		3.59	4.50	7.32		2.92	11.55
Quarterly	4,00 - 0,00	4.77	5.04	5.50	5.5	2.00	1.10	5.55		5.52	4.50				
average												1	1		
1929 I	6.00 - 8.00	•	5.05	6.50 7.26	•	4.00 4.00	3.97 3.97	4.52	·	4.73	6.00 6.00	8.94	•	2.41	•
п ш.	6.50 - 8.00 6.50 - 8.50	•	5.09	7.20	•	4.00	4.64	4.53	•	4.97 4.95	6.00		l .	5.22 5.48	•
IV	7.00 - 9.00	•	5.25	8.16		4.74	4.63	4.51	•	4.93	6.00	9.40	{ :	7.77	
1931 I	6.75 - 8.50	6.24	6.09	5.00		2.50	2.31	3.75		4.52	7.00		8.94	1.93	
II	7.00 - 9.00	6.46	6.30	5.52		2.50	2.19	3.70		4.42	8.23	9.46	11.00	1.31	
m.	7,00 - 9.00	6.68	. •	9.42		2.50	2.33	4.02		4.52	8.04		15.23	4.38	
IV	7.50 - 9.00	6.93	4.90	8.89	• .	2.50	2.44	4.48	. 1	5.07	6.16	9.60	14.29	11.90	•
1932 I	7.75 - 9.00	6.82	4.68	7.87	8.0	3.36	3.19	4.36		5.53	5.85		   12.80	8.14	
и.	7.75 - 9.00	7.15	4.89	7.00	8.5	3.50	3.21	4.50	•	5.41	5.50	9.41	11.51	3.14	•
III .	6.50 - 8.50	7.28	4.16	6.60	8.6	3.50	3.10	4.64	• •	5.04	5.08	8,71	12.08	2.41	•
IV	6.00 - 8.50	7.29	3.96	6.00	8.4	3.50	2.91	4.52	·	4,84	4.50	0.71	9.77	1.20	•
1933 I		7.22	3.84	5.92	7.5	3,50	2.76	4.45	6.16	4.76	4.50	7.81	8.48	0.84	
II		6.97	3.80	5.00	6.9	3.50	2.41	4.60	5.85	4.73	4.50			1.93	•
III . IV	5.00 - 7.00 5.00 - 7.00	6.94 6.45	3.72 · 3.64	5.00 5.00	7.7 8.8	3.50 3.50	2.30 2.19	4.58 4.52	5.75 5.719	4.59 4.64	4.50 4.50	7.57	7.66	2.19	
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1934 I		5.51	3.53	5.00	7.8	3.50	2.09	4.27	6.03	4.53	4.50	7.07	7.57	0.95	•
II		5.39	3.39	4.99	7.1	3.14	2.06	4.00	5.959	4.12	4.50		7.53	2.19	•
111 . IV	5.50 - 7.00 6,00 - 7.50	5.32 5.34	3.31 3.16	4.50 4.50	7.3 6.8	2.82 2.50	2.22 2.28	3.86 4.18	5.88 5.85	3.95 3.83	4.50 4.50	7.21	{ 7.54 { 7.47	3.14	
NORE T		5.25	3.35	4.29	6.2	2.50	2.38	4.06	6.12	3,74	412)	l	 [ 7.31	4.60	
1935 I II	6.00 7.50 6.00 7.50	5.26	3.50	4.29	6.4	2.30	2.13	3.86	6.11	3.83	4.12	7.13	7.31	5.11	
III .	6.00 - 7.50	5.20	3.68	3.56	6.5	2.00	1.88	3.86	6.35	3.96	4.50		7.51	6.42	
IV	5.50 - 7.00	5.24	3.80	3,50	6.6	2.00	1.88	3.91	6.48	3.97	4.50	7.21	7.72	4.75	
1936 I	5.00 - 6.50	5.13	3.77	3.50	6.2	2.00	1.45	3.76	6.64	3.89	4.50		7.82	2.77	12.05
II		5.08	3.89	3.50	6.1	2.00	1.38	3.77	6.52	3.65	4.50	7.23	8.12	3.14	11.30
III .		5.10	3.92	3.50	5.9	2.00	1.38	3.76	6.47	3.40	4.50	7.41	8.31	2.92	11.42
IV	4.00 - 6.50	5.06	3.94	3.50	5.4	2.00	1,10	3.67	6.31	3.41	4.50	2.71	8.87	2.92	11.45
1937 I		5.01	3.99	3.50	5.2	2.00	1.00	3.38	6.41	3.56	4.50	7.73	8.80	2.92	10.56
II		4.98	3.85	3.50	5.3	2.00	1.00	3.26	6.209	3.60	4.50		8.75	4.26	9.32
III .	4.00 - 6.50	4.98	3.77	3.50	5.3	2.00	1.00	3.26		3.47	4.50	7.96	8.47		•••
IV	4.00 ~ 6.50	4.99	3.76	3.50	5.4	2.00	1.63	3.50		3,46	4.50				
1938 Jan	4.00 - 6.50		<b>,</b> 3.68	3.50 3.50	5.4 5.4	2.00	1.57	3,54		•••	4.50				
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Table VIII. - MONEY RATES AND BOND YIELDS.

⁴ Range of rates, as published by Tornquist & Co. (Business Conditions in Argentina).
⁵ December.
⁶ Up to July 1931, 5% bonds redeemable 1948; since October 1931, 4% bonds redeemable 1950.
⁶ 9 months.
⁶ August-September 1931: general conversion of Commonwealth Govt. internal debt.
⁷ Average for 1928/29.
⁹ 2 months.
^{*} Rate of the Native Bankers' Association on inter-bank call loans.

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	CZECHOS	LOVARIA	Des	MARK	FINI	AND			FRANCE				GER	MYAX	
Per cent per annum	Central bank discount rate	Govt. bonds	Central bank discount rate	Irredeem- able 3½% Govt. bonds	Central bank discount rate	3 State Joans	Central bank discount rate	Discount rate on Treasury bills G	Comm. paper 45-90 days	Rente perpét. 3%	36 misc. bonds b	Central bank discount rate	Private discount 56-90 day bills	6% mortgage bonds ¢	6% indus- trial bonds
Yearly			<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u>.</u>					•		1	<u> </u>
average 1929	5.01	5.76	5.12		7,00	7.7	3.50		3.46	3.98	4.89	7.10	6.87	7.40	7.81
1930	4.46	5.68	4.19	4.71	6.49	7.9	2.71	2.32	2.32	3.44	3.82	4.93	4.43	7.15	7.57
1931	4.77	5.73	4.22	4.66	6.52	8.1	2.11	1.41	1.57	3.48	3.70	6.86	6.14	7.084	7.75
1932	5.15	6.50	4.50	4.84	6,77	8.4	2.50	1.00	1.28	3.84	4.73	5.21	4.95	8.33*	9.87
1933	3.57	6.02	3.17	4.01	5.58	7.0	2.50	1.76	1.83	4.38	5.74	4.00	3.88	7.15	7.64
1934	3.50	5.82	2.50	3.94	4.46	5.7	2.66	2.11	2.12	4.14	5.61	4.00	3.77	6.57	6.76
1936	3.50 3.00	5.21 4.45	2.86 3.56	4.20 4.38	4.00 4.00	5.4 5.2	3.48 3.67	3.23	3.30	3.88	5.31	4.00	3.15	5.08	5.96
1937	3.00	4.48	4.00	4.48	4.00	4.7	3.81	3.68 3.64	3.73 3.96	4.32	5.86 6.12	4.00	2.96 2.91	4.67	5.87
Quarterly							5.01	2.04	5.70	4.27	0.14	4.00	2.91	4.55	5.13
average	· ·														
1929 I	5.00	5.74	5.00	•	7.00	•	3.50	• •	3.38	4.19	5,15	6.55	5.97	7.23	7.63
	5.00	5.77	5.00	•	7.00	•	3.50	•	3.45	4.06	5.04	7.50	7.21	7.35	7.88
	5.00 5.00	5.76 5.76	5.02 5.46	5.16	7.00 7.00	•	3.50	·	3.50	3.96	4.84	7.50	7.25	7.45	7.74
	2.00	2,70	5.40	2.10	7.00	•	3.50	·	3.50	3.73	4.52	7.17	7.05	7.58	8.00
1931 1	4.00	5.57	3.50	4.51	6.00		2.00	1.59	1.74	3,42	3.69	5.00	4.81	7.08	7.78
п.,	4:00	5,56	3.50	4.49	6.00		2.00	1.06	1.26	3,39	3.55	5.40	5.13	7.00	7.73
пі.	4.77	5.64	3.90	4.56	6.00		2.00	1.44	1.41	3.44	3.53	9.48	7.47		9.19
IV	6.45	6.16	6.00	5.22	8.98	••	2.46	1.54	1,88	3.67	4.04	7.78	7.77		
1932 I	6.00	6.35	5.77	5.06	7 / 7		0.00								
п	5.11	6.73	4.67	5.06	7.47 5.34	•	2.50 2.50	1.68 0.98	1.80 1.20	3.83	4.35	6.76	6.57	·	•
ш.	4.97	6.52	4.00	4.73	6.50	•	2.50	0.53	1.04	4.04	4.93 4.82	5.18 4.90	4.92	8.56	11.27
IV	4.50	6.39	3.55	4.91	6.50		2.50	0.81	1.08	3.83	4.80	4.90	4.44 3.88	8.67 7.91	10.33 8.62
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1933 I II	3.77	6.33	3.50	4.05	6.17	•	2.50	1.91	1.84	4.06	5.30	4.00	3.88	7.14	7.55
	3.50 3.50	5.64 6.08	3.33 3.00	4.05 3.96	5.84	•	2.50	1.62	1.91	4.45	5.88	4.00	3.88	7.14	7.50
īv	3.50	6.20	2.83	3.94	5.36 4.94	6.2	2.50 2.50	1.36 2.17	1.53	4.49	5.82	4.00	3.88	7.51	8.10
				2174	1.71	0.2	2.30	2.17	2.03	4.52	5.97	4.00	3.88	6.81	7.46
1934 I	3.50	5.90	2.50	3.97	4.50	5.7	2.80	2.91	2.65	4,52	6.24	4.00	3.88	6.50	6.93
II	3.50	5.75	2.50	4.01	4.50	5.7	2.83	2.66	2.58	3.93	5.44	4.00	3.84	6.60	6.90
	3.50	5.96	2.50	3.94	4.50	5.7	2.50	1.63	1.73	4,14	5.58	4.00	3.75	6.72	6.78
··· ··	3.50	5.75	2.50	3.84	4.34	, <b>5.5</b>	2.50	1.26	1.51	3.97	5.19	4.00	3.63	6.44	. 6.44
1935 I	3.50	5.34	2.50	4.00	4.00	5.5	2.50	1.96	2.06	3,75	4.04	4.00			1
п	3.50	5.31	2.50	4.27	4.00	5.5	3.67	3.31	4.50	3.85	4.86 5.40	4.00 4.00	3.42	6.24	6.11
III .	3.50	5.12	2.93	4.30	4.00	5.4	3.33	3.32	3.33	3,85	5.48	4.00	3.01	4.70	5.93
_ IV	3.50	5.08	3.50	4.31	4.00	5.3	4.37	4.35	4.32	4,08	5.50	4.00	3.02	4.09	5.88 5.91
1936 I	3.00	4.43	3.50	4.75									1 .	1	
II	3.00	4.43	3.50	4.35 4.34	4.00 4.00	5.3 5.2	3.83 5.46	4.06	3.86	4.39	5.69	4.00	3.00	4.69	5.85
ш	3.00	4.43	3.50	4.32	4.00	5.2	3.24	5.44 3.18	5.50 3.34	4.43 4.51	6.09	4.00	2.93	4.68	5.83
IV	3.00	4.50	3.73	4.50	4.00	5.1	2.14	2.05	2.23	3.96	6.18 5.47	4.00 4.00	2.92	4.66	5.89
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1937 1	3.00	4.48	4.00	4.59	4.00	4.8	4.00	3.31	3.48	4.14	6.03	4.00	3.00	4.61	5.88
II III .	3.00 3.00	4.48 4.48	4.00	4.57	4.00	4.7	4.67	4.09	4.51	4.59	6.32	4.00	2.89	4.54	4.891
IV	3.00	4.48	4.00 4.00	4.45 4.29	4.00 4.00	4.7 4.7	4.50	4.07	4.35	4.11	6.12	4.00	2.88	4.52	4.89
	2.00			7.27	4.00	4.7	3.07	3,11	3.51	4.22	6.03	4.00	2.88	4.51	4.87
1938 Jan.	3.00	4.48	4.00	4.27	4.00		3.00	2.94	3.17	4.30	6.23	4 00	2		
Feb	3.00	4.48	4.00	4.26	4.00	•••	3.00		3.27	4.30	6.35	4.00 4.00	2.88	4.50 4.50	4.85
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Table VIII. - MONEY RATES AND BOND YIELDS (continued).

Bons du Trésor ou de la déjense.
3 Government, 2 mortgage, 12 railway and 19 industrial bonds.
Converted to 4½% in March 1935.
6 months.
9 months.
1 On April 1st, 1937, the 6% bonds were converted into 5%.

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$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	- 1	7.60	5.37 - 10.25	8.76	6,33	4.96*		6.79	5.75 - 7.00	5.14	5.48		4.85	5.08	6.43
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1933       4.50       4.38       7.50       17.53       3.56       1.46       .       3.85       3.00       4.75       4.22       2.22       4.49       4.         1934        4.50       4.38       7.50       12.22       3.50       1.72       3.10       3.00       4.50       4.00       2.256       4.38       4.         1936        4.00       4.00       7.50       9.75       3.45       1.48       3.53       4.16       3.50       5.50       4.68       3.38       2.856       4.19       4.         1937        4.00       4.00       6.50       6.42       3.00       0.22       4.50         3.29       2.80       4.02       3.         18201        7.74       8.50       9.75       8.12        6.15       5.75       6.75       5.10       5.48       4.489       5.1         111        7.76       8.50       6.58       5.46       7.70       6.75       7.00       5.29       5.48       4.489       5.1         111        5.50       7.75       8.50       6.50       7.57				8.618	7.09	6.41	-	5.88	4.75 - 7.25	4.90	5.40	3.47	4.85	5.40	6.49
1934        4.50       4.38       -7.50       12.22       3.10       3.00       -4.50       4.00       3.65       2.56       4.38       4.         1935        4.00       4.00       -7.50       9.75       3.60       1.48       3.53       1.44       3.53       1.46       3.56       5.50       4.75       3.65       2.61       4.38       4.         1937        4.00       4.00       6.42       3.00       0.22       3.16       4.69       4.50       5.50       4.75       3.65       2.61       4.38       4.         1929       1       7.00       6.72       5.75       4.97       5.48       .       5.04       5.9       7.95       8.48       4.89       5.         111        7.74       8.50       6.54       6.33       .       5.50       4.75       7.00       5.75       4.92       5.11       3.03       4.94       5.         111        5.50       5.50       7.75       4.90       5.25       5.75       4.92       5.11       3.03       4.94       5.         111        5.50       5.50       <							•						1	5.59	6.84
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$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	IV	7.67	8.50 - 10.25	8.91	6.58	5.46	•	7.00	6.75 - 7.00	5.29	5.48		4.79	5.05	•
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IV 4.00 4.00 - 6.50 6.51 3.00 0.88 3.18 4.50 3.29 2.68 4.02 3.									4.50 - 5.00	1			1	3.93	4.39
									5.00 - 5.50	4.80				3.96	4.45
1028 Tom 4 00 4 00 6 50 3 00 1 27 3 15 4 50 3 2 49 4 02 3	IV	4.00	4.00 - 6.50	-6.51	3.00	0.88	3.18	4.50			3.29	2.68	4.02	3.93	4,42
1900 Jan, 1 4.00 [4.00 0.00] ] 0 [ ] ] ] ] ] ] ] ] ]	Jan.	4.00	4.00 - 6.50		3.00	1.27	3.15	4.50	·		3.29	2.49	4.02	3.89	4.38
					3.00				•						

Table VIII. - MONEY RATES AND BOND YIELDS (continued).

^a Range of rates.
^b 7 months.
^c 8 months.
^d 2 months.
^d Average rate on loans callable at a day's notice in Tokio.

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				8				of	Į	1		Savings		
Per cent per annum	Central bank	Private	Irredeem-	public	Central bank	5	Central	private	\$ Loan	Montenan	Central bank	banks'	7	Indus-
per annon	discount	discount	Govt.	and	discount	Govt.	bank discount	banks	6%	Mortgage bonds	discount	mortgage	Govt.	trial
	rate		bonds	industrial	rate	bonds	rate	4-5	1919/20		rate	loan	bonds	bonds
				bonds a				months' bills b			ł	rate		
Yearly average	1.	1	<u> </u>								<u> </u>			1
														ſ .
1929	5.13	4.82	3,94	4.58	5.57	5.21	8.64	12.22	7.22	12.80	4.74	5.11	4.56	5.06
1930	3.22	2.06	3.81	4.38	4.53	5.05	7.21	11.46	7.84	11.44	3.72	4.93	4.18	4.95
1931	2.47	1.42	3.86	4.39	4.65	5.01	7.50	10.95	8.99	12.60	4.09	4.75	4.22	5.03
1932	2.65	0.85	3.89	4.82	4.68	5.02	7.21	10.67	10.86	15.20	4.39	4.90	4.32	5.33
1933	2.95	1.08	3.68	4.34	3.70	4.95	5.82	9.38	10.82	14.28	3.17	4.21	4.02	4.75
1934	2.50	0.87	3.35	4.03	3.50	4.67	5.00	9.02	8.44	11.36	2.50	3.62	3.47	3.86
1935	3.99	3.15	3.43	4.24	3.50	4.44	5.00	8.80	7.57	10.75	2.50	3.03	3.19	3.67
1936	2.83	1.73	3.32	4.19	3.53	4.52	5.00	8.63	8.57	10.10	2.50	3.03	3.12	3.41
1937	2.00	0.28	3.13	3.33	4.00 [′]	4.46	4.98	8.70		8.98	2.50	2.95	3.04	3.21
Quarterly												ļ		
Sverage										ļ	1			}
1929 1	4.57	4.38	3.86	4.48	5.50	5.13	8.00	11.44	7.05	12.39	4.50	<b>i</b> !	4.61	Ι.
<u>II</u>	5.50	5.35	3.91	4.62	5.50	5.20	8.80	12.44	7.11	12.94	4.50	.	4.58	.
ш.	5.50	5.19	3.96	4.59	5.53	5.27	9.00	12.49	7.23	12.94	4.56	.	4.53	.
IV	4.92	4.30	4.02	4.61	5.65	5.25	8.76	12.49	7.48	12.92	5.40	1 . '	4.51	
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1931 I	2.63	1.19	3.67	4.19	4.00	4.93	7.50	11.14	8.58	11.73	3.53	4.53	4.04	4.87
п	2.25	1.28	3.73	4.14	4.00	4.95	7.50	10.80	8.36	11.89	3.00	4.52	4.03	4.87
m . [	2.02	1.23	3.74	4.24	4.33	4.98	7.50	10.87	8.57	12.95	4.16	4.52	4.15	5.00
IV	3.00	1.96	4.31	5.00	6.28	5.19	7.50	11.00	10.43	13.85	6.26	5.42	4.66	5.38
												1	4.00	
1932 I	3.00	1.73	4.13	5.09	5.61	5.13	7.50	10.90	10.47	14.07	5.61	5.40	4.54	5.55
п	2.59	0.75	4.06	5.19	4.77	5.03	7.50	10.90	11.26		4.60	4.95	4.46	5.70
m.	2.50	0.41	3.79	4.67	4.33	4.97	7.50	10.90	11.00	15.33	3.83	4.66		
īv	2.50	0.38	3.59	4.33	4.00	4.94	6.33	9.97	10.70	15.32	3.50	4.58	4.24	5.15
1								1		19.92	5.50	4.50	4.03	4.91
1933 T	2.50	0.48	3.63	4.21	4.00	4.91	6.00	9.40	10.38	14.50	3,50	4.51		
п	3.03	1.63	3.82	4.45	3.80	4.92	6.00	9.40	11.78	15.39	3.17	4.15	4.11	4.93
ш.	3.41	1.84	3.71	4.42	3.50	4.95	6.00	9.40	10.69	14.22	3.00		4.22	4.90
IV	2.50	0.49	3.57	4.26	3.50	5.02	5.28	9.30	10.44	13.02		4.10	3.99	4.77
							5.20		10.44	1 19.02	2.83	4.07	3.77	4.41
1934 I	2.50	0.83	3.51	4.20	3.50	4.75	5.00	9.20	9.14	11.73	2 50	2		
п	2.50	1.39	3.35	4.14	3.50	4.73	5.00	9.13	8.07	11.74	2.50	3.81	3.69	4.15
ш.	2.50	0.69	3.28	3.90	3.50	4.63	5.00	8.90	8.34	10.91	2.50	3.72	3.63	3.90
IV	2.50	0.58	3.24	3.87	3.50	4.56	5.00	8.83	8.22	*	2.50	3.53	3.51	3.81
						1.20	2.00	0.05	0.44	11.60	2.50	3.40	3.06	3.59
1935 I	2.50	0.56	3.14	3.83	3.50	4.45	5.00	8.90	7.76	10.42				
п	4.41	3.92	3.45	4.21	3.50	4.40	5.00	8.80	7.60	10.42	2.50	3.06	3.04	3.58
III .	4.83	4.44	3.67	4.54	3.50	4.43	5.00	8.80	7.30		2.50	3.03	3.15	3.61
IV	4.21	3.66	3.45	4.37	3.50	4.48	5.00	8.70	7.67	10.63	2.50	3.02	3.23	3.62
			2.42	1.57	5.50	4.40	5.00	0.70	/.0/	11.06	2.50	3.00	3.33	3.88
1936 I	2.76	1.62	3.38	4.27	3.50	4.46	5.00	8.57	7.80	10.07				1.
п.,	3.10	2.45	3.42	4.44	3.50	4.49	5.00	8.73	8.32	10.07	2.50	3.00	3.23	3.63
ш.	3.03	1.59	3.42	4.23	3.50	4.59	5.00	8.63	9.53	10.19	2.50	3.04	3.14	3.45
IV	2.44	1.26	3.07	3.83	3.63	4.53	5.00			10.30	2.50	3.04	3.09	3.29
		1	,	5.05		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	5.00	8.60	8.63	9.82	2.50	3.03	3.04	3.25
1937 J	2.00	0.45	3.14	3.39	4.00	4.49	5.00	0 70	10.24		1	1_	1	0
п	2.00	0.25	3.20	3.37	4.00	4.49		8.70	10.36	9.62	2.50	2.99	3.03	.
III .	2.00	0.21	3.09	3.28	4.00		5.00	8.70	11.07	9.23	2.50	2.94	3.08	3.26
īv	2.00	0.23	3.10	3.26	4.00	4.46	5.00	8.70	12.08	8.70	2.50	2.96	3.04	3.23
-· ··	2.00		1 2.10	9.20	4.00	4.39	4.93	8.70		8.38	2.50	2.92	3,00	3.14
1938 Jan.	2.00	0.19	3.04	3.19	250	1 4 7 4	1 '			1		1	ļ	
Feb.	2.00	0.19	2.96		3.50	4.36	4.50	8.50		7.65	2.50	2.87	2.95	
	2.00	0.10	2.90	3.16	3.50	4.34	4.50	•••			2.50			1
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Table VIII. - MONEY RATES AND BOND YIELDS (continued).

2 Government, 2 municipal, 2 industrial, 1 waterworks, 1 mortgage.
Average of most frequent rates.
For 1937, 3¼% loans, conv. 1947. For previous years, 5% loans, conv. 1937-1942.

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Per cent ser annum	Central bank discount rate	3 months' bills	Federal Railways 3 1/1 %	Central bank discount rate	Tressury bills	Three months' bank bi ls	Consols 2 ½ %	Industrial debea- turos	Central bank discount rate \$	Treasury bills	Bankers' accept. 90 days	Commer- cial paper	Treasury bonds	Corporate bonds #	Banks' Ioan rate A
Yearly average														1	
1929	3.50	3.31	4.38	5.50	5.264	5.26	4.60	5.73	5.16	3.250	5.03	5.84	3.60	4.73	6.14
1930	2.89	2.01	4.07	3.42	2 484	2.57	4.48	5.394	3.04	2.49 ^d	2.46	3.58	3.28	4.55	5.72
1931	2.03	1.44	3.78	3.93	3.593	3.61	4.39	5.73ª	2.12	1.49*	1.58	2.67	3.31	4.58	5.39
1932	2.00	1.52	3.62	3.01	1.486	1.87	3.76	4.87ª	2.81	0.90	1.26	2.84	3.66	5.01	5.62
1933	2.00	1.50	3.84	2.00	0.591	0.69	3.38	4.61	2.56	0.52	0.61	1.72	3.31	4.49	5.56
1934	2.00	1.50	4.05	2.00	0.727	0.82	3.08	4.12	1.54	0.30 ^d	0.24	1.02	3.10	4.00	5,17
1935	2.33	2.20	4.52	2.00	0.546	0.58	2.91	3.88	1.50	0.15	0.13	0.76	2.70	3.60	4.69
1936	2.30	2.06	4.27	2.00	0.583	0.60	2.95	3.92	1.50	0.15	0.15	0.75	2.47	3.24	4.35
1937 Quarterly	1.50	1.03	3.31	2.00	0.563	0.58	3.31	4.08	1.33	0.45	0.43	0.95	2.57	3.27	4.17
Average													1		
1929 1	3.50	3.33	4.37	5,10	4.861	4.90	4.49		5.00	-	5.11	5.60	3.63	4.66	5.98
и ш.	3.50	3.35	4.39	5.50	5.256	5.25	4.57		5.00	1 —	5.48	5.99	3.65	4.72	6.11
IV	3.50 3.50	3.30 3.28	4.40	5.56 5.85	5.504	5.48 5.41	4.68		5.58 5.07	3,25¢	5.14 4.38	6.11 5.64	3.67	4.79 4.73	6.22
1,	5.50	5.20	4.50	5.05	5.405	5.41	4.00	•	5.07	,2,	4.50	5.04	5.44	4.75	6.26
1931 I	2.12	1.05	3.79	3.00	2.457	2.47	4.39	•	2.00	1.08*	1.48	2.52	3.23	4.41	5.44
II	2.00	1.11	3.70	2.74	2.295	2.31	4.18		1.70	1.14	1.11	2.19	3.16	4.38	5.32
<b>III</b> .	2.00	1.78	3.82	3.50	3.854	3.87	4.45	•	1.50	0.78	0.91	2.01	3.16	4.44	5.30
1V	2.00	1.81	3.82	6.00	5.534	4.11	4.55	•	2.42	2.68	2.81	3.18	3.71	5.09	5.49
1932 I	2.00	1.57	3.69	5.21	3.738	4.27	4.28		3.30	2.56	2.70	3.85	4.11	5.14	5.62
II	2.00	1.50	3.64	2.83	1.345	1.56	3.94		2.96	0.54	1.09	3.31	3.70	5.31	5.63
III .	2.00	1.50	3.53	2.00	0.608	0.77	3.42	•	2.50	0.36	0.75	2.37	3.45	4.96	5.65
IV	2.00	1.50	3.60	2.00	0.871	0.93	3.38	•	2.50	0.15	0.49	1.82	3.36	4.62	5.57
1933 I	2.00	1.50	3.46	2.00	0.681	0.78	3.34	4.78	2.82	0.91	1.04	1.92	3.31	4.53	5.61
п	2.00	1.50	4.07	2.00	0.415	0.53	3.40	4.65	2.83	0.49	0.59	2.17	3.32	4.62	5.65
III .	2.00	1.50	3.98	2.00	0.355	0.44	3.41	4.56	2.50	0.24	0.38	1.50	3.20	4.34	5.54
IV	2.00	1.50	3.85	2.00	0.908	1.00	3.37	4.49	2.10	0.43	0.42	1.29	3.40	4.46	5.45
1934 I	2.00	1.50	4.03	2.00	0.867	0.97	3.20	4.17	1.67	0.46	0.46	1.30	3.34	4.23	5.40
п.,	2.00	1.50	4.22	2.00	0.866	0.93	3.18	4.13	1.50	0.07/	0.19	1.00	3.02	4 00	5.27
III .	2.00	1.50	4.08	2.00	0.693	0.80	3.10	4.12	1.50		0,19	0.88	3.01	3.93	5.05
IV	2.00	1.50	4.02	2.00	0.491	0.59	2.85	4.03	1.50	-	0.14	0.88	· 3.03	3.86	4.97
1935 I	2.00	1.50	4.10	2.00	0.349	0.45	2.83	3.87	1.50	0.17	0.13	0.79	2.75	3.71	4.88
II	2.17	2.23	4.59	2.00	0.563	0,63	2.89	3.89	1.50	0.15	0.13	0.75	2.62	3 64	4.78
ш.	2,50	2.46	4.71	2.00	0.576	0.60	3.01	3.86	1.50	0.13	0.13	0.75	2.68	3.58	4.57
IV	2.50	2.44	4.84	2.00	0.552	0.64	2.94	3.89	1.50	0.14	0.13	0.75	2.74	3.48	4.54
1936 I	2,50	2.37	4.55	2.00	0.527	0.56	2.93	3.92	1.50	0.10	0.13	0.75	2.61	3.33	4.47
II	2.50	2.25	4.61	2.00	0.615	0.63	2.95	3.92	1.50	0.17	0.13	0.75	2.50	3 27	4.41
m.	2.38	2.16	4.23	2.00	0.540	0.57	2.95	3.93	1.50	0.16	0.18	0.75	2.45	3.21	4.30
IV	1.97	1.47	3.43	2.00	0.646	0.65	2.96	3,92	1.50	0.15	0,19	0.75	2.33	3.14	4.20
1937 I	1.50	1.14	3.39	2.00	0.532	0.56	3.20	4.05	1.50	0.44	0.33	0.79	2.37	3.21	4.15
II	1.50	1.00	3.37	2.00	0.575	0.60	3.29	4.09	1.50	0.64	0.52	1.00	2.68	3.35	4.19
III .	1.50	1.00	3.27	2.00	0.517	0.56	3.38	4.09	1.17	0.51	0.44	1.00	2.62	3.27	4,18
IV	1.50	1.00	3.22	2.00	0.607	0.63	3.36	4.10	1.00	0.22	0.44	1.00	2.60	3.26	4.16
1938 Jan	1.50	1.00		2,00	0.505	0.53	3.21	3.92	1.00	0.10	0.44	1.00	2.47	3.20	4.16
Feb	1.50	1.00		2.00					1.00		0.44	1.00	2 47		
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# Table VIII. - MONEY RATES AND BOND YIELDS (conclude1).

December.
Federal Resorve Bank, New York.
I month.
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2 months.
Thirty high grade bonds (AAA), calculated by Moody's Investors' Service.
In 27 southern and western cities.

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Table IX. - INDICES OF MARKET VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL SHARES (1929 = 100).

Period	AUS- TRIA	BEL- OIUM	CANADA	CHILE	CZECHO- BLOVA- KIA	Den- Mask	FRANCE	Ger- Many	ITALY	JAPAN Base 1.1930	NETHER- LANDS	Nor- WAY	POLAND	Sweden	SWITZER- LAND	UNITED King- Dom	UNITED STATES
Number of shares	34	60	68	14	•	21	164	213	74	64	51	8	7	h	26	92	335/347
Quarterly		!						1									-
averages	_ 92	73	79	97	90	99	93	89	95	96	76	91	79		99	86	83
2	89	72	71	98	85	95	90	89	93	75	74	79	74		94	84	84
3	18	62	60	94	78	93	84	77	82	64	68	73	67	.	89	78	74
4	74	53	47	84	75	90	71	66	74	64	62	70	62	•	81	73	58
1931 1	75	55	48	81	74	89	70	61	73	74	61	68	53		85	69	57
2	68	49	36	73	69	89	63	60	63	79	56	64	42		79	61	49
3	54	43	• 33	63	61	82	55	g	57	82	49	60	36		64	59	45
4	•	36	29	78	56	81	45	g	48	70	.40	57	30	·	53	63	33
1932 1	62	41	27	98	53	77	52		50	98	38	54	29		54	60	28
2	54	33	20	103	47	71	45	36	38	89	30	47	24		46	56	20
3	51	37	25	132	52	76	46	40	45	98	34	56	31	•	55	62	25
4	51	38	23	122	54	75	45	45	45	130	36	59	28	•	54	65	24
1933 1	48	34	22	120	52·	76	43	50	48	156	36	63	30	47	56	68	23
2	46	37	33	140	56	82	45	56	50	161	38	66	28	55	64	70	34
3	45	38	45	155	61	86	. 48	51	52	180	41	71	32	56	68	78	43
\$.,	42	35	41	146	58	88	43	50	57	209	39	74	30	57	67	82	41
1934 1	44	34	46	154	61	92	39	57	62	222	42	76	29	62	68	85	45
2	50	31	48	147	59	95	38	58	57	235	41	74	27	63	67	90	44
3	49	30	44	146	60	98	34	63	63	229	40	72	29	64	65	90	41
4	54	28	47	142	58	100	31	63	63	204	38	70	32	69	63	94	42
1935 1	61	31	48	144	61	. 98	36	66	66	190	40	78	34	70	68	96	42
2	64	41	53	153	62	97	39	70	73	173	40	82	33	72	70	98	44
3	67	37	55	164	67	100	36	73	70	174	38	86	32	73	73	103	50
4	69	43	63	171	72	100	34	69	64	190	37	91	32	. 74	70	104	56
	d.	1	А		ъ	c	e	8	e	c ·	ь	d	•	e	e	d	ь
1936 I	73	50	70	184	78	101	38	71	69	197	41	99	32	77	72	н	61
и ш	77 78	50 48	75	183	80	102	39	72	69	202	42	104	30	81	74	114	64
IV .	85	44	73 73	183 180	83 87	103	37 37	72 75	70	191	41	106	32 33	83 86	75	112	66
v	78	45	70	177	85	105	31	77	70	196	40	107	41	86	76	115	65 62
VI.	78	43	71	169	83	106	28	79	72	201	41	105	40	89	77	111	64
VII .	77	39	71	175	84	107	25	81	. 71 .	206	42	106	37	94	75	113	66
	81 82	40 46	72 75	177	88 92	109 107	25	80 78	72 73	212 223	42	109 116	38	93	75	119	68
x	87	50	80	183	94	107	35	83	82	219	52	110	42	94 97	77 97	119	69 73
X1.	93	52	82	189	98	110	38	84	82	216	59	121	42	101	99	122	76
X11 .	94	58	80	191	108	109	41	83	84	217	59	124	40	103	101	120	75
1937 I 🔆 .	96	62	83	188	114	111	52	84	82	231	65	130	39	103	106	122	70
11	102	69	86	186	116	109	52	85	84	246	70	131	43	105	108	1122	78 80
- III .	102	69	91	192	126	109	51	86	89	267	71	130	45	111	106	112	80
	97 93	62 62	84	195	125	111	43	86	88	279	69	131	45	106	105	112	75
vi .	93 91	62 62	81 79	193 184	112	108	43	87 88	88 91	269 267	66 65	124	41	103	102		72
vii .	95	68	82	186	105	107	40	90	92	207	68	127	40 43	105	106	107	71
VIII.	98	65	83	180	117	107	42	90	95	236	72	130	46	109	109	109	76
IX . X	96	61	72	178	110	106	40	90	89	229	70	127	48	102	108	105	66
XI.	89 89	54 51	64 62	176 164	100 95	105	41	88 87	88 87	229	67	121	45	97	101	100	55
XII.	84	51	63	166	. 97	100	39	87	91	263	62 62	117 114	46 54	93 99	100	99 96	51
											""		⁷	, ""	100	90	50
1938 I	85	50	66		96	100	38	89		268	65	121	58	104	1		51

SOURCE : Statistical Year-Book 1936/37, Table 128 (see page 251 for notes and explanations) and Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the League of Nations. The composition and the number of shares given varies periodically. Monthly average of daily rates. — ^b Monthly average of rates taking one day in the week. — ^o Average of highest and lowest rates of month. — ^d 15th or middle of month. — ^e Last week or end of month. — ^f Beginning of following month. — ^g Stock Exchange closed. — ^b Excluding shares of the Swedish Match Co. and Ericson Telephone Co.

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	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ² Net Issues :				\$	(000.000)	s)		·	
Domestic	9,419.8	6.003.9	2.860.1	1,165.0	707.9	1.386.4	1.408.6	1.948.8	2.042.8
Companies	8,002.1	1.520.8 4,483.1	1,309.4 1,550.7	839.6 325.4	547.3 160.6	1,208.1	1.005.1 403.5	756.8	884.2
of which — Bonds	2,078.2	2,979.7	1,239.4	305.2	40.3	143.7	334.2	839.4	755.6
Shares		1,503.4	\$11.3 I.7	20.2	120.3 1.5	34.6	69.3 3.5	352.5	402.9
Foreign	757.8	1,009.2	253.7	26.0	0.1		`	23.0	3.3
Grand Total.	10,182.8	7,023.4	3,115.5	1,192.3	709.5	1,386.4	1,412.1	1,973.3	2,049.8
Refunding : Domestic	1,387.4	527.1	892.9	409.0	282.6	764.7	3,216.0	4,124.8	1,634.3
Federal and local authorities	12.9	53.0	72.4	498.0 179.5	63.3	453.1	1,352.2	737.8	455.9
Companies	1,374.5	474.0	820.5	318.5	219.3	311.6	1,863.8	3,387.0	1,178.5
United States Possessions	22.0	126.5	14.5	40.0	61.6	61.2	8.2	1.8	219.0
Grand Total		653.7	907.4	538.0	344.2	825.9	3,340.2	4,281.0	1,854.9
JAPAN.	1			Ye	n (000,000	rs)			
Bonds (net issues)	465.9	386.3	345.2	1,004.1	1,345.4	1,062.5	1,208.5	1,064.8	2,048.6
of which — Government	112.4	3.0	63.6	525.0	1,249.6	842.5	965.4	864.1	1,513.1
Industry, transport, etc Mortgage institut., banks, etc.		126.9 168.1	77.5	74.0	9.7	244.7 	208,4 51.8	133.6	57.5
Shares (gross issues)		197.8	185.6	149.6	448.8	577.9	448.8	738.1	- 1
FRANCE.	1			Fra	ncs (000,0	00's)			
Domestic issues	29,400	31,510	29,500	28,233	26,786	28,516	20,019	12,453	
of which — Treasury and Amortis. Fund		1,016	862	10,754	13,656	15,666	.10,123	7,298b	
Companies { Bonds Shares	10,982 8,323	22,424 4,373	20,543 2,048	11,971 1,356	8,888 963	8,705 984	6,100 907	3,036 560	
Foreign Government's issues		2,687	4,354	1,400	1,508	_		_	
GERMANY. Domestio Issues :				RÌ	1. (000,00	0*s)			
Bonds	1,685	2,926	1,338	824	1,454	872	2,655	3,595	
of which — Public bonds (incl. Govern- ment, public enterpr., etc.)		529	65	511	1,029	334	1,643	2,671	
Mortgage bonds.		1,814	993	380	371	465	831	724	
Companies	8	35	1	10	2	4	3	47	
Shares	979 2,664	555 3,481	635 1,973	150 974	91 1,545	143	156 2,811	395 <b>3,990</b>	•
NETHERLANDS.	1			•	ins (000,0				
Net Issues :									
Domestic	316.7	294.4 64.1	184.4	239.8	261.6 224.6	263.1 201,7	35.5	155.1	74.1
Companies Bonds	26.9	87.0	23.9	14.0	6.7	11.4	3.7	6.7	11.4
Energy Shares	232.5	19.9 204.9	1.9 37.5	0.4 23.1	1.8	16.8 0.3	1.6	2.2 0.3	46.2
Foreign.	1 104.2	204.9	57.5				· ·	0.5	22.0
SWEDEN. Domestic Issues :				Kroi	nor (000,0	00's)	•		
Bonds (gross issues)	243.5	903.4	583.0	464.6	717.9	499.7	523.6	617.1	731.3
of which — Government	44.1	437.5	227.6	151.1	428.1	162.8	59.3	317.3	115.7
Companies	100.4 286.3	246.5 758.7	185.5 531.1	20.0 263.6	60.6 578.3	63.0 409.2	130.2 421.0	43.4 586.7	191.7
of which — Government	100.9	453.0	196.8	47.0	304.5	77.6	88.8	312.3	319.6
Companies		175.0	211.6	44.5	123.0	100.3	125.4	98.8	152.4
Shares	262.3	244.6	303.8	141.9	92.2	102.9	133.5	138.9	169.4
SWITZERLAND. Not Issues :				Fran	cs (000,00	0's)			
Domestic	756.02	306.90	545.17	332.91	282.32	436.59	162.48	420.64	292.20
of which - Federal Government (incl.									
Fed. Railways)	212.93	(-5.00) 240.26	148.75 277.15	154.45 109.65	95.54 108.10	197.65	(-10.20) 113.58	325.78 51.21	(0.90) 132.97
Companies { Bonds Shares	507.69	28.68	24.42	11.80	5.96	8.31	3.50	1.20	15.89
Foreign Bond issues	110.08	305.49	103.34	144.89	(—1.37)	5.50			192.83
UNITED KINGDOM. •				£	(000,000's	)			
Net Issues :	136.4	121.9	40.0	87.7	95.2	110 2 1	163.7	207.1	147.0
United Kingdom	1.7	29.0	7.2	10.2	34.9	118.2	99.6	41.5	33.2
Companies	134.7	92.9	32.9	77.3	70.3	91.0	141.1	165.6	113.8
Other British countries	55.0 37.9	73.5 32.7	36.9 12.4	28.8	33.2	34.0 3.9	17.1	28.3 3.3	26.2 6.7
Grand Total d	239.4	234.7	89.6	117.1	135.7	161.2	185.0	239.4	180.2
Refunding and Conversions :									
United Kingdom	•	•		17.4	64.8	49.4	59.5	49.9	12.8
of which — Local authorities	•		•	3.7 14.7	0.5 64.5	8.1 44.3	14.9	19.7 30.3	1.3 11.6
Companies			:	24.4	129.7	68.9	62.2	43.2	51.0
Foreign countries	•	•	•	0.1		26.2	9.4	15.8	4.4
Grand Total.	•	•	•	41.8	194.4	146.6	131.2	109.8	68.3
* Source : Statistical Year-book of th	he League	of Nations	Data fo	r 1937 or	nrovision	กไ.			
• Excluding United States Treasure	iry issues,	for whic	h the fol	lowing fi	gures are	available	since 193	32:	
-	1932	11	933	1934	1935		1936	1937	
Net issues	3,074.0 5,139.2		22.3 54.6	4,759.4 7,830.2	3,484 9,008		452.9 773.0	2,306.3 4,495.5	
Refunding				.,000.2	5,000.			.,	
a Figures of the Bank of England	Evoludi	ng Ilnitod	Kingdon	Govern	nent issue	•			

Table X. — CAPITAL ISSUES IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES, 1929-1937.*

Excluding National Defence loan issued in December 1936.
 Figures of the Bank of England. Excluding United Kingdom Government issues.
 Includes small amounts which cannot be allocated to the above groups.

#### MONEY AND BANKING 1937/38

# Table XI. -- PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK DEPOSITS.

(For absolute figures, see Table III.)

(a) Current accounts and sight deposits
 (b) Other deposits
 as percentage of total deposits.

Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	11-36	1937
Argentine $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	30.9 69.1	31.3 68.7	28.4 71.6	31.3 68.7	34.6 65.4	33.5 66.5	31.7 68.3	35.1 64.9	36.1 63.9
Australia ¹ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	33.3 66.7	30.9 69.1	31.1 68.9	32.1 67.9	33.8 66.2	36.2 63.8	37.2 62.8	37.9 62.1	•
Austria $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$		80.8 19.2	•	82.1 17.9	81.3 18.7	78.4 21.6	76.1 23.9	76. I 23. 9	•
Belgium	72.5 27.5	· ·	75.3 24.7	75.4 24.6	77.6 22.4	•	84.1 15.9	84.0 16.0	•
Bolivia	52.3 47.7	46.5 53.5	44.8 55.2	56.1 43.9	59.2 40.8	89.0 11.0	93.5 6.5	96.1 3.9	•
Brazil	58.8 41.2	49.8 50.2	58.5 41.5	69.2 30.8	68.5 31.5	68.1 31.9	62.7 37.3	63 0 37.0	:
Canada $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	30.4 69.6	27.7 72.3	29.5 70.5	24.0 76.0	25.1 74.9	26.6 73.4	27.1 72.9	27.7 72.3	27.4 72.6
Chile	40.1 59.9	38.8 61.2	46.8 53.2	62.4 37.6	69.2 30.8	73.0 27.0	70.0 30.0	66 5 33.5	69.6 30.4
Colombia	65.3 34.7	56.3 43.7	55.2 44.8	62.1 37.9	67.0 33.0	77.5 22.5	74.2	79 2 20 8	79.7 20.3
Czechoslovakia	,52.1 47.9	50.2 49.8	47.7 52.3	47.4 52.6	48.3 51.7	46.9 53.1	46.0 54.0	46.6 53.4	
Denmark $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	27.7 72.3	29.1 70.9	27.8 72.2	28.2 71.8	28.6	27.6 72.4	27.4 72.6	28.4 71.6	*29.5 *70.5
Ecuador $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	71.3 28.7	67.0 33.0	65.3 34.7	81.9 18.1	85.1 14.9	76.9 23.1	69.0 31.0	*77 0 *23.0	71.4 28.6
Estonia $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	63.3 36.7	63.0 37.0	74.4 25.6	67.4 32.6	70.8 29.2	74.9 25.1	72.9 27.1	74 5 25.5	*72.8 *27.2
Finland $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	19.9 80.1	20.2 79.8	22.2 77.8	22.5 77.5	23.6 76.4	19.9 80.1	20.3 79.7	21.2	22.4 77.6
France $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	92.7 7.3	92.2 7.8	93.8 6.2	94.2 5.8	94.9 5.1	95.0 5.0	95.2 4.8	95 9 4.1	*98.0 * 2.0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{(a)} \\ \text{(Investment banks)} \end{array}$	57.4 42.6	64.0 36.0	64.7 35.3	70.5 29.5	57.8 42.2	60.6 39.4	63.2 36.8	69.8 30.2	
France (a) (Deposit & Investment banks)	89.1 10.9	89.5 10.5	91.7 8.3	92.5 7.5	92.1 7.9	92.8 7.2	93.1 6.9	93.9 6.1	
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Germany} \\ \text{(All banks)}^2 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array} \right.$	37.1 62.9	40.7 59.3	50.6 49.4	46.9 53.1	45.0 55.0	46.5 53.5	47.8 52.2	49.2 50.8	48.2 51.8
(a) (Big Berlin banks) ³	41.8 58.2	45.8 54.2	52.3 47.7	48.2 51.8	47.3 52.7	49.8 50.2	47.0 53.0	49.8 50.2	52.2 47.8
Greece $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	62.8 37.2	80.3 19.7	74.8 25.2	73.0 27.0	76.0 24.0	78.8 21.2	79.0 21.0	80.4 19.6	
Hungary $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	32.6 67.4	30.9 69.1	33.9 66.1	35.0 65.0	35.6 64.4	32.1 67.9	32.1 67.9	31.3	30.5 69.5
Italy ⁴ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	72.8	72.1	73.5 26.5	72.1	71.1	69.4 30.6	66 4 33.6		

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Provisional figure.
End of June following year. Deposits within the Dominion only.
November returns. Including balances due to German banks.
Including balances due to German banks.
Including correspondents.

### Table XI. — PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK DEPOSITS (concluded).

Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1938	1937
Italy ¹ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	22.8 77.2	21.2 78.8	22.6 77.4	21.7 78.3	21.9 78.1	20.4 79.6	22.3 77.7	•	
Japan	35.0 65.0	33.6 66.4	32.0 68.0	33.2 66.8	33.2 66.8	32.6 67.4	31.3 68.7	31.4 68.6	34.1 65.9
Latvia $\begin{pmatrix} (a)\\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	94.0 6.0	93.7 6.3	91.6 8.4	94.2 5.8	94.4 5.6	95.2 4.8	96.0 4.0	87.6 12.4	*90.2 * 9.8
Mexico $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	80.4 19.6	75.2 24.8	70.2 29.8	83.4 16.6	78.1 21.9	82.3 17.7	78.7 21.3	77.3 22.7	
Netherlands $\binom{(a)}{(b)}$	46.8 53.2	48.3 51.7	47.1 52.9	54.5 45.5	55.3 44.7	57.0 43.0	59.9 40.1	61.4 38.6	
New Zealand ² $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	39.5 60.5	32.9 67.1	31.1 68.9	32.9 67.1	35.3 64.7	39.5 60.5	46.0 54.0	52.7 47.3	
Norway $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	11.7 88.3	11.8 88.2	11.4 88.6	11.2 88.8	9.9 90.1	11.8 88.2	132 86.8	14.5 85.5	*14.9 *85.1
Paraguay $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	•	71.2 28.8	65.5 34.5	71.2 28.8	79.1 20.9	84.3 15.7	84.4 15.6	•	
Peru $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	51.2 48.8	45.0 55.0	48.8 51.2	52.4 47.6	55.3 44.7	59.7 40.3	56.7 43.3	56.5 43.5	- -
Poland $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	49.2 50.8	45.9 54.1	51.4 48.6	49.8 50.2	54.7 45.3	52.9 47.1	54.0 46.0	58.5 41.5	60.4 39.6
Portugal $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	46.0 54.0	44.0 56.0	57.2 42.8	58.8 41.2	62.2 37.8	62.8 37.2	65.5 34.5		
Spain $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	59.3 40.7	59.4 40.6	56.1 43.9	55.0 45.0	53.7. 46.3	52.8 47.2	51.4 48.6		· ·
Sweden $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	18.9 81.1	18.8 81.2	17.2 82.8	17.6 82.4	18.6 81.4	19.6 80.4	21.1 78.9	23.3 76.7	24.6 75.4
Switzerland $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	27.5 72.5	15.5 84.5	17.2 82.8	17.4 82.6	16.6 83.4	15.5 84.5	13.8 86.2	18.5 81.5	
Turkey $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\binom{(a)}{(b)}$					(82.7) (17.3)	(85.5) (14.5)	(76.4) (23.6)	57.6 42.4	
Union of South Africa ³ $\begin{cases} (a) \\ (b) \end{cases}$	50.3 49.7	43.9 56.1	43.6 56.4	42.8 57.2	64.3 35.7	64.9 35.1	69.6 30.4	76.0 24.0	
Union of South Africa ⁴ $\begin{cases} (a) \\ (b) \end{cases}$	49.5 50.5	45.6 54.4	46.4 53.6	47.2 52.8	61.7 38.3	62.2 37.8	64.9 35.1	70.6 29.4	
United Kingdom ((a) (London Clearing banks)	54.0 46.0	53.9 46.1	50.6 49.4	50.7 49.3	53.0 47.0	53.4 46.6	55.2 44.8	56.0 44.0	55.6 44,4
(All banks) ⁵ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	55.2 44.8	54,5 45,5	53.2 46.8	53.3 46.7	57.9 42.1	60.1 39.9	62.7 37.3	65.3 34.7	· ·
(Mn banks) U. S. A	59.0 41.0	56.9 43.3	57.6 42.4	57.8 42.2	61.2 38.8	65.0 35.0	67.2 32.8	69.1 30.9	· ·
(Member banks) Uruguay	47.6 52.4	46.0 54.0	48.2 51.8	54.6 45.4	49.0 51.0	46.5 53.5	40.0 60.0	33.3 · 66.7	
Yugoslavia $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	21.5 78.5	19.1 80.9	16.5 83.5	14.9 85.1	16.8 83.2	10.7 89.3	14.3 85.7	14.7 85.3	-

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(a) Current accounts and sight deposits
 (b) Other deposits
 (c) as percentage of total deposits.

Provisional figure.
Deposits only.
End of June following year. Deposits within the Dominion only.
Deposits within the Union only.
Including deposits with branches outside the Union.
End of June each year.

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(a) Cash as percentage of demand deposits.(b) Cash and other items of a cash nature as percentage of demand deposits.

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(c) Cash as percentage of total deposits.
 (d) Cash and other items of a cash nature as percentage of total deposits.

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Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	38.6	37.0	50.9	57.8	42.4	34.5			
$Argentine \dots	46.2	47.7	58.6	68.7	53.6	44.9	77.7	59.9	49.2
(c)	11.9	11.6	14.5	18.1	14.7	11.6			1
( <i>(d</i> )	14.3	15.0	16.6	21.5	18.6	15.1	24.7	21.0	17.8
(a)	41.9	65.6	57.2	46.4	52.6	36.2	28.2	32.1	
Australia ¹ , $\binom{b}{b}$	44.0	67.2	58.7	48.0	54.1	37.8	30.0	33.9	1 .
(c)	13.9	20.2	17.8	14.9	17.8	13.1	10.5	12.2	
((d)	14.6	20.7	18.3	15.4	18.3	13.7	11.1	12.9	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	29.7	38.7	37.5	27.5	22.3	16.4	34.1	39.1	} .
New Zealand $1 \dots \dots \dots $	32.8	41.4	39.9	28.0	24.5	26.6	108.0	85.3	•
(c) (d)	11.7	12.7 13.6	11.7	9.0	7.9	6.5	15.7	20.6	•
	1	1.0	12.4	7.5	8.6	10.5	49.6	44.9	· ·
Ametralasia 2 $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	•	·	•	• •	1. ·	i •	•	•	•
Australasia ²	20.9	22.0	22.8						·
	30.4	28.4	32.0	21.0 27.3	19.9	21.7	17.9	19.5	· ·
( (a)					1		25.5	27.2	•
	•	3.6		4.0	6.8	11.0	15.3	12.7	ľ •
Austria $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $(c)$		2.9	•	4.0	6.8	11.0	15.3	12.7	•
		2.9		3.3	5.5	8.6 8.6	11.6	9.7 9.7	· ·
( (a)						0.0	11.0	7.1	
Belgium ³ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	17.2		18.2	27.2	220	·			· ·
				27.2	32.8	· ·	27.7	21.7	•
(d)	12.5	11.5	13.7	20,5	25.5		23.3	18.2	
( (a)	55.0	34.1	53.8	51.9	128.2	92.8	· ·	1	
Bolivia $(b)$	55.0	34.1	53.8	51.9	128.2	92.8	98.7 98.7	84.7 84.8	· ·
(two banks) (c)	28.8	15.8	24.1	29.1	75.9	82.6	92.3	81.4	1 .
(d)	28.8	15.8	24.1	29.1	75.9	82.6	92.3	81.4	
( (a)	44.5	40.8	35.2	39.0	33.1	27.9	27.6		
Brazil $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	50.3	47.4	39.9	41.4	36.2	30.7	30.4		· ·
(c)	26.2	20.3	20.6	27.0	22.1	19.0	17.3		
( <i>d</i> )	29.6	23.6	23.4	28.6	24.8	20.9	19.1		1.
( (a)						1.		ł .	
Bulgaria				] .	] .			1 .	1
(0)			15.9	18.4	16.0	16.2	19.2	.	1
( <i>(d</i> )	10.3	14.8	21.8	22.6	20.1	20.3	27.2	20.8	
( (a)	35.4	39.5	34.7	46.6	41.3	42.2	38.8	36.7	38.7
Canada $\ldots \ldots	56.4	60.2	51.0	63.8	58.5	60.5	55.1	54.4	56.8
(c)	10.8	11.0	10.2	11.2	10.4	11.2	10.5	10.2	10.6
(d)	17.2	16.7	15.0	15.3	14.7	16.1	15.5	, 15.1	15.6
(a)	32.4	30.1	44.4	50.1	39.0	26.6	21.8	25.6	20.3
Chile $\ldots$ $(b)$	44.9	40.7	51.6	55.0	44.8	34.1	27.8	27.7	27.7
(c) (d)	13.0	11.7	20.8	31.3	27.0	19.3	15.3	17.0	14.2
			24.1	34.3	31.0	24.7	19.4	18.4	19.3
$\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	26.2	29.5	40.0	43.0	37.6	35.9	36.1	31.4	35.4
Colombia	26.2	29.5 16.6	40.0	43.0	37.6	35.9	36.1	31.4	35.4
$\begin{pmatrix} (l) \\ (d) \end{pmatrix}$	17.0	16.6	18.8 18.8	26.7 26.7	25.2	27.8	26.8	24.9	28.2
( (a)	20.7				23.2	27.8	26.8	24.9	28.2
$C_{zechoslovakia}$	31.5	18.4				· ·	•	ļ .	1.
	10.8	9.2	23.3	34.8	32.2	35.6	43.0	38.8	•
(d)	16.4	15.9	- u.i	16.5	15.5				· ·
( (a)	14.0	15.0		ł –		16.7	19.8	18.1	· ·
Denmark	14.0	19.7	14.1	26.4	្មី 18.0	23.0	20.2	15.0	
	3.9	4.4	6.7	32.3 7.4	35.1	34.8	32.8	26.1	*31.9
	5.1	5.7	5.3	9.1	1 10.0	6.4	5.5	4.2	+9.4
	<u> </u>	1			1 .0.0	9.6	9.0	7.4	- 9.4

Provisional figure.
End of June following year. Accounts of domestic offices only.
End of June following year. Including accounts of branches outside the Dominions.
Figures for 1935 are not strictly comparable with previous years.

Country		1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Ecuador	( (a)	36.2	38.5	31.0	54.2	52.0	39.8	38.4	•50.9	42.0
	(6)	38.3	43.0	34.1	55.8	57.6	44.6	45.4	*59.7	47.2
	(0)	25.8	25.8	20.2	44.4	44.2	30.6	26.5	*39.2	30.0
	(d)	27.3	28.8	22.3	45.7	49.0	34.3	31.3	*46.0	33.2
lstonia	( (a)	9.2	. 8.1	10.8	8.9	12.1	10.5	13.1	10.6	· .
	(6)	14.7	15.9	19.0	18.1	21.4	26.5	27.4	21.4	· ·
	1 (0)	5.8	-5.1	6.8	6.0	8.6	7.9	9.5	7.9	
	$\left( \begin{array}{c} d \end{array} \right)$	9.3	10.0	12.0	12.2	15.2	19.9	20.0	16.0	
Finland	(a)	16.0	14.3	14.2	13.3	30.2	26.2	39.0	46.7	58.
	(6)	20.6	17.7	16.8	15.3	32.9	26.2	39.0	46.7	58.
	(0)	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.0	7.1	5.2	7.9	9.9	13.
	(a)	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.4	7.7	5.2	7.9	9.9	13.
	( (a)			28.1	23.6	17.6	18.5	13.2	10.8	
France	(6)	16.3	19.1	31.9	27.4	21.6	22.5	21.4	21.3	*23.
	10			26.4	22.3	16.7	17.6	12.5	10.4	1
	(a)	15.1	17.7	29.9	26.8	20.5	21.4	20.4	20.5	*22.
	( (a)	14.7	13.8	24.4	24.6	31.2	26.0	17.8	16.5	
France	(6)	38.0	45.8	43.2	39.5	46.5	38.0	37.7	40.4	.
	10	8.4	8.8	15.8	17.3	18.0	15.8	11.2	11.5	
	(d)	21.8	29.3	28.0	27.8	26.9	23.0	23.8	28.2	· ·
	(a)			27.9	23.7	18.2	18.9	13.4	11.2	
France	. (6)	17.7	21.0	32.5	28.1	22.7	23.2	22.2	22.4	.
	(0)			25.6	21.9	16.8	17.5	12.4	10.5	.
	(d)	15.8	18.8	29.8	25.9	21.0	21.5	20.6	21.1	ļ .
Germany	$\begin{pmatrix} (a)\\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.8	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.
	(0)	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
	( <i>d</i> )	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.
	( (a)	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
ermany	. (6)	•		•	•	•	•	l ·	l ·	· ·
(All banks) ²	(0)	•	•	•	•					
	( <i>d</i> )	2.4	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.
	( (a)	•	•	•	•	•	•,	· ·	•	-
ermany	. (6)	•	•	• ·	-	• •	· ·	· ·	•	· ·
(All banks) ³	(0)	•							•	· ·
	( <i>d</i> )	4.6	5.1	5.8	5.4	6.2	5.8	6.4	] ·	-
Germany	$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$							i a		7.
	. (b)	10.0	10.4	12.1	8.5	9.1	8.5	9.9	9,0	/.
	(c) (d)	4.2	4.8	6.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.7	4.5	4
	( (a)	7.4								
Germany	(b)	•								
	(c)					:	· .		ł .	
	(d)	4.6	5.4	7.4	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.1	4.
freece	( (a)	13.3	11.0	12.1	9.9	20.0	22.7	12.3	16.0	.
	(1)	13.3	11.0	12.1	9.9	20.0	22.7	12.3	16.0	.
	. (c)	81.7	8.8	9.1	7.2	15.1	17.9	9.7	12.9	1 .
	(d)	8.2	8.8	9.1	7.2	15.1	17.9	9.7	12.9	.
Hungary	( (a)		· .	.	.		.	.	.	.
	261	•								1 .
	(0)		.	.		.	.	.		.
	(a)	10.7	9.3	9.7	9.6	8.0	8,1	8.6	8.4	8.

Table XII. — CASH RATIOS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS (continued).

(a) Cash as percentage of demand deposits.

(c) Cash as percentage of total deposits. entere

Provisional figure.
November returns. Deposits include balances due to German banks.
November returns. Deposits only.
December figures. Deposits only.
December figures. Deposits include balances due to German banks.

<ul> <li>(a) Cash as percentage of demand deposits.</li> <li>(b) Cash and other items of a cash nature as percentage of demand deposits.</li> <li>(c) Cash as percentage of total deposits.</li> <li>(d) Cash and other items of a cash nature as percentage of total deposits.</li> </ul>										ntage
Country	·	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Italy	$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$		.	•	.	.	.	· ·	•	
	(b)		5.0						5.3	
	(c) (d)	3.8 9.6	8.3	4.3 9.9	4.8 9.7	5.0 9.2	4.9 21.7	5.0 21.3	22.5	5.2
	( (a)			{		,	21.7			
Italy	(6)	•							· ·	
	10	10.5	14.3	12.7	13.3	13.6	(1.6	11.3	13.2	12.0
	(d)	26.6	23.7	29.4	26.9	25.3	51.8	48.4	56.3	49.4
	( (a)	•				.				.
Japan	(6)	27.6	22.7	22.2	22.4	22.3	24.3	21.7	20.1	20.6
	(0)								<u>.</u> ,	
	( <i>(d</i> )	11.3	9.3	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.6	8.1	7.6	8.6
Latvia	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	12.4	12.4	19.5	19.1	18.7	25.7	31.4	21.2	*15.1
	(b) (c)	14.7 11.7	14.9 11.6	21.1 17.9	20.2 17.9	19.8	27.2 24.4	35.3 30.2	25.2 18.6	*17.2
	$\left  \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix} \right $	13.8	14.0	19.3	19.0	17.6	24.4	33.9	22.1	*14.1 *16.0
Lithuania	( (a)									10.0
	(6)									· ·
	(0)			•						1 :
	( <i>d</i> )	7.5	7.8	7.6	6.9	8.2	7.7	8.9	7.4	.
Mexico	( (a)	31.0	39.2	29.4	45.9	43.4	47.4	35.9	39.7	.
	(6)	35.8	42.9	32.8	50.3	47.3	51.7	41.7	45.4	
	(?)	24.9	29.5	20.6	38.3	33.9	39.0	28.3	30.7	· ·
	( <i>d</i> )	28.7	32.3	23.0	41.9	36.9	42.5	32.9	35.1	ļ •
Vetherlands	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	14.7	14.9							· ·
	) (b)   (c)	14.7	14.9	20.7	34.9	39.0	31.3	17.6	18.7	· ·
	(d)	6.9	7.2	9.7	19.0	21.6	17.8	10.5	11.5	•
Norway	( (a)	45.5	43.9	40.2	54.0	57.1	54.5	40.8	38.3	•41.5
	(6)	46.0	44.4	40.6	54.4	57.5	55.1	41.2	38.6	*42.1
	(0)	5.3	5.2	4.6	6.1	5.6	6.4	53.8	55.4	*61.8
	( <i>(d</i> )	5.4	5.2	4.6	6.1	5.7	6.5	54.3	56.0	*62.6
Poland	( (a)	30.7	34.2	34.5	33.1	48.9	38.5	26.9	37.9	1.
	(6)	30.7	34.4	35.2	33.8	74.7	65.5	53.3	57.6	1.
	(c) (d)	15.7 15.7	15.4 15.5	16.8 17.2	17.3 17.7	27.0	23.0	15.3	21.4	· ·
						41.3	39.1	30.2	32.6	· ·
	$\begin{pmatrix} (a)\\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	19.8 25.0	17.8 23.2	20.3 24.0	20.5 24.2	19.8	20.6	22.5	19.0	l .:.
	(0)	9.7	8.2	10.4	10.2	22.4	22.5	24.3	20.6	23.9
	(a)	12.3	10.6	12.3	12.1	12.2	11.9	13.1	12.0	14.4
Portugal	( (a)									
	6)	33.7	37.3	45.3	34.9	33.5	33.4	29.4	*32.1	*29.2
	1 (0)			•	•		.			
	(d)	15.5	16.4	25.9	20.5	20.3	20.4	19.2	•	
Roumania	(a)	•	•	·	.		.	•	.	
	(b) (c)	•		•	·		•	ļ ·	.	.
	(d)	12.9	15.0	10.1	9.6	. 12.7	23.1	•	•	· ·
Spain ^{\$}	( (a)	26.4	25.3	34.7	32.9				'	· ·
	(6)	47.6	44.0	56.4	54.4	34.8 54.6	31.0 50.0	37.7	•	· ·
	10	16.0	15.3	20.1	18.5	19.0	16.9	53.4 19.4		· ·
	(a)	28.8	26.8	32.7	30,6	29.8	27.2	27.5	l .	· ·

Table XII. - CASH RATIOS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS (continued).

Provisional figure.
Current accounts include inland correspondents.
Deposits excluding correspondents.
Figures for 1935 are provisional.

Country		1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
			 					24.7		
	$\left( \begin{array}{c} (a) \end{array} \right)$	12.8	13.1	14.4	21.3	49.4	41.2	36.7	44.1	55.1
weden	(6)	19.4	19.8	22.1	28.8	57.9	50.1	45.8	52.1	62.2
	(0)	2.4	2.4	2.5	3.7	9.2	8.1	7.7	10.3	13.6
	( <i>d</i> )	3.7	3.7	3.8	5.1	10.8	9.8	9.1	12.1	15.3
	( (a)				•				•	•
witzerland	(6)	9.8	20.0	52.2	51.1	46.5	46.2	34.5	59.2	•
	(0)			-	•		•	-	•	•
	( <i>d</i> )	2.7	3.1	8.9	8.9	7.7	7.1	4.8	10.9	•
	( (a)					1.			38.6	-
urkey	(6)			_		47.5	40.5	47.4	39.7	
urkey	(0)								22.2	
	$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$	50.3	40.4	34.3	36.1	39.2	34.6	36.2	22.9	
				22.9		41.2	34.8	38.7	28.1	
	$\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	23.3	22.6		18.4			43.9	31.9	•
Jnion of South Africa ¹	(6)	31.5	34.2	30.5	30.6	46.3	40.5	25.1	19.8	•
	(c)	11.5	10.3	10.6	8.7	25.4	21.6			•
	( <i>d</i> )	15.6	15.6	14.1	14.4	28.6	25.2	28.5	22.6	•
Inited Kingdom and Ireland :						ł				
England and Wales	$\left( \left( a\right) \right)$	•					•	•		•
	) (b)	23.8	23.2	24.2	22.6	22.5	21.3	20.3	18.2	18.3
(London Clearing	(0)		· .	•	•	· ·		•	•	•
banks)	( <i>d</i> )	12.9	12.5	12.2	11.5	12.0	11.4	11.2	10.2	10.2
	( (a)	-	_							
England and Wales	(6)	•								
(All banks)	(0)					.				
(III buiks)	(d)	25.2	23.9	22.9	21.7	22.0	23.2	23.0	24.3	
	( (a)					ľ	ł			
~ · · · ·	(6)	·	·	•	•					•
Scotland	(0)	•	·	•	•					
	(a)	24.8	24.9	24.8	24.6	23.6	24.6	24.6	24.9	
		24.0	24.5	24.0	24.0	25.0				
	$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$	•	•	•	•	· ·	· ·	•	•	•
Ireland	(6)	•	· .	•	•	1 •	· ·	•	· ·	•
	(0)							15.7		•
	( <i>d</i> )	12.6	11.7	13.1	15.0	13.3	14.9	15.3	14.4	•
	( (a)	16.1	17.4	19.4	20.1	20.6	26.4	50.0	-	•
J.S.A	(6)	22.9	29.3	28.3	25.9	27.5	29.6	53.0	54.9	•
(All banks) ²	(0)	8.9	9.5	10.3	10.7	11.9	15.9	31.3		•
()	(d)	12.7	15.9	15.1	13.8	15.9	17.8	33.2	35.8	•
	( (a)	15.4	17.3	16.3	21.2	21.9	25.5	29.7	30.1	-
19 4	(6)	35.9	33.7	29.9	29.2	29.7	35.8	40.5	40.6	
$J.S.A. \dots $	(0)	9.1	9.8	9.4	12.0	13.4	16.6	19.9	20.8	
(Member banks)	(a)	21.2	19.1	17.2	16.6	18.2	23.3	27.2	28.0	
·								j.	76.6	
	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	47.1	53.6	67.9	76.1	62.0	53.6	58.6	10.0	•
Jruguay ³	(b)					201	240	23.4	25.5	•
	(c)	22.4	24,7	32.7	41.6	30.4	24.9	23.4		-
	( <i>d</i> )		·	•	•	·	•	· ·		•
	(a)	•	•	•	•	·	· ·	•		-
enezuela 🖌	(6)	•	•	•	•	l .	•		·	•
	(0)	•	59.6	•		74.3	71.3	89.5	99.3	•
	(d)	•	65.9	•	•	89.2	88.2	104.0	128.3	•
	( (a)		28.5	32.4	37.2	40.8	68.9	71.5	58.6 ¹	
	(b)		30.9	36.0	38.6	42.1	72.1	73.4	62.0	
ugoslavia	(0)	•	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.9	7.4	10.2	8.6	
	1 (9/	5.6	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	2.7	<i></i>	1	1			

# Table XII. — CASH RATIOS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS (concluded).

(c) Cash as percentage of total deposits.

(a) Cash as percentage of demand deposits.

¹ Including accounts with branches outside the Union.
 ² End of June each year. Since 1935, figures are not comparable with those for previous years, sums due from banks being included with cash.
 ³ Excluding the Banco de la República.
 ⁴ Ten banks. End of June each year.

# Table XIII. - MOVEMENT OF BANK CLEARINGS 1929 = 100

A. Clearings. B. Transfers. C. Bank Debits.

	Period	Årgen- tine 7	Austra- lia Sydney Mel- bourne	Austria 1	Belgium Bru- xelles et Pro- vince	Brazil Banco do Brasil	Bul- garia Na- tional Bank	Canada ²	Chile 2	Co- lombia 8 towns	Czecho- slovakia Prague Brno Bratis- lava	Bank	Finland Bank of Finland	France Paris ³	Ger- many Reichs- bank	Greece Athens ⁴	Hun- gary Buda- pest ⁵	Italy 11 towns ⁶
		<u>A</u>	<b>A</b>	В	<b>A</b> .	•	•	C	A	<u>▲</u> .	_ <u> </u>	*	A	<b>A</b>	B	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	A
	erly averages lst quarter	90	98	98	93			78	96	64	91	105	96	106	95	88	80	89
	2nd ,,	88	86	95	98		1 .	85	97	61	82	115	99	117	92	118	59	91
	3rd ,,	83	76	99	92		.	76	81	57	72	114	98	ш	96	111	62	92
	4th ,,	83	90	104	93	•	.	82	77	51	77	89	99	100	92	129	90	101
1931	lst	81	87	90	81	75	74	67	65	54	81	67	,82	96	84	105	65	97
	2nd "	81	82	103	83	82	59	74	58	47	70	71	79	106	86	106	73	89
	3rd ,,	74	71	84	78	77	55	61	41	47	77	74	75	86	81	99	181	85
	4th ,	71	79	86	67	76	48	69	47	39	90	46	86	72	81	58	199	83
1932	lst "	4	4	75	47	74	20	52	45	42	79	1.0	74	4.7			260	4
1552	Ond	65 62	61	73	67 57	85	30 30	55	51	42	74	40	76 69	67	74	37	250	64 86
	2nd	59	78	75	59	53	38	55	64	45	99	44	74	58	70	56	289	64
	4th ,	56	95	71	60	81	34	59	72	45	109	43	78	67	68	59	303	68
			<u> </u>									ł					1	
1933	0-1	56	81	69	56	91	22	49	. 70	52	52	38	76	71	67	56	276	65
	2nd	58 55	84 80	66 69	52 52	92	23	64	80 85	51	57	41	73	73	65	56	218	60
	4th ,,	65	96	71	48	97	24	70	79	73	54	49 54	77 86	74	66	67	196	62
																	250	
1934		64	91	63	54	107	17	62	86	86	56	44	85	74	71	55	214	84
	2nd ,,	67	94	56	51	112	26	71	98	87	47	52	91	60	73	64	181	67
	3rd ,, 4th ,,	69 67	86 95	48 52	53 63	129	28	68 82	101	100	46	55	92	57	74	73	187	58
	4011 ,,					120	40	02		00	1 74	60	100	62	1 "	77	245	77
1935		68	93	48	58	116	33	60	111	110	55	48	97	66	81	75	209	69
	2nd ,,	75	96	50	80	127	33	70	120	104	48	60	97	70	81	76	207	66
	3rd ,, 4th ,,	78 82	91	50 57	54 57	147	38	64	113	115	52 66	65 75	103	60 68	88 91	86	240	76
	4011 ,,					170						, ,,			"	00	240	78
1936		81	87	53	65	155	54	77	127	134	80	83	119	63	102	85	198	76
	II III	74	104	51	62	133	42	71	121	127	58	71	101	58	90	81	207	68
	111 1V	77	101 97	50 53	64 62	153 135	66 53	67	137	136	56	81	103	63	87	74	240	63
	<b>v</b>	74	100	50	71	148	64	77	146	1.34	60 58	65	103	64 60	94	68	215	69 66
	VI	79	98	49	66	143	39	81	132	106	99	85	113	59	94	74	206	68
	VII	86	101	54	61	180	45	74	151	132	128	86	123	48	100	83	173	79
	VIII	84	90	52	65	167	53	67	127	117	89	91	112	40	87	75	177	71
•	IX	83	93	54	65	152	99	81	125	117	102	96	127	51	93	72	218	57
	X	82		62	87	158	70	86	151	130	102	98	139	61	102	86	248	73
	XI XII	83	115	55	65	164	90	85	135	124	79 98	85	125	55	94	76	185	64
					, .				145	120	, ,,	, ,,	145	00	107	98	197	86
1937		97	111	55	73	171	62	83	142	142	124	98	153	5,7	106	94	164	92
	п	89	119	51	70	160	76	70	131	122	104	92	136	56	95	113	155	73
	III	108	111	60	83	187	84	82	159	127	108	103	146	71	115	138	156	91
	IV V	98	120	57	82 68	184	77	87	198	139	124	118	168	74	120	136	159	87
	VI	95	109	55	84	193	68 60	71	170	129	108	117	166	61		124	147	75
	VII.	105	114	60	77	205	60	74	190	139	116	108	158	70	111	115	143	92
	VIII	99	99	57	69	195	46	67	163	137	121	104	149	66 54	112	125	142	109
	IX	97	110	58	85	184	84	70	159	129	119	100	162	72	115	102	114	85
	х	92		59	88	199	120	75	176	143	121	117	181	79	120	126	132	94
	XI	96		59	66		81	75	166	158	106	126	169	68	113	131	129	81
	XII	102		65	81		102	79	170	144	112		186	72	132	125	135	82
1938	Ι	93	ĺ	56	82		123			157	112		178	76	129			
	п												160	64	129			90
			1			I	ł	[	1	l	1	Į	l	[	1	1	1	1 7

¹ Austrian Nationalbank, Postsparkasse und Wiener Giro- und Kassenverein. — ² All clearing houses. — ³ Clearing house of the Bankers' Association of Paris. — ⁴ Amounts cleared plus balances cleared through transfers at the Bank of Greece. — ⁶ Clearing Association of Budapest. — ⁶ Daily averages. — ⁷ Banco Central de la Republica Argentina.

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Table XIII. —	MOVEMENT	of Bank	CLEARINGS	1929 =	100	(concluded).

А.	Clearings.	в.	Transfers.	C.	Bank	Debits.
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	Period	Japan 1	Luxem- burg	Nether- lands Natio- nal Bank	New Zealand 3	Norway Oslo	Peru Lima	Poland 6 towns	Por- tugal Lisbon Porto	Rouma- nia Buca- rest	Sweden Biks- bank	Switzer- land Na- tional Bank	Turkey Istan- bul	Union of South Africa 7 towns	United King- dom Country and Pro- vincial	U. B. A. 3	Yugo- alavia Na- tional Bank
<u> </u>		` <u>A</u>	•	В	σ	A	σ	4	<b>A</b>	•	<b>A</b>	в	<b>A</b>	A	*	C	в
	erly averages 1st quarter	83	.	89	105		91	107	110	106	103	105		104	98	87	92
	2nd ,,	84		86	92		82	122	82	139	108	103		89	94	88	93
	3rd ,,	78	•	87	81	107	81	124	.101	151	107	95	.	95	87	79	108
	4th ,,	80	.	84	82	113	67	129	97	182	111	104	•	93	89	80	113
1931	lst ',,	67		80	74	102	58	118	· 72	154	107	105	72	95	88	70	93
	2nd "	76		84	70	98	65	112	68	175	109	107	68	87	85	70	98
	3rd "	73	•	58	62	91	62	104	61	56	98	93	65	92	80	62	101
	4th "	76	•	49	63	94	63	92	72	24	111	79	77	87	86	60	74
1932	lst "	77	95	44	67	73	63	86	- 81	13	92	60	56	84	87	51	69
	2nd "	79	94	40	63	79	66	92	76	12	89	56	52	71	83	48	66
	3rd ,,	79	79	37	54	75	70	87	74	13	76	47	59	78	80	43	63
	4th ,,	98	88	36	62	85	70	89	98	15	92	53	66	80	84	44	75
1933	lst "	92	77	40	67	88	67	82	136	12	81	53	54	133	86	39	57
	2nd "	98	98	40	62	81	81	103	166	- 11	79	65	48	107	88	42	52
	3rd ,,	114	85	44	59	83	91	109	150	10	80	56	49	129	84	46	46
	4th "	119	76	38	67	88	90	117	176	11	82	60	60	117	82	46	52
1934	lst "	104	72	38	84	77	82	107	183	11	78	57	48	143	94	47	44
	2nd ,,	103	93	42	78	78	104	115	159	15	82	53	43	150	90	52	41
	3rd ,,	98	78	41	66	76	114	113	157	15	80	45	42	151	87	49	45
	4th "	100	91	41	73	89	117	120	197	18	98	50	55	136	95	53	47
1935	lst "	93	100	39	82	86	107	121	164	16	89	50	47	146	97	53	37
	2nd "	97	101	46	76	91	123	121	185	21	97	67	49	124	95	57	39
	3rd "	98	93	46	73	92	150	135	179	22	91	47	44	132	94	57	43
	4th "	114	73	43	80	111	141	137	182	22	101	42	50	141	101	63	49
1936	Ι	95	73	42	80	105	146	132	184	14	98	41	57	153	107	63	42
	Π	97	58	40	98	94	124	125	163	20	82	44	49	160	103	57	43
	III	107	76	34	109	101	147	142	203	21	85	52	45	158	101	65	41
	IV	102	91	32	101	99	140	134	186	14	98	37	40	152	105	63	41
	V VI	103 118	70	42	96 88	93 117	146 162	124 123	195 199	21	113	43 48	42 46	160 184	103	62 68	38 40
	VII.	122	95	46	88	128	184	141	190	23	99	42	43	212	108	67	42
	<b>VIII</b>	106	78	37	84	86	166	128	176	18	79	39	41	178	99	62	44
•	IX	114	73	39	80	100	170	147	207	20	103	44	48	159	98	64	50
	X	109	113	52	87	123	167	148	198	29	122	127	51	185	111	73	56
	XI XII	105 137	77	55	92 109	112 116	149 173	132 145	303 281	29 25	116	64 61	66 76	189 202	112	67 84	55 57
			^					112	201		127						
1937		118	72	60	98	110	150	133	214	21	113	51	72	230	120	74	51
	II	120	69	45	130	99	135	125	203	23	127	50	53	239	115	64	46
	III IV	153	90 136	51	136 130	114	153 179	167 137	237 241	30	116	48	66	212	116	78 73	57
	$\mathbf{v}$	141	69	45	110	113	174	126	234	34	134	58	72	159	116	70	59
	VI	134	92	47	102	115	182	157	221	33	132	59	74	183	111	72	53
	VII	139	102	60	100	131	216	144	221	48	129	59	76	173	115	73	62
	VIII	121	84	41	95	123	192	137	197	58	110	42	76	178	107	67	65
	IX X	124	97 96	47	94 108	127 153	164 184	171	191	52	126	56	58 77	168	104 116	67 72	62
	XI	121	128	61	108	133	184	145 183	212 242	51 60	132	85 61	79	146	112	66	
	XII	170		52		141		192	222	57	150	62	90	163	113	75	
	<b>-</b>		ļ														
1938	I II	111		48 40		130 113		151	198	41	125	60 45		•••	119 110	64	
		•••		40		- 113	•••		•••	•••	109	-12	•••		110	•••	•••

¹ All clearing houses. — ³ Outside New York City. — ³ Average for the four or five weeks ending on the last Monday of each month.

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# Table XIV. - PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS AND INVESTMENTS (1929 = 100.)

				1929	- 100			
Country	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
	1							*
( (a)	101	102	93	86	83	74	87	67
(b)	109	99	95	100	101	56	64	61
$rgentime \dots \dots \dots \dots \begin{pmatrix} (c) \\ (d) \end{pmatrix}$	105	100	94	93	93	64	74	63
(d) (e)	115	128	124	115	110	129	129	134
$\left(\begin{array}{c} \left( e\right) \\ \left( f\right) \end{array}\right)$	106	102	96	95	94	67	77	67
( (a)				.	ļ .	•	•	
(b) (c)	. 92	87	89	90	97	100	100	•
$ustrana - \dots$ (d)	}	226	274	270	269	230	232	
(e) (j)	93	97	102	102	108	109	109	
						l I	42	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	75	58	50	158 74	42 82	42	89	•
(b)	99	94	87			84	88	•
$\begin{bmatrix} ew \ Zealand \ ^1 \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ . \ $	99	94	86	77	81	84	134	•
(u) (e)	82	163 57	257	486 57	29	95	43	•
	57 97	100	57 102	114	83	43 84	92	
( (a)								
(b)	95	90	89	· • 90	91		98	
ustralasia ²	i			203	185	96		•
(e)	} 101	147	179		ł	171	164	•
	96	96	99	102 44	102 49	104	- 105	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	100	•	45		39	48	51	•
(b) (c)	100	ļ	52	44 44	40	36	33 35	•
ustria $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots $ $(c)$	100		51 53	51	46	38		•
(e) (i)	1 100		51	45	41	49	46	•
U		1 ·				39		
( (a)	104	101	83	85		69	69	.
(6)	98	74	59	• 55	•	38	37	· ·
elgium ^a	99	80	64	62	•	45	. 44	·
	125	126	123	121	{ ·	55	78	· ·
(e) (1)	)   104	88	74	72	l • 1 •	19 50	20 53	1 :
( (a)	89	87	55	52	44	37	70	
(b)	104	82	84	77	95	98	124	· ·
	100	83	76	70	.81	79	109	· ·
olivia	100	100	100	100	100	525	450	ļ
(e)	115	115	100	102	95	82	88	[ ]
UŴ	103	90	81	76	84	83	108	
( (a)	85	83	102	106	105	117		
(6)	103	101	105	110	124	127 .		•
$\mathbf{razil} \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \begin{pmatrix} (c) \\ (d) \end{pmatrix}$	95	92	104	108	115	122		•
(e)	138	157	161	166	157	196		
U (1)	96	95	106	110	117	125		
( (a)	75	54	45	35	29	31	35	.
(6)	89	67	53	51	46	39	42	.
ulgaria	83	57	46	41	39	36	39	
(d)	· ·	100	37	24	170	130	124	.
(e) (f)		100	111	102	79	68		· ·
	83	61	50	44	42	39	44	1

(e) Other investments and participations.(f) Total. (c) Total discounts, loans and advances.(d) Government securities. (a) Discounts.(b) Loans and advances.

Provisional figures.
End of June following year. Accounts of domestic offices only.
End of June following year. Including accounts of branches outside the Dominions.
Figures since 1935 are not strictly comparable with those for previous years.

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# Table XIV. — PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS AND INVESTMENTS (1929 = 100) (continued).

				1929	- 100			
Country -	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1036	1937
								1
(	(a) . (b) .		•	•	· ·		· ·	· ·
	(c) 81	73	. 64	60	57	54	50	5
anada	(d) 137	162	186	207	237	282	325	32
					79	96		21
	(e) 118 (f) 90	113	93 82	97 82	84	88	181	9
		31	28	62	75	95	114	13
	(a) 76 (b) 103	92	93	92	114	125	126	13
	(c) 95	73	73	83	102	116	123	13
bile	(d) 88	188	388	175	81	138	175	13
	(e) 102	78	87	88	173	138	117	11
	( <i>f</i> ) 95	75	77	84	106	117	123	13
,								
(	(a) 84	58	36	34	48	59	76	9
	(b) 92	86	68	69	36	34	41	3
olombia	(c) 88	71	51	45	43	48	60	6
······································	$\binom{(d)}{(d)}$ 106	114	153	209	239	187	209	18
	(e) ]					1		
	(f) 90	76	63	64	64	64	77	8
(	(a) 103	79	70	72	72	83	89	.
	(b) 99	83	71	66	67	66	67	.
zechoslovakia	(c) 100	83	71	67	68	68	· 69	.
zeenosiovakia	$\binom{d}{d}$   110	112	91	94	96	100	105	
	(e) }					•		-
(	(1) 101	87	74	70	72	72	74	
(	(a) 106	107	89	87	89	95	103	11
	(b) 99	98	88	89	92	96	105	10
enmark	(c) 101	100	88	89	92	96	105	1 10
	(d) 96	77	86	113	155	131	133	} 94
	(e) 116	104	102	107	113	109	99 105	J   10
(	(†) 104	100	91	94	96	100		10
(	(a) 109	73	84	194	267	276	June261	45
	(b) 91	73	73	67	72	67	83	3
Scuador	(c) 95	73	76	98	120	118	126	14
	(d) 100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
	(e) 103	79	77	74	76	84	87	12
(	(1) 96	74	76	95	115	115	122	14
(	(a) 98	78	67	70	80	84	103	.
	(b) 111	93	76	74	71	77	84	· ·
Stonia	(c) 105	86	72	72	75	80	93	1
	$\binom{d}{d}$ 140	113	147	173	227	440	733	.
	(e) )	86	73	74	77	85	102	1
(	(1) 105		1					
(	(a) 82	71	55	43	41	46	45	5
	(b) 104	103	102	99	97	95	94	10
inland $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$	(c) 96	92	86	79	77	78	77	8
	(d) 106	122	128	263	328	384	1,025	1,13
	(c) 122 (1) 97	129 93	160	172	337 84	373	467 89	51
(				82				"
(	(a) 95	81	98	89	82	72	79	· ·
	(b) 115	97	73	78	77	75	71	· ·
rance	(c) 102	86	89	85	80	73	76	· ·
(Deposit banks)	$ \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \end{pmatrix} $ 117	132	101	104	104	100	101	
	(1) 102	86	89	85	80	74	76	{ .
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	177 102	1 00	1 %	1 07		1	1	

(a) Discounts.
 (b) Loans and advances.
 (c) Total discounts, loans and advances.
 (d) Government securities.
 (e) Other investments and participations.
 (f) Total.

* Provisional figures.

# Table XIV. — PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS AND INVESTMENTS (1929 = 100) (continued).

				1929	- 100			
Country	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
	·							
· ( (a)	97	82	96	64	59	51	71	· ·
(6)	78	46	33	40	36	36	35	•
ance	85	59	· 56	49	45	42	49	· ·
(Investment banks)	109	118	115	105	88	81	88	
(e)	ļ							
	89	69	66	58	52	49	55	•
( (a)	95	81	98	87	80	71	78	
(b)	109	88	66	72	70	69	65	
ance	l 100	84	86	81	77	70	73	I .
(Deposit and investment (d)	}	121	112	105	92	90	91	
banks) (e) (f)	100	84	87	82	77	71	74	
		· ·						
$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$	85	50	55	59	70	74	91	114
(6)	102	78	66	57	54	. 48	47	47
$rmany^1$	97	71	63	57	58	55	58	63
(All banks) (d)	141	1,179	1.731	1,503	1.248	1.817	2,100	1,690
(e)	94	93	81	81	100	99	106	108
	97	75	68	62	68	61	65	69
( (a)	90	61	65	66	78	113	· ·	1 .
· (b)	97	66	56	50	46	39	· .	
rmany ²	95	65	59	54	55	59		
(All banks) (d) (e)	98	129	129	107	117	172	.	.
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0 \end{array} \right]$	95	69	63	58	59	67		.
( (a)	85	49	57	58	66	72	83	1 100
(6)	96	65	58	49	43	39	36	100
	93	60	57	51	49	49		35
	127	373	440	520	2.007	2,673	50	54
(Big Berlin banks) (d) (e)	91	85	97	89	123	120	2,953	2,913
	93	61	60	. 54	55	55	135	135
				1	1		57	61
( (a)	69	58	. 41	71	71	65	70	.
(b)	147	142	140	128	141,	161	160	.
eece	121	113	107	107	117	129	129	1 .
(d)	129	123	111	103	106	105	108	
(e) (j)	1 122	115	108	106	115	124	125	· ·
				1			· ·	· ·
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	109	103	93	92	94	94	96	95
(b)	105	91	78	73	70	70	68	73
ungary	1 107	97	85	82	82	81	81	84
(d) (e)	98	96	213	210	211	217	215	232
Uŵ	107	97	89	86	86	86	85	88
( (a)	104	102	109	97	77	75	69	71
(b)	98	74	67	71	61	56	60	69
aly	101	88	89	84	69	66	65	70
(All banks) ⁸ (d)	} 93	69	66	74	71	71	68	1
(e) (1)	1 100	85	85	82				72
					69	67	65	70
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	104	102	109	97	77	75	· 69	71
(b)	90	62	54	60	54	44	45	61
aly	1	90	93	86	70	66	62	68
(All banks) ⁴ (d) (e)		69	66	74	71	71	68	72
νõ	98	86	87	83	70	67	63	69
,	1	1	1	1	1	l °'	1 05	עס ן

(e) Other investments and participations. (j) Total. (a) Discounts.
 (c) Total discounts, loans and advances.
 (b) Loans and advances.
 (d) Government securities.

November returns.
 December figures.
 Loans include correspondents.
 Loans excluding correspondents.

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# Table XIV. — Percentage Movements of Commercial Bank Credits and Investments (1929 = 100) (continued).

(a) Discounts.	(c) Total discounts, loans and advances.	(e) Other investments and participations.
(b) Loans and advances.	(d) Government securities.	(f) Total.

				1929	- 100			
Country	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	95	87	94	98	105	119	141	207
(b)	102	102	101	102	90	105	115	139
	102	102	100	102	92	103	119	159
$ \begin{array}{c} \text{(apan)} \\ \text{(Classing house Member} \\ \text{(Classing house Member} \\ \text{(d)} \\ \end{array} $	1							
banks)	96	93	96	107	123	139	153	151
t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t t	99	97	99	104	104	119	132	151
( (a)	91	41	29	29	29	23	35	35
. (b)	94	51.	42	37	36	40	72	127
atvia	93	47	37	34	33	33	57	91
(0)	} 125	125	131	83	125	561	461	1,300
Uŵ	94	49	39	35	35	46	67	120
( (a)	164	123	96	93	82	73	86	
(b)	113	112	96	95	98	93	103	
ithuania (c)	127	115	96	95	93	88	99	•
(d) (e)	97	97 ·	94	93	95	96	118	
	123	113	96	94	94	89	102	
( (a)	104	45	51	74	96	72	101	
(b)	97	104	88	120	112	148	168	
(0)	100	79	73	101	105	117	140	1
(d)	97	60	68	91	98	54	66	
(e) (f)	1 100	77	72	99	105	109	131	·
· (()	101	82	81	65	66	63	78	•
(4)	91	82	65	63	58	52	58	· ·
(0)	94	82	69	63	60	55	64	
	135	146	128	109	77	65	54	
(e) (f)	97	88	74	67	62	56	63	
	1	100			88		105	
	104	100	96 94	92	88	101 93	90	100
(b)	100	100	94	92 92	88	95	90	92
Norway	98	86	76	76	62	62	47	ว่ ่
(4)	103	88	83	70	74	76	72	66
	101	97	92	89	84	91	89	,   87
( (a)	70	48	66	44	59	74	102	
(6)	76	80	82	59	72	83	96	
Peru ¹	73	66	75	53	66	79	99	· .
(d)	89	j 4	9	9	10	13	15	
(c)	ļ	44	40	39	39	56	62	.
U (1)	76	63	70	52 .	64	77	95	· ·
( (a)	92	56	44	39	39	35	37	41
(6)	110	80	69	58	59	60	55	38
Poland	102	69	57	50	46	48	47	39
(d) (d) (e)	102	87	83	81	109	139	130	63
	,   102	70	59	51	52	53	51	40
( (a)	66	55	59	66	78	85		Ι.
(b)	94	83	76	62	62	57		1
(0)	78	67	. 66	64	71	73		.
Portugal $\ldots \ldots	93	79	77	134	148	146		
(e) (f)	)	ł		1		79		
UD	79	68	67	70	78	//	•	· ·

* Provisional figures. ¹ Figures for 1929 have been converted into soles.

# Table XIV. -- PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS AND INVESTMENTS (1929 = 100) (continued).

				1929	- 100			
Country	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	98	81	69	68	29			
(b)	100	72	63	59	62			
(c)	99	77	66	63	46			
oumania $\ldots \ldots	} 96	99	75	60	65	·.		
(e) (i)	ļ				1			•
	99	78	67	63	48	,	•	•
( (a)	102	83	88	85	87	99	·	•
(6)	105	79 83	79 82	83 84	82 85	79 87	·	•
pain ¹	104	110	115	121	137	154		•
	105	94	94	95	101	100	•	•
(e) (t)	106	94	93	95	102	100		•
								•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	104	107	104	90	86	88	87	94
(b)	106	106	95 97	87	86	86	92	92
veden	106	106		88	86	87	90	. 92
(u) (e)	117	104	108	117	162	164	155	128
Um	107	106	98	90	92	93	96	· 95
( (a)	105	72	60	50	48	35	35	
(b)	103	101	101	99	98	93	89	.
witzerland	103	97	96	93	92	86	83	
(4)	} 116	121	121	109	103	104	110	
(e) (f)	1 104	99	97	94	92	87	85	
( (a)	113	103	112	133	102	164	201	· ·
	131	125	120	149	166	148	167	· ·
	127	121	119	146	154	151	174	•
$urkey \dots	i					(	14	
(e)	115	160	165	271	342	467	581	•
$\Box$	127	124	122	155	167	175	205	
( (a)	74	58	57	55	64	63	66	
(6)	92	100	86	81	102	106	117	
nion of South Africa ² (c)	87	89	79	75	92	95	104	
(d)	151	154	209	206	200	126	337	
(c)	67	83	133	67	267	217	300	•
UM	91	93	87	83	101	98	121	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	82	55	62	68	64	76	72	•
(6)	89	86	81	78	96	99	111	•
nion of South Africa ³ $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	87	78	76	75	87	93	100	•
(d)	182	129	223	254	247	220	279	•
(e) (j)	75	67 86	108 101	100	167	150	233	•
				105	115	115	132	•
nited Kingdom and $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	141	104	174	131	114	136	129	•
Ireland: (b)	94	91	78	74	77	79	86	•
England and Wales $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$	102	93	64	85	83	89	94	•
(a) (e)	119	119	197	234	244	245	260	•
	102	102 97	118 111	130	134 109	159	156	•
					1	115	121	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	100	133	140	102	53	58	46	•
Scotland (b)	94	79 86	70 80	65	72	71	72	•
Scotland	116	119	163	70 187	69	70	68	•
(u) (e)	130	139	165	199	191	212	224	•
	103	99	109	112	1	207	234	•
	1		'''	1	112	120	123	• .

(e) Other investments and participations.(j) Total. (c) Total discounts, loans and advances.(d) Government securities. (a) Discounts.(b) Loans and advances.

Figures for 1935 are provisional.
 Accounts of offices within the Union only.
 Including accounts of branches outside the Union.

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# Table XIV. -- PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS AND INVESTMENTS (1929 = 100) (concluded).

(a) Discounts.
 (b) Loans and advances.
 (c) Total discounts, loans and advances.
 (d) Government securities.
 (e) Other investments and participations.
 (f) Total.

Country				1929	- 100			
Country	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
( (a)	531	533	592	506	84	76	78	
	75	75	69	69	88	86	88	
Ireland $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$	98	98	96	91	88	86	87	
Ireland $(d)$							1	
(e)	104	100	115	111	110	112	113	•
Um	101	99	105	100	98	98	99	
( (a)						• .	•	
(6)	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	•
(c) (All banks)	97	82	62	46	44	42	44	•
(All banks) (d)	97	144	150	178	244	265	169	
(e)	108	97	75	56	52	73		
U	99	91	73 ·	62	66	71	79	•
( (a)		•		•				
· · · (b)	•	· ·		-	•		•	
(c)	9î	74	58	49	46	47	51	
(Member banks) (a)	107	138	169	188	282	318	351	
(e)	116	101	97	87	88	94	103	•
	97	85	76	70	78	83	92	-
( (a)				•			-	
(6)			•	· •				
(c)	111	107	100	104	111	114	132	
$fruguay^2 \dots	•		•	••		•	-	
(e)	•	•	•	•	•		•	
U (II)	•		•	•	•	•	•	
( (a)	111	118	92	117	99	78		
(6)	92	101	101	99	81	66		
enezuela ³	94	103	100	102	83	67	<b>-</b> .	
(d)	100	91	135	174	171	176		
(e)			155	174		1/0	•	•
	95	102	102	107	90	76	•	-
( (a)	107	101	83	78	75	67	.59	
(6)	117	102	89	79	70	68	73	
ugoslavia	113	102	87	79	72	67	68	
$\begin{pmatrix} (d) \\ (e) \end{pmatrix}$	154	143	129	114	109	126	129	
$\begin{bmatrix} 10\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	116	104	90	81	74	72	72	-

¹ End of June each year.
 ⁸ Excluding the Banco de la República.
 ⁸ Four banks.

Table XV. - PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS.

(a) Discount (b) Loans an (c) Governm (d) Other in	nd advances ent securiti	ess .		as percenta	ige of total	of these i	tems.		
Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Argentine	42.9	40.8 53.4	42.8 50.4	41.5 51.5	38.8 54.7	37.9 55.8	46.9 42.8	48.2 42.8	42.7 46.6
(c) (d)	5.4	5.8	6.8	7.0	6,5	6.3	10.3	9.0	10.7
Australia ¹ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	93.2	91.8	84.0	81.6	82.0	83.0	85.6	85.4	
$\begin{pmatrix} (0)\\ (d) \end{pmatrix}$	6.8	8.2	16.0	18.4	18.0	17.0	[4,4	14.6	•
$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	2.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	
New Zealand $1 \dots \dots \dots $	87.6	89.9	83.0	75.0	57.2	87.0	88.0	85.0	•
(0) (d)	9.3	7.9	15.1	23.4	39.5	11.6 0.4	10.4 0.6	13.5 0.6	•
	1	0.7	0,7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	•
Australasia ² $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	88.8	88.2	82.9	79.8	77.8	79.6	81.7	82.6	•
(d)	} 11.2	11.8	17.1	20.2	22.2	20.4	18.3	17.4	•
( (a)		10.3	•	9.1	10.2	12.5	12.6	14.3	
Austria	Į .	77.5	•	78.3	75.9	73.7	72.2	70.6	
$ \begin{pmatrix} (c) \\ (d) \end{pmatrix} $	•} •	12.2		12.6	13.9	13.8	15.2	15.1	
( (a)	19.2	19.2	22.2	21.5	22.7		26.5	24.8	
$\operatorname{Belgium}^{\mathfrak{s}} \cdot $	63.8	60.3	53,4	50,4	48.6		48.4	43.9	
(c)	} 17.0	20.5	24.4	28.1	28.7	1	18.6	24.8	
( (d) ( (a)	ł				· ·		6.4	6.5	
Bolivia (two banks) $(b)$	22.1	19.2	21.4	15.2	14.9	11.6	9.8	14.4	· ·
$\frac{1}{(c)}$	0.7	58.8 0.7	53.4 0.7	60.5 0.8	58.8	65.9 0.8	67.0 4.4	67.1	· ·
( ( d)	19.0	21.3	24.5	23.5	25.4	21.7	18.8	15.6	
( (a)	44.4	39.3	38.8	42.9	42.7	39.9	41.6		
Brazil	51.9	55.4	55,1	51.5	51.7	55.2	52.7		
(c) (d)	3.7	5.3	6.1	5.6	5.6	4.9	5.7		
( (a)	43.7	39.7	32.7	32.2	27.7	30.3	34.9	35.1	
Bulgaria	56.3	60.3	61.3	60.5	64.9	61.4	57.5	54.4	·
(c)	• .		1.0	0.5	0.3	2.6	2.2	i i	
( (d)		•	5.0	6.8	7.1	5.7	5.4	10.5	
Canada	83.3	74.9	70.1	64.7	61.0	57.2	51.5	45.0	45.0
(c)	14.3	21.9	26.7	32.5	36.1	40.5	45.9	50.2	49.6
( <i>(d</i> )	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.6	4.8	5.4
( (a)	28.4	22.6	11.8	10.3	21.0	21.9	22.9	26.3	28.6
Chile $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	64.2	69.7	79.2	77.8	70.2	69.1	68.5	66.2	64.8
(0)	0.9	0.8	2.3	4.6	1.9	0.5	1.0	1.3	0.9
((d)	6.5	6.9	6.7	7.3	6.9	8.5	7.6	6.2	5.7
Colombia		45.3	37.3	28.0	25.3	36.1	44.8	47.7	56.1
Colombia		41.0	45.3	43.5	36.8	22.6	21.2	21.0	16.9
(d)	} 11.6	13.7	17.4	28.5	37.9	41.3	34.0	31.3	27.0
Czechoslovakia		10.2	9.1	9.6	10.2	10.1	11.5	12.0	
(c)	1	74.7	73.0	73.2	71.3	71.2	69.1	68,3	·
(d)		15.1	17.9	17.2	18.5	18.7	19.4	19.7	
( <i>(a)</i>	16.5	16.9	17.7	16.1	15.4	14.9	15.7	16.3	17.7
Denmark $\ldots \ldots	59.6	57,2	58.6	57.8	57.0	56.1	57.4	59.9	60.6
$ \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} $	4.2	3.9	3.2	4.0	5.1	6.6	5.5	5.3	21.7
(14)	19.7	22.0	20.5	22.1	22.5	22.4	21.4	18.5	

(a) Discounts
(b) Loans and advances

* Provisional figures.
¹ End of June following year. Accounts of domestic offices only.
² End of June following year. Including accounts of branches outside the Dominions.
³ Figures since 1935 are not strictly comparable with those for previous years.

# Table XV. - PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS (continued).

<ul> <li>(a) Discoun</li> <li>(b) Loans a</li> <li>(c) Governi</li> <li>(d) Other in</li> </ul>	as percentage of total of these items.								
Country	1929	1930	1931	1032	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Ecuador $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	21.9	24.8	21.7	24.3	44.7	50.8 42.6	52.9 39.8	June 46.8 46.1	71.9
(c) (d) ((a)	0.2 9.8 45.0	0.2	0.2 10.5 40.6	0.2 10.0 41.1	0.2 7.6 42.6	0.2 6,4 46.6	0.2 7.1 44.3	0.1 7.0 45.4	0.2 8.7
Estonia	53.5	56.4	57.5	56.0 2.9	54.0	49.1	48.2	44.2	
Finland	34.1 63.2 0.3	28.9 67.8 0.3	26.2 70.1 0.4	21.5 73.7 0.5	17.7 76.3 1.0	16.7 72.5 1.3	18.4 69.8 1.5	17.2 66.6 3.7	18.2 66.2 3.6
(d) France	2.4 64.5 34.8	3.0 60.0 39.2	3.3 60.2 38.8	4.3 70.8 28.4	5.0 67.3 31.9	9.5 65.7 33.4	10.3 63.5 35.6	12.5 66.8 32.3	12.0
(Deposit banks) $\begin{pmatrix} (c) \\ (d) \end{pmatrix}$	0.7	0.8	· 1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	
France $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \\ (Investment banks) \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} (c) \\ (c) \\ (c) \end{pmatrix}$	30.9 52.6 16.3	33.7 46.0 20.3	36.8 34.9 28.3	44.9 26.4 28.7	34.1 36.0 29.9	34.9 36.9 28.2	32.2 38.8 29.0	39.9 33.7 26.4	
$ \begin{array}{c} (d) \\ \text{France} \\ \text{(Deposit and Investment} \end{array} $	60.5 36.9	57.2 39.9	57.9 38.4	68.5 28.2	64.4 32.3	63.2 33.7	60.9 35.9	64.4 32.4	.
	2.6	2.9 20.3	3.7 15.5	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2 28.5	3.2 32.6	. 38.3
$\begin{array}{c c} \text{Germany}^{1} \dots \dots \dots & \left  \begin{array}{c} b \\ b \\ \text{(All banks)} \end{array} \right  \\ \begin{array}{c} c \\ c \\ d \end{array}$	70.9 0.2 5.6	74.0 0.3 5.4	74.3 3.2 7.0	69.1 5.1 6.7	65.6 4.9 7.4	61.1 4.0 8.9	56.4 6.0 9.1	51.7 6.5 9.2	48.1 4.9 8.7
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Germany}^2 \dots \dots \dots \dots \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \\ (All \text{ banks}) \\ (c) $	25.6 67.5 6.9	24.2 68.7 7.1	22.7 64.5 12.8	26.4 59.6 14.0	29.3 57.9 12.8	33.9 52.5 13.6	43.2 39.2 17.6		
$\begin{array}{c} (d) \\ Germany \dots \dots \dots \\ (Big Berlin banks) \\ (c) \end{array}$	27.8	25.3 70.2 0,2	22.0 71.2 0.8	26.4 65.5 1.0	29.8 61.7 1.3	33.1 52.3 5.0	36.5 47,4 6.6	40.0 42.7 7.1	45.2 38.7 6.5
(d) (a)	4.4 27.8 54.0	4.3 15.6 65.0	6.0 14.0 66.5	7.1 10.6	7.2 18.6	9.6 17.1	9.5 14.6 70.0	10.2 15.5	9.6
Greece	} 18.2	19.4	19.5	70,5	63.8 17.6	66.1 16.8	15.4	68.8 15.7	
Hungary $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$	46.7 50.2 } 3.1	47.9 49.2 2.9	49.8 47.1 3.1	48.9 43.6 7.5	49.8 42.6 7.6	₹ 51.3 41.0 7.7	51.3 40.8 7.9	52.3 39,8 7.9	50.3 41.5 8.2
Italy(a)(All banks) ³ (b)(c)(c)(d)	43.0 41.0 } 16.0	44.8 40.2 15.0	51.5 35.4 13.1	55.0 32.5 12.5	50.4 35.2 14.4	47.7 35.8 16.5	48.4 34.6 17.0	42.3 34.9 22.8	43.7 40.0 16.3
Italy(a)(All banks) ⁴ (c)(d)	55.9 23.2 20.9	59.1 21.1 19.8	66.4 16.8 16.8	69.8 14.4 15.8	64.8 16.6 18.6	61.2 17.7 21.1	62.6 15.4 22.0	55.3 14.9 29.8	57.8 20.5 21.7
Japan	10.2 53.0	9,9 54.5 35.6	9.2 55.5 35.3	9,7 54.3 36.0	9.7 52.3 38.0	9.9 48.2 41.9	10.3 46.9 42.8	11.0 46.1 42.9	14.1 49.0 36.9

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(a) Discounts
(b) Loans and advances
(c) Covernment securitie

November returns.
 December figures.
 Loans include correspondents.
 Loans excluding correspondents.

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Table XV. — PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS (continued).

(a) D (b) L (c) G	Incentrate ( iscounts pans and advan overnment secutor ther investment	ices rities	as percentage of total of these items.								
Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937		
	(a) 39.0	37.9	32.3	29.3	31.9	31.7	19.6	21.1	11.5		
Latvia	(b)   58.6 (c)   2.4	58.8	61.5	62.5	62.3	59.5	50.7	63.0	62.1		
Į	(d) $2.4$	3.3	6.2	8.2	5.8	8.8	29.7	16.9	26.4		
ſ	(a) 23.8 (b) 61.7	31.7	25.9	23.9	23.5	20.9 64.4	19.4	20.2	.		
	$(c) \\ (d) $ 14.5	11.4	12.5	14.2	14.3	14.7	15.7	16.9			
	(a) 36.3	37.8	21.2	25.5	27.0	33.2	24.0	27.9			
	(b) 51.3	50.0	69.2	62.9	61.7	55.2	69.8	65.8			
	$(c) \\ (d) $ 12.4	12.2	9.6	11.6	11.3	11.6	6.2	6.3			
	(a) 25.6	26.6	24.0	27.8	24.6	27.3	29.0	31.7			
	(b)   65.6	61.3	61.5	57.1	61.1	61.8	60.8	60.7	•		
	$\begin{array}{c} (c) \\ (d) \end{array} \right\}  8.8$	12.1	14.5	15.1	14.3	10.9	10.2	7.6	.		
	(a) 25.6	26.3	26.2	26.8	26.3	27.2	28.5	30.2	29.6		
NORWAY	(b) 54.0 (c) 6.0	53.2	55.5	55.1	55.8	56.3	55.4	54.9	54.7		
	(c) 6.0 (d) 14.4	5.8 14.7	5.3 13.0	5.0 13.1	5.1 12.8	4.3 12.2	4.1	3.2	15.7		
	(a) 37.0	34.0	28.0	34.6	31.6	34.4	35.5	39.7	, 		
	(b) 46.3	46.4	59.2	53.7	52.8	52,6	49.5	46.8	1 :		
	(c) 16.7	19.6	j́ 1.1	2.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.6			
	(a) ]	ļ '	1 11.7	9.5	12.7	10.2	12.1	10.9	•		
	(a) 43.7 (b) 51.1	39.6	35.3 58.2	32.5	33.5	30.5	28.7	31.3	44.3		
	(0) 52	55.2	6.5	60.1 7.4	58.2 8.3	58.5 11.0	57.5	55.4	47.5		
	(a)	· ·					15.8		8.2		
	(a) 52.6 (b) 39.2	44.0	42.5	46.2	49.2	52.8	56.5	.			
		46.3	48.0	44.4	35.0	31.5	28.3	· ·	•		
(	(d)   0.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	15.8	15.7	15.2		•		
)	(a) 43.8	43.4	45.3	45.2	46.7	26.7		.			
Roumania	(b)   47.5 (c)   97	48.1	43.7	45.0	45.0	61.3	· ·	· ·	l . •		
l	(d) 8.7	8.5	11.0	9.8	8.3	12,0		•	•		
	(a) 22.9	22.0	21.0	21.5	20.2	19.9	20.4				
Spain ¹	(b) 31.4 (c) 26.8	30.9	27.2	26.4	27.2	25.3	21.5		•		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(c) 26.8 (d) 18.9	28.5	32.2 19.6	33.0	33.8	36.0	40.3		•		
	(a) 26.5	25.9	26.8	28.1	ſ	18.8	17.8				
	(b) 65.4	65.3	65.3	63.0	26.4 63.2	24.8	25.2	24.3	26.1		
	(0) 1 01	8.8	7.9	8.9	10.4	61.0 14.2	60.6 14.2	62.6 13.1	63.1		
	$\begin{pmatrix} d \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$	1					14.2	15.1	10.8		
	(a) 11.9 (b) 80.9	12.0	8.6 82,6	7.3 83.7	6.3	6.2	4.8	5.0	•		
Switzerland $\ldots$	(c) )	1 .	1	1	85.3	85.8	86.5	85.6	•		
		8.0	8.8	9.0	8.4	8.0	8.6	9.4	•		
	(a) 18.4 (b) 74.3	16.5	15.4	16.9	15.7	11.2	17.3	18.0			
Turkey ²	(b) 74.3 (c) -	76.8	75.1	73.2	71.4	73.8	63.1	60.7	· ·		
l	$ \begin{array}{c} (c) \\ (d) \end{array} $ 7.4	6.7	9.5	9.9	12.9	15.0	19.6	0.5	•		
	(a) 23.8	19.3	14.7	15.6	15.8	15.1	15.4	12.9			
CHICH OF BOULD AFFICH	(b) 68.8 (c) 6.3	69.3	73.8	67.6	67.5	69.4	74.1	66.6	•		
	(d) 1.1	10.6	10.5	15.1	15.8	12.6	8.1	17.8	•		
			1	1	0.9	2.9	2.4	2.7			

Provisional figures.
Figures for 1935 are provisional.
1936 is not strictly c mparable with previous years.
Accounts of offices within the Union only.

	<ul> <li>(a) Discound</li> <li>(b) Loans at</li> <li>(c) Governant</li> <li>(d) Other in</li> </ul>	nd advan nent secui	ities	cipations	as percentage of total of these items.							
Country		1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937		
	( (a)	22.2	17.7	14.1	13.7	14.4	12.3	14.7	12.2	•		
Union of South Africa ¹	(b) (c) (d)	59.8 16.8 1.2	51.8 29.6 0.9	59.8 25.1 1.0	47.9 37.1 1.3	44.1 40.3 1.2	49.8 36.1 1.8	51.7 32.0 1.6	50.2 35.4 2.2	· ·		
United Kingdom and Ireland :			0.9			1.2	1.0	1.0	2.2	-		
	$\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$	14.6	19.7	15.7	22.8	17.5	15.2	17.2	15.6			
England and Wales	(6)	66.8	59.9	62.3	46.7	45.8	46.8	45.8	47.5	• •		
	· · (c)	15.1	17.1	18.4	26.9	32.6	33.7	32.3	32.5	·		
	(d)	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.4	·		
	( (a)	9.1	8.8	12.3	11.7	8.3	4.3	4.4	3.4	•		
Scotland	(6)	55.7	51.0	44.5	35.7	32.4	35.5	33.2	32.5	- 1		
200000000000000000000000000000000000000	(0)	32.2	36.4	39.0	48.1	54.0	54.8	57.2	58.5	.		
	( <i>d</i> )	3.0	3.8	4.2	4.5	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.6	· ·		
	( (a)	2.7	14.1	14.5	15.2	13.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	.		
	(6)	50.4	37.5	38.2	33.4	34.8	45.3	44.4	44.5			
	(c) (d)	46.9	48,4	47.3	51.4	51.7	52.4	53.5	53.4			
J.S.A	$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	72.4	71.1	65.2	61.0	54.3	48.4	43.3	40.6	-		
(All banks) ²		10.3	10.1	16.3	21.2	29.9	38.1	38.8	)			
(	· (d)	17.3	18.8	18.5	17.8	15.8	13.5	17.9	59.4	•		
J.S.A.,	(a)	72.8	68.5	63.0	55.4	50.9	42.7	40.6	40.5			
(Member banks)	(0)	10.7	11.8	17.4	23.8	28.8	38.7	40.9	41.0			
	(d)	16.5	19.7	19.6	20.8	20.3	18.6	18.5	18.5			
,	( (a)	11.6	13.5	13.3	10.4	12.6	12.8	12.0				
··· · •		80.7	78.3	79.8	79.4	74.9	72.5	70.0	-			
Venezuela ³	(c) (d)	7.7	8.2	· 6.9	10.2	12.5	14.7	18.0		•		
	( (a)	36.2	33,3	35.2	33.3	36.3	34.0	29.7		-		
	(6)	56.8	57.3	55.2	56.6	53.3	53.6	57.7				
Yugoslavie	· · · (c) (d)	7.0	9.4	9.6	10.1	10.4	12.4	12.6	•	•		

# Table XV. — PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS (concluded).

Including accounts of branches outside the Union.
End of June each year.
Four banks.

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End of:	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
	17.5	17.5	18.4	19.0				
Argentine ¹	20.2	21.1	22.7	22,3	21.2	20.3	20.1	20.2
	15.1	12.6	22.7	15.8	15.3	15.9	16.3	11.2
	25.6	27.1	24.8	28.6	29.5	13.7	15.0	13.2
Belgium 4	108.5	121.3	139.6	156.8	94.3	68.4	37.9	31.7
Bolivia ⁸	20.4	20.9	22.4	130.0	19.7	18.2	20.1	51.7
Brazil 6	16.6	20.9	22.4	32.1	37.0	32.5	29.1	28.7
Bulgaria	9.8	11.2	11.7	12.3	11.2	10.8	10,2	9.7
Canada	42.6	48.9	60.1	47.5	40.5	35.3	34.6	32.4
	42.0	46.9	57.8	47.5	40.5	42.9	40.9	30.8
Colombia	12.2	12.2	11.1	10.7	11.3	11.0	10.0	9.8
Denmark	17.5	17.1	17.4	10.7	19.0	19.2	18.8	18.2
	56.2	48.0	56.3	43.7	31.0	27.3	31.4	10.2
	10.7	10.2	10.7	12.9	12.9	11.5	10.5	9.3
Finland 7	19.4	20.4	20.7	12.7	12.9	15.4	14.9	13.6
(A	8.3	8.4	7.3	7.8	8.9	9.3	14.9	10.0
France ^s B	19.2	20.2	28.3	28.5	28.5	30.9	33.4	27.1
	9.5	9.6	8.9	9.4	10.3	10.8	12.0	11.4
	9.3	9.0	16.0	9.8	9.8	9.2	9.7	9.5
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ $	10.9	11.8	11.9	15.8	17.5	18.2	20.3	9.5
	7.5	7.8	7.0	7.3	7.7	8.2	8.7	8.7
	20.4	19.7	21.7	20.6	14.6	13.9	14.8	14.6
	16.8	15.8	18.2	18.9	20.4	20.8	21.1	20.4
$[taly^{11} \dots $	14.5	14.2	16.2	18.7	16.4	14.1	14.1	12.8
$Japan ^{12} \dots	19.2	19.6	19.6	19.3	17.9	16.9	16.1	14.5
Latvia	22.8	25.1	48.7	57.6	58.1	53.2	73.4	42.5
Lithuania	26.5	22.3	27.3	29.1	32.5	33.8	35.9	30.9
Mexico ¹³	48.8	44.6	70.1	55.6	44.2	30.8	23.3	24.2
Netherlands	28.0	26.2	29.7	33.2	36.0	29.3	36.8	29.7
Norway 14	18.7	19.1	16.2	18.1	19.0	18.9	17.7	17.9
Peru	38.6	46.0	31.2	27.1	28.0	22.7	20.7	17.9
Poland	14.2	15.2	21.5	23.7	24.5	25.6	25.1	25.0
Portugal	21.0	28.6	34.5	38.8	32.3	23.0	23.1	
Roumanie.	23.3	25.3	-33.4	35.6	37.1	43.8		•
Spain $15$	16.7	16.7	19.2	18.9	18.1	17.2	16.2	•
Sweden	18.6	17.8	18.1	17.8	15.6	15.8	15.6	15.0
Switzerland ¹⁶	15.2	14.7	15.7	16.1	15.3	15.9	16.4	14.7
	39.1	44.5	46.7	48.4	43.5	44.2	41.7	32.3
Union of South Africa	12.2	12.1	10.8	11.6	9.9	9.7	9.1	8.5
United Kingdom and Ireland :						2.4		0.5
England and Wales	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.3	5.9
Scotland	10.1	10.7	11.5	10.3	10.2	10.0	9.5	9.3
Ireland	9.8	10.0	9.4	8.5	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5
( A ^a	15.4	16.0	16.6	18.8	17.2	16.1	14.6	, 12.6
$\mathbf{U.S.A.}^{17} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{a} \\ \ldots \\ \ldots \\ \ldots \\ \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a} \\ \ldots \\ \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a} \\ \ldots \\ \mathbf{a}	14.2	14.5	14.7	16.3	14.9	13.3	12.2	10.8
	15.0	15.3	16.7	16.5	16.0	13.3	12.2	10.0
$Uruguay 18 \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots$	37.3	33.9	34.7	31.1	33.7	33.2	32.4	30,4
Venezuela ¹⁹	22.5	33.3	30.5	31.6	29.6	25.0	52.4 19.4	50.4 19.6

Table XVI. - PERCENTAGE RATIO OF BANKS' OWN RESOURCES TO THEIR PUBLIC LIABILITIES, EXCLUDING ACCEPTANCES AND SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.*

* For years prior to 1929, see Commercial Banks, 1913-1929, Table IV, page 26.

For years prior to 1929, see Commercial Banks, 1913-1929, Table IV, page 20.
At the end of June each year.
Argentine : Including the Banco de la Nación.
Austrialasia : Including offices in London and branches outside Australia and New Zealand.
Austria : Principal commercial banks (four in 1929, five from 1930 to 1933 and four since 1934).
Belgium : Figures since 1935 not comparable with previous years.
Bolivia : Two banks.
Brazil : Including the Banco do Brazil with the exclusion of its note-issue department.
Figured : Presentation of statistics chanced as from 1934.

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 * Finland : Presentation of statistics changed as from 1934.
 * France : Principal commercial banks : A—Deposit banks. B—investment banks. C—Total.
 * Germany : A—All monthly reporting commercial banks at end of November each year. B—All commercial banks as at end of December each year. C—Big Berlin banks at end of each year. Since 1934, change in classification of accounts. ¹⁰ Greece: All commercial banks.

¹⁵ Merico : Re-classification of balas and accounts in 1952 and in 1955.
¹⁴ Norway : Free banks only.
¹⁵ Spain : " La banca inserita" only.
¹⁵ Switzerland : Change in presentation of statistics in 1935.
¹⁷ U.S.A. : A—All banks ; since 1929 including also stock savings banks. B—National Banks. C—Member Banks.
¹⁶ Uruguay : Excluding the Banco de la República Oriental del Uruguay.
¹⁶ Uruguay : La table : Gunda del accounte and account of the banks.

¹⁹ Venezuela : Up to 1934; four banks; since 1935: ten banks.

¹¹ Ilaly: All commercial banks.
¹² Japan: "Ordinary banks".
¹³ Mexico: Re-classification of banks and accounts in 1932 and in 1935.

# Table XVII. - Relation between Gross Profits, Expenses and Net Profits

Country		1029	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
	( (a)	72.4	62.4	<u> </u>	81.1	66.2	69.2	59.0	57.7
ustria ¹	(6)	0.5	128.7	· ·	673.4	64.7	90.4	9.6	17.5
1 - A	(0)	17.6	L 104.1		L 682.6	L 59.0	L 89.0	3.5	7.4
	( (a)	71.3	75.1	86.1	89.6	87.6	85.7	84.8	85.3
echoslovakia	(6)	2.6	2.8	108.5	2.4	4.4	13.3	9.8	3.1
· .	(0)	24.7	20.3	L 95.0	' 7.8	6.8	L 0.8	2.7	7.9
	( (a)	43.9	43.1	43.1	38.8	36.7	41.5	49.4	46.6
nmark	(6)	18.2	22.4	65.9	21.6	18.2	8.9	20.9	9.4
	(0)	36.9	33.4	L 10.1	38.1	43.7	48.1	27.9	42.3
	( (a)	55.8	54.3	56.3	64.0	56.0	50.0	45.2	. 40.
tonia	(0)	27.9	34.3	34.4	40.0	36.0	32.1	38.7	42.
	(0)	16.3	11.4	9.4	L 4.0	8.0	17.9	16.1	17.
	$\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	48.5	51.1	49.1 70.8	52.2 27.4	53.5 47.7	54.2 14.7	55.6	56.
nland	{ (b) (c)	14.0 37.3	16.1 32.6	L 20.3	20.4	L 1.2	30.4	31.7	32.
1			49.8		69.6	72.9	87.9	83.7	79.
ance (Invest. Banks)	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array} \right\}$	47.6 4.3	49.0		5.5	109.9	6.7	6.5	5.
ance (mvest. Danas)		47.1	43.8		21.5	L 86.1	1.1	5.2	10.
	( (a)	85.4	77.8	85.9	84.7	82.0	81.0	90.8	89.
rmany	{ (b)	0.4	9.6	191.8	40.9	23.0	12.0	0.7	0.
	6)	13.5	8.9	L 177.7	L 25.6	L 5.0	6.3	7.4	8.
	( (a)	77.7		77.1	. 77.3	79.3	69.1	65.7	· · .
eece	1 (6)	9.0		12.9	14.3	10.7	14.3	17.0	:
	(0)	13.3		10.0	8.4	10.0	16.6	17.3	[.
	( (a)	•	57.3	62.7	63.3	64.8	63.7	64.7	[ .
ingary	(6)		-	· ·			•		
	1 (0)	•	40.1	28.6	21.1	18.4	19.3	20.2	· ·
-	( (a)		70.9	74.4	78.9	78.4	88.2	· ·	.
ly'	(6)	•	1.3	1.4	1.4	170.6	0.8	· ·	
· · ·	((0)	•	27.0	23.6	19.2	L 149.7	10.2	· ·	· · •
	( (a)	•		•	•	· ·		· ·	· ·
pan	(6)		in a		ind			12.5	
	(())	12.1	12.2	4.3	10.4	11.4	12.8	1	
	$\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	60.2	60.2	76.2	91.9 48.6	53.3	74.3 60.0	76.7	70.
tvia	{ (b) (c)	17.2 22.6	40.9 L 1.1	L 54.0	L 40.5	L 28.9	L 34.3	10.0	12.
			36.4	35.0	41.5	37.4	46.8	46.6	42.
thuspip	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array}\right\}$	37.6	50.4	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	41.5	,,,,	40.0	40.0	· · ·
thuania	(0)	8.0	7.6	5.0	3.8	9.1	3.9	2.7	1.
•	( (a)	46.1	48.7	54.8	51.6	56.7	59.5	57.0	52.
therlands	(6)	21.3	21.4	45.7	32.6	28.3	22.8	13.7	11.
	(0)	29.9	27.5	L 3.1	13.3	11.2	14.0	26.2	33.
	( (a)	49.8	49.2	53.3	52.6	52.7	52.5	53.6	55.
rway (Free Banks)	1 (6)	20.6	20.4	142.4	28.9	33.1	26.4	28.3	20.
	(0)	29.6	30.4	L 95.7	18.5	14.2	21.1	18.1	24.
	( (a)	•		•	54.0	45.2	50.0	47.1	48.
ru	(6)	•	1 .		22.2	24.7	14.3	12.9	6.
	(0)	•	· ·	· ·	23.8	30,1	35.7	40.0	45.
	( (a )	96.6	91.0	102.4	105.1	130.0	109.5	112.5	•
land	(b)	<u>.</u>	1			T		7 126	•
· · · · · ·	(0)	3.4	9.0	L 2.4	L 5.1	L 30.0	L 9.5	L 12.5	•
· 4	$ \left\{\begin{array}{c} (a)\\ (b) \end{array}\right\} $	46.4 12.3	. 49.6	44.5 36.4	43.5 146.0	52.0 34.7	48,3 41.2	49.4	44.4
			24.7						

# OF COMMERCIAL BANKS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

¹ Five banks ; since 1934, four banks,

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# Table XVII. — RELATION BETWEEN GROSS PROFITS, EXPENSES AND NET PROFITS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES (concluded).

<ul> <li>(b) Depreciation accounts</li> <li>(c) Net Profit or Loss (L)</li> </ul>
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Country	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
( (a)	48.1	49.6	49.6	51.3	51.5	52.4	53.5	51.4
Switzerland $\ldots \ldots \ldots $ (b)	6.5	6.0	25.4	36.5	59.3	26.1	29.4	23.0
(0)	45.4	44.1	. 24.7	11.9	L 11.0	21.4	16.9	25.5
Inited Kingdom and Ireland :								
t (a)			•			.		.
• England and Wales $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \\ (c) \end{pmatrix}$	10.8	6.1	0.3	2.5	2.0	6.6	6.5	10.1
	83.0	88.4	96.3	93.7	93.8	89.8	87.2	84.8
( (a)					· .	.		1.
Scotland $\begin{pmatrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix}$	9.3	9.4	8.0	8.0	5.9	. 10.9	9.7	11.0
(0)	82.4	82.6	86.5	87.2	88.2	81.1	79.9	80.8
( (a)							-	
Ireland $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	5.2	4.6	2.5	2.1	0.0	2.2		
	93.6	94.3	96.3	96.5	100.0	97.0		
( (a)	54.6	60.1	59.2	62.0	59.6	60.4	62.5	63.3
J.S.A. (All Member banks) $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	18.8	26.3	50.0	72.0	91.9	87.6	54.0	40.7
	35.3	22.1	1.0	L 23.6	L 38.1	L 22.5	21.3	42.9
	1 ·	79.5	85.4	89.7	81.8	. 78.3	79.2	75.9
$Yugoslavia \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array} \right\}$		3.2	2.1	4.2	28.7	15.7	10.2	8.3
		16.3	11.6	5.4	L 13.5	6.0	10.6	5.8

Country		1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
	( (a)		1 .	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Australia and New Zealand ¹ .	(6)	6.7	5.1	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4
Avertain 8	(a)	32.0	32.4		64.3	30.0	26.3	26.7	41.4
Austria ³	(6)	5.6	L 33.8	•	L 438.7	L 17.7	L 23.4	0.9	3.1
Zechoslovakia	[ (a)	27.2	25.0	24.8	24.5	22.7	22.0	23.6	23.0
	( (b)	6.7	5.1	L 23.6	1.9	1.5	L 0.2	0.6	1.8
Denmark	(a)	17.4	17.9	19.2	20.3	22.6	20.3	17.7	18.7
•	(6)	6.4	6.0	$L_1.9$	7.7	9.9	9.8	4.9	7.9
Estonia	(a) (b)	49.8 8.1	40.5	44.1	32.6 L 1.3	31.8	37.9	41.6	50.8 9.1
		28.9	26.4	23.2	23.4	21.4	23.6	22.7	
Finland	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array}\right\}$	10.8	8.6	L 2.6	4.8	L 0.3	7.2	7.2	22.4
France	$\left( \left( a\right) \right)$								
(Deposit banks)	(6)	8.8	8.4	L 7.0	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.4	5.3
France	( (a)	23.1	23.3		14.1	12.4	12.0	11.7	12.8
(Investment banks)	(6)	10.9	10.2		3.0	L 10.7	0.1	0.6	1.4
France	( (a)			•					Ι.
(Dep. and Inv. banks)	(6)	9.3	8.8	L 5.3	5.5	2.4	5.0	5.3	4.6
Germany	(a)	51.8	50.4	66.4	58.6	58.9	57.1	51.6	54.5
(Big Berlin banks)	1 (6)	7.0	4.5	L 118.1	L 15.0	L 2.9	3.6	3.8	4.8
<b>Gm</b> 2000	(a)	56.6	•	55.2	53.3	50.6	33.9	35.8	
Greece	1 (6)	7.5	•	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.2 ·	• •
Hungary ⁸	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ \end{array} \right\}$	•	24.0	21.2	18.2	16.8	16.4	16.0	•
angaly to the test	( (b)	•	9.6	6.1	3.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	
Italy	$\left( \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ (b) \end{array} \right)$	25.1	23.3	19.4 4.6	17.8	24.5	21.4	•	· ·
(Three banks)	(6)	8.7	6.3	46.9	3.4	L 36.7	2.2		· ·
Japan	(a) (b)	51.5 6.2	52.9	2,0	47.4	46.8	48.0	47.7	· ·
	( (a) )	27.6	27.0	18.6	11.8	11.9	12.7	8.1	
Latvia	(6)	6.2	L 0.3	L 10.1	L 4.8	L 4.6	L 4.3	0.8	
	( (a)	33.4	33.8	34.5	28.5	25.6	21.1	20,3	20.8
Lithuania ⁴	(6)	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.0	2.4	0.7	0.5	0.3
	( (a)	20,3	14.0	16.0	16.1	14.7	17.7	16.7	18.8
Netherlands	(6)	6.1	4.8	L 0.5	2.1	1.6	2.5	4.4	6.2
Norway	(a)	16.2	16.4	20.1	18.2	18.0	18.3	19.0	19.6
(Free banks)	(6)	4.8	5.0	L 19.3	3.4	2.6	3.9	3.4	4.7
Peru ³	(a)	•	•	•	16.2	18.6	17.5	20.2	22.8
	(1)	•	•		3.9	5.6	6.2	8.1	10.4
Poland ³	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	36.3	33.3	26.6 L 0.6	20.9	· 14.2	15.4	15.4	•
	(6)	1.3	3.0	1		L 4.3	L 1.5	L 1.9	
Sweden	$\begin{cases} (a) \\ (b) \end{cases}$	18.6 7.5	17.9	19.4 3.6	19.1 L 17,1	18.4	19.0	19.1	22.3 9.4
	(6)	15.0	14.8	14.6	13.1	13.2	12.4	12.2	13.2
Switzerland	$\begin{cases} (a) \\ (b) \end{cases}$	6.8	6,5	3,6	1.6	L 1.4	2.7	2.1	3.4
United Kingdom and Ireland :									
	( (a)		.		] .			1 .	•
England and Wales	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} (a)\\ (b)\end{array}\right.$	8.2	7.3	7.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.0
	(a) (b)	•			.	.			
Scotland	1(6)	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.7
Ireland	(a) (b)		•	·	· ·	· · .	<u> </u>		<u>.</u>
Ttennu		8.6	8.5	8.7	7.7	7.4	7.1	7.2	7.2
U.S.A. ³	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	26.5	23.8	23.0	21.7	20.7	21.9	21.8	23.4
(All Member banks)	(6)	9.4	5.3	0.2	L 5.1	L 7.9	L 4.9	4.6	10.0
Yugoslavia	(a)		32.0	37.4	30.0	26.6	26.9	23.3	24.8

Table XVIII. - YIELD OF BANKING CAPITAL IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

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Figures refer to June of the following year.
 1929 to 1933: five banks; since 1934: four banks.
 Amounts brought forward are not taken into consideration.
 Gross profits (a) and not profits (b) as percentage of paid-up capital, reserves and earnings.