## BANK OF FINLAND

 MONTHLY BULLETIN
## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

## HOUSEBUILDING

During the course of 1962 and 1963, the volume of housebuilding grew more slowly than total production. In 1962, it had a growth rate of 1.4 per cent, and last year 2.9 per cent, against growth rates of 2.7 and 3.6 per cent respectively for total production. Despite an obvious retardation of increase in residential building, the demand for dwellings was the factor which maintained the growth of housebuilding as a whole. The volume of residential building rose by 13.6 per cent in 1962, and by only 3.3 per cent in 1963, whereas other housebuilding fell by 11.0 per cent in 1962, and grew by 0.8 per cent in 1963.

Information available for the first quarter of the current year points to a continuation of this development. Building permits for dwelling houses were issued to a volume (in terms of cubic metres) which was 9 per cent less than one year earlier, whereas for industrial construction there was an 18 per cent increase, and for commercial construction a 36 per cent increase in permits issued on those for the first quarter of 1963. In total, the permits issued during the first quarter of 1964 topped those one year earlier
by 14 per cent. However, the informative value of these comparisons is to some extent weakened by the figures for the first quarter of 1963 having been affected by building workers' strikes.

In part, the decline in dwelling construction may be ascribable to the revised legislation on tax relief for dwelling production, as the present act is less favourable to builders than was the previous one. Another reason is probably the stringency which has prevailed on the money market, as the demand for dwellings seems to be unabated. Moreover, the increase in industrial and commercial building is probably the result of expectations of rising economic activity.

During the first four months of this year, the housebuilding sector has employed 2 per cent more labour than one year before, although there has been a falling-off in the number of vacancies in relation to applicants for work. During January-May, the output of bricks and concrete steel was somewhat above that for the first five

months of last year, but at the same time there was a slight reduction in the output of window glass and cement. Nevertheless, the increase in labour engaged in this sector, and the simultaneous, comparatively rapid rise in its productivity, give promise that housebuilding during the current year will slightly exceed that in 1963.

## INTERNAL TRADE

The rise in production which has occurred this year has so far not influenced internal trade. During the first six months, there was slow development of both wholesale and retail trade. The growth rate of seasonallyadjusted wholesale trade rose throughout 1963, although considerably less in volume than in value. The average value of this trade was $51 / 2$ per cent higher in 1963 than in 1962, while the corresponding advance in volume was $21 / 2$ per cent. During the first half of 1964, seasonally-adjusted wholesale trade varied greatly, the general tendency being a slight rise in the value of sales, and comparative stability in volume. For January -May, the value of wholesale trade exceeded the corresponding figure for 1963 by $41 / 2$ per cent, while its volume fell short of the 1963 figure by $1 / 2$ per cent. Value figures available for June indicate a rise in the growth rate, and a $71 / 2$ per cent increase on the value for June 1963, which probably points to an increase in volume as well.

Retail trade, which reflects the development of private consumption, has also grown rather hesitantly, although there has been an increase in purchasing power. The general wage increases put into effect early in the year, together with the favourable course of agricultural production and fellings, have considerably raised disposable incomes, despite heavier taxation. However, prices have been raised substantially, which has restricted the increase in real purchasing power. In 1963, seasonally-adjusted retail
trade was still rising, but since the beginning of the current year the growth rate of its value has remained unchanged, and there has even been a falling-off in its volume. The sales tax revision effected on January 1, 1964, changed the relative prices unfavourably as regards non-durables in particular; this brought December sales to exceptional heights, and left January sales exceptionally low. In January, the volume of retail sales was 22 per cent lower than one year before. This shift between months may give a rather too dismal picture of the result for the current year. Although during the whole of 1963 the value of retail trade was $61 / 2$ per cent and its volume 2 per cent higher than in 1962, in January-May 1964 the value was 5 per cent higher and the volume $41 / 2$ per cent less than one year before. For February-May, the corresponding changes were 7 per cent increase in value and $21 / 2$ per cent decrease in volume. The value figures available for June indicate no rise in the growth rate. Taken against June 1963 there was an increase of nearly 10 per cent, but this probably involves no rise in volume.

If we consider the value of retail trade by categories of goods, it is found that sales of hardware, electrical appliances and sports equipment, all of which consist mainly of durable goods, fell off by $41 / 2$ per cent during the first half of the current year, in comparison with the corresponding period of last year. Sales of textiles, clothing and leather articles were 2 per cent, and of food and tobacco 7 per cent higher than during January-June 1963. The turnover of general stores increased by 6 per cent, that of department stores by $61 / 2$ per cent, of liquor shops by $10 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and of pharmacies by 16 per cent in comparison with January-June 1963.

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|  | 1963 |  | 1964 |  |  |  |
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|  | Dec. 3 I | July 3 I | July 3x | Aug. 8 | Aug. 15 | Aug. 22 |
| BALANCESHEET |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary note cover | 817.8 | 706.0 | 954.I | 954.8 | 967.4 | 960.3 |
| Gold . . . . . . . . | 134.5 | 135.4 | 144.9 | 144.9 | 144.9 | 144.9 |
| Foreign exchange | 617.7 | 505.7 | 745.0 | 746.0 | 759.1 | 751.4 |
| Foreign bills . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 26.2 | 29.8 | 24.2 | 23.9 | 23.4 | 24.0 |
| Foreign bonds . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 39.4 | 35.1 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 40.0 |
| Supplementary note cover .............. Inland bills discounted | 451.2 | 502.2 | 439.0 | 439.5 | 432.3 | 464.3 |
| In foreign currency. | 68.7 | 75.8 | 62.2 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 60.4 |
| In Finnish currency ............... | 57.2 | 45.5 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| Rediscounted bills ................... | 325.3 | 380.9 | 357.8 | 360.6 | 353.9 | 385.9 |
| Other assets | 138.8 | 132.0 | 109.1 | IOT. 3 | 97.4 | 100.6 |
| Finnish bonds | 89.5 | 84.4 | 34.6 | 26.9 | 22.6 | 29.8 |
| Cheque accounts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Finnish coin ... | 3.6 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| Other claims | 44.0 | 38.6 | 65.7 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 6r.2 |
| Total | I 407.8 | I 340.2 | I 502.2 | I 495.6 | I 497.I | 1525.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notes in circulation | 943.7 | 834.5 | 918.I | 914.4 | 910.4 | 932.5 |
| Liabilities payable on demand .......... | 59.2 | 97.9 | 80.9 | 6 F .3 | 910.4 71.6 | 88.6 |
| Foreign exchange accounts .......... | 18.2 | 91.9 18.2 | 80.9 18.9 | 61.3 19.8 | 71.6 19.9 | 88.6 17.7 |
| Mark accounts of holders abroad.... . | 33.6 | 31.8 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 19.9 28.0 | 17.7 28.0 |
| Cheque accounts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Treasury . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 0.2 | 1 I .8 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 5.2 |
| Post Oftice Savings Bank Private banks ....... | 3.0 | 22.9 | 23.0 | 1.9 | 10.3 | 27.2 |
| Private banks | 1.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 3.1 | 7.8 |
| Other sight liabilities | 0.4 2.5 | 0.7 2.5 | 1.3 4.2 | 2.6 0.8 | 6.0 | 0.8 |
| Term liabilities |  | 2.5 | 4.2 |  | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Foreign . . . | 68.0 66.9 | 74.2 | 61.8 | 59.7 | 59.7 | 59.7 |
| Finnish | 68.9 I.I | 73.I | 60.7 | 58.6 | 58.6 | 58.6 |
| Equalization accounts |  |  |  |  | 1.1 | I.I |
|  | 141.0 | 152.0 | 242.0 | 260.3 | 255.1 | 243.7 |
| Bank's orvn funds | 195.9 | 187.6 | 199.4 | 199.9 | 200.3 | 200.7 |
| Reserve fund | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Profits undisposed | 73.6 | 73.6 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 |
| Earnings less expenses .............. | 22.3 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 15.5 | 15.9 |
| Total | I 407.8 | I 340.2 | I 502.2 | I 495.6 | I 497.I | I 525.2 |
| STATEMENT OF NOTE ISSUE Right of note issue |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary cover <br> Supplementary cover | 817.8 | 706.0 | 954.1 | 954.8 | 967.4 | 960.3 |
| (Upper limit 500 mill. mk) | 451.2 | 500.0 | 439.0 | 439.5 | 432.3 | 464.3 |
| Total | I 269.0 | I 206.0 | x 393.1 | I 394.3 | I 399.7 | 1424.6 |
| Note issue |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notes in circulation . . . . . . . . | 943.7 | 834.5 | 918.1 | 914.4 | 910.4 | 932.5 |
| Liabilities payable on demand ......... | 59.2 | 91.9 | 80.9 | 6 r .3 | 71.6 | 88.6 |
| Undrawn on cheque credits ............ | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| Unused right of note issue ........... | 260.3 | 274.8 | 388.8 | 413.7 | 412.8 | 398.3 |
| Total | I 269.0 | I 206.0 | I 393.1 | I 394.3 | I 399.7 | I 424.6 |

Rediscount rate since April 28, 1962, 7 per cent.

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| End of year and month | Gold and foreignaccounts |  |  |  |  |  | Treasury |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold and foreign exchange | Liabilities on foreign exchange accounts | Foreign exchange reserve ( $\mathrm{x}-2$ ) | Other foreign assets | Other foreign liabilities | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Net } \\ \text { foreign } \\ \text { assets } \\ (3+4-5) \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | Bills bonds | $\begin{gathered} \text { Other } \\ \text { claims, } \\ \text { net } \end{gathered}$ | Liabilities, Cheque account | Net claims on the Treasury (7+8-9) |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2956 | 294.1 | 46.0 | 248.1 | 112.7 | 153.4 | 207.4 | 191.6 | - 23.1 | 105.5 | 63.0 |
| 1957 | 384.3 | 45.7 | 338.6 | 176.5 | 201.9 | 313.2 | 160.2 | - 39.7 | 51.4 | 69.1 |
| 1958 | 575.6 | 2 L .8 | 553.8 | 126.2 | 160.1 | 519.9 | 90.3 | $-51.6$ | 71.5 | $-32.8$ |
| 1959 | 730.7 | 21.2 | 709.5 | 92.5 | 158.4 | 643.6 | 103.3 | 37.6 | 64.2 | 76.7 |
| 1960 | 686.0 | 40.6 | 645.4 | 67.0 | 142.7 | 569.7 | 37.5 | 32.4 | 61.9 | 8.0 |
| 1961 | 691.5 | 13.4 | 678.1 | 87.5 | 128.4 | 637.2 | 27.7 | 5.9 | I.I | 32.5 |
| 1962 | 637.7 | 17.1 | 620.6 | 67.7 | 114.9 | 573.4 | - | 28.9 | 5.5 | 23.4 |
| 1963 | 752.2 | 18.2 | 734.0 | 65.6 | 100.5 | 699.1 | - | 18.9 | 0.2 | 18.7 |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 632.7 | 17.4 | 615.3 | 65.7 | 103.3 | 577.7 | - | 28.9 | 0.6 | 28.3 |
| July | 641.1 | 18.2 | 622.9 | 64.9 | 104.9 | 582.9 | - | 28.9 | 11.8 | 17.1 |
| Aug. | 677.7 | 18.4 | 659.3 | 62.7 | 103.6 | 618.4 | - | 28.9 | 47.0 | - 18.1 |
| Sept. | 667.5 | 19.4 | 648.1 | 63.9 | 102.5 | 609.5 | - | 28.9 | 0.1 | 28.8 |
| Oct. | 675.2 | 18.6 | 656.6 | 62.3 | 100.8 | 618.1 | - | 18.9 | 0.5 | 18.4 |
| Nov. | 741.1 | 18.3 | 722.8 | 59.8 | 103.3 | 679.3 | - | 18.9 | 0.8 | 18.1 |
| Dec. | 752.2 | 18.2 | 734.0 | 65.6 | 100.5 | 699.1 | - | 18.9 | 0.2 | 18.7 |
| 1964 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 780.6 | 20.2 | 760.4 | 65.7 | 97.I | 729.0 | - | 18.9 | 0.1 | 18.8 |
| Feb. | 807.6 | 21.0 | 786.6 | 59.8 | 94.5 | 751.9 | - | 18.9 | 0.1 | 18.8 |
| March | 852.5 | 18.4 | 834.1 | 63.6 | 93.4 | 804.3 | - | 18.9 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 13.6 |
| April | 864.9 | 27.6 | 847.3 | 68.1 | 91.2 | 824.2 | - | 18.9 | 12.3 | 6.6 |
| May | 885.5 | 17.5 | 868.0 | 68.0 | 90.7 | 845.3 | - | 18.9 | 0.0 | 18.9 |
| June | 875.9 | 17.0 | 858.9 | 64.7 | 88.6 | 835.0 | - | 18.9 | 4.6 | 14.3 |
| July | 889.9 | 18.9 | 871.0 | 64.2 | 89.1 | 846.1 | - | 18.9 | I. 0 | 17.9 |


| Category of currency | Foreign exchangereserve (col. 3 above) Mill. mk |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dee. } \\ 31 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } \\ 3 \mathrm{I} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 30 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 30 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ \mathbf{3 I} \end{gathered}$ |
| Gold | 135 | 135 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| Convertible | 330 | 478 | 613 | 586 | 591 |
| Eastern Bloc | roI | 66 | 59 | 8 r | 89 |
| Other | 55 | 55 | 51 | 47 | 46 |
| Total | 621 | 734 | 868 | 859 | 871 |



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| End of year and month | Finnish credit institutions |  |  |  |  | Other |  |  |  | Notea in circulation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rediscounted bills | $\mid$ Liabilities, Cheque accounts |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Net claims } \\ \text { on the } \\ \text { banks } \\ (\mathbf{x}-2-3-4) \end{array}\right\|$ | Inland bills in Finnish currency | Other advances | Liabilities | Net claims on the rest of economy ( $6+7-8$ ) |  |
|  |  | Private banks | Post Office Savings Bank | Mortgage <br> Bank of <br> Finland Oy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1956 | 336.7 | 11.7 | - | 2.8 | 322.2 | 149.2 | 105.5 | 52.1 | 202.6 | 607.4 |
| 1957 | 249.1 | 24.1 | - | -0.4 | 225.4 | 129.1 | I44.2 | 5.6 | 267.7 | 606.4 |
| 1958 | 187.I | 14.7 | - | 20.8 | 151.6 | 88.2 | 143.0 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 225.9 | 650.8 |
| 1959 | 47.2 | 38.6 | - | 2.5 | 6.1 | 38.9 | 105.0 | 3.9 | 140.0 | 694.4 |
| 1960 | 205.1 | 16.8 | - | 1.6 | 186.7 | 72.3 | 109.5 | 3.5 | 178.3 | 727.4 |
| 1961 | 294.6 | $44.7{ }^{1}$ ) | $4.4{ }^{\text {1 }}$ ) | 12.5 | 233.0 | 70.8 | 107.3 | 2.9 | 175.2 | 837.1 |
| 1962 | 401.2 | $-4.0$ | 53.3 | 0.8 | 351.1 | 33.5 | 99.6 | 4.1 | 129.0 | 774.4 |
| 1963 | 325.3 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 319.8 | 57.2 | 94.4 | 1.7 | 149.9 | 943.7 |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 416.I | 5.1 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 397.4 | 51.5 | 88.2 | 3.0 | 136.7 | 897.1 |
| July | 380.9 | 4.0 | 22.9 | $\underline{4} 9$ | 352.1 | 45.5 | 87.5 | 1.3 | $13 \pm .7$ | 834.5 |
| Aug. | 406.5 | 6.3 | 21.6 | 2.5 | 376.1 | 31.8 | 84.8 | I.I | 115.5 | 847.8 |
| Sept. | 405.4 | -15.3 | 29.8 | 2.8 | 388.1 | 21.5 | 87.1 | 2.0 | 106.6 | 869.2 |
| Oct. | 422.8 | 0.2 | 38.9 | 2.7 | 381.0 | 30.1 | 85.0 | 0.8 | 114.3 | 859.9 |
| Nov. | 334.9 | $-3.9$ | 8.3 | 1.7 | 328.8 | 31.9 | 97.9 | 2.4 | 127.4 | 904.8 |
| Dec. | 325.3 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 1. 2 | 319.8 | 57.2 | 94.4 | 1.7 | 149.9 | 943.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1964 \\ & \text { Jan. } \end{aligned}$ |  | 8.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb. | 241.2 329.0 | 8.7 7.0 | 27.4 18.I | 2.1 | 203.0 | 52.1 28.9 | 89.4 98.3 | 1.1 | 140.4 | 835.0 |
| March | 316.0 | -13.2 | 38.2 | 2.2 | 288.8 | 23.3 | III. 3 | 0.7 | 133.9 | 911.2 |
| April | 349.0 | 0.7 | 41.8 | 1.7 | 304.8 | 20.9 | 113.2 | 0.6 | 133.5 | 905.5 |
| May | 329.5 | 5.2 | 0.2 | $\mathbf{x} .7$ | 322.4 | 20.4 | 119.7 | 1.3 | 138.8 | 945.4 |
| June | 403.2 | 2.7 | 34.6 | 2.9 | 363.0 | 19.1 | 104.3 | 2.5 | 120.9 | 954.9 |
| July | 357.8 | 4.1 | 23.0 | 3.7 | 327.0 | 19.0 | 110.I | r. 8 | 127.3 | 918.1 |

${ }^{1}$ ) Including cash reserve accounts.


DEPOSITS BY THE PUBLIC - FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES
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| End of year and month | Sight deposits |  |  | Term deposits |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cheque accounts |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Postal } \\ \text { gira } \\ \text { accounts } \end{gathered}$ | Commercial banks | Savings banks | Co-op. credit societies \& their central bank | PostOfficeSavingsBank | Savings departments of co-op. stores | $\underset{\text { institutions }}{\text { All credit }}$ |  |
|  | Commercial banks | All credit institutions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $(2+3+9)$ |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1953 | 321.1 | 379.I | 98.9 | 704.6 | 767.1 | 425.4 | 270.7 | 119.5 | 2287.6 | 2765.6 |
| 1954 | 349.1 | 42 I .1 | 132.2 | 834.4 | 921.7 | 520.5 | 300.8 | 134.2 | 2712.0 | 3265.3 |
| 1955 | 365.9 | 442.8 | 118.5 | 977.9 | I 085.4 | 611.4 | 330.7 | 152.6 | 3158.4 | 3719.7 |
| 1956 | 386.I | 459.6 | 138.4 | 968.1 | I 124.0 | 635.3 | 341.6 | 160.1 | 3229.5 | 3827.5 |
| 1957 | 377.I | 461.4 | 139.3 | I 032.2 | I 178.6 | 671.1 | 339.6 | 168.2 | 3390.1 | 3990.8 |
| 1958 | 395.7 | 495.8 | 167.7 | I 222.6 | 1312.6 | 742.7 | 381.7 | 191.9 | 3851.8 | 4515.3 |
| 1959 | 557.5 | 678.1 | 140.9 | I 505.5 | 1525.5 | 860.3 | 431.2 | 219.1 | 4541.9 | 5360.9 |
| 1960 | 550.8 | 680.7 | 135.9 | I 813.6 | x 798.6 | 1052.5 | 485.2 | 254.3 | 5404.5 | 6221.1 |
| 196I | 577.9 | 720.8 | 143.8 | 2105.9 | 2079.6 | I 241.0 | 558.2 | 285.3 | 6270.3 | 7134.9 |
| 1962 | 649.0 | 800.8 | 168.5 | 2270.4 | 2210.8 | 1325.5 | 606.6 | 293.2 | 6706.7 | 7676.0 |
| 1963 | $7 \times 5.3$ | 876.0 | 250.3 | 2441.0 | 2336.6 | I 448.0 | 548.5 | 310.7 | 7185.0 | 83 rr. 3 |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 668.3 | 811.9 | 184.6 | 2314.1 | 2221.2 | I 350.8 | 615.1 | 297.5 | 6798.9 | 7795.4 |
| July | 685.5 | 824.4 | 166.4 | 2288.2 | 2211.0 | I 346.1 | 616.2 | 295.5 | 6757.1 | 7747.9 |
| Aug. | 66 r .1 | 811.0 | 152.0 | 2286.4 | 2230.3 | I 355.2 | 620.3 | 295.3 | 6787.8 | 7750.8 |
| Sept. | 668.7 | 831.0 | 199.3 | 2301.6 | 2237.8 | I 363.5 | 621.8 | 300.5 | 6825.4 | 7855.7 |
| Oct. | 678.8 | 838.8 | 181.5 | 2307.7 | 2242.9 | I 369.7 | 623.7 | 3045 | 6848.6 | 7868.9 |
| Nov. | 696.4 | 860.6 | 209.6 | 2322.2 | 2265.8 | ז 388.0 | 624.6 | 308.3 | 6 909.1 | 7979.3 |
| Dec. | 715.3 | 876.0 | 250.3 | 2441.0 | 2336.6 | I 448.0 | 648.5 | 310.7 | 7185.0 | 831 r .3 |
| 1964* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 707.3 | 844.6 | 229.1 | 2452.5 | 2361.4 | I 447.8 | 655.4 | 311.9 | 7249.2 | 8322.9 |
| Feb. | 620.8 | 754.1 | 244.0 | 2485.9 | 2388.2 | I 505.7 | 664.8 | 316.3 | 7 361.1 | 8359.2 |
| March | 615.3 | 755.9 | 292.6 | 2521.6 | 2404.5 | I 533.2 | 666.0 | 318.8 | 7444.3 | 8492.8 |
| April | 641.5 | 777.7 | 220.5 | 2541.5 | 2416.7 | I 551.7 | 661.7 | 319.6 | 7491.3 | 8489.5 |
| May | 645.2 | 797.4 | 256.6 | 2577.8 | 2444.7 | I 576.5 | 660.0 | 318.0 | 7577.1 | 8631.1 |
| June | 640.0 | 789.1 | 260.7 | 2569.4 | 2418.0 | I 551.4 | 659.2 | 314.3 | 7512.4 | 8562.2 |
| July | 671.3 | 833.6 | 224.9 | 2579.9 | 2430.4 | I 557.6 | 660.0 | 313.1 | 754 r .0 | 8599.5 |


| End of month | Indez-tied deposits |  | Highinterest its | Sclling rates for foreign exchange |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & \text { clause') } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50 \% \\ \text { clause, } \\ \text { tax-free } \end{gathered}$ |  | Aug. 20, 1964 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | mk |  | mk |
| 1963* |  |  |  | New York . . ${ }^{\text {d }}$ \$ | 3.224 | Zurich ....... 100 Fr | 74.64 |
| Dec. | 52.1 | 229.4 | 669.9 | Montreal . . . . 1 \$ | 2.990 | Paris ........ 100 FF | 65.80 |
|  |  |  |  | London . . . . . I £ | 8.985 | Rome . . . . . . . 100 Lit | 0.5160 |
| 1964* |  |  |  | Stockholm . . . 100 Kr | 62.78 | Vienna ... .. 100 S | 12.50 |
| Jan. | 67.7 | 234.6 | 718.0 | Oslo . . . . . . . . 100 Kr | 62.78 | Lisbon ...... 100 Esc | II.2I |
| Feb. | 116.3 | 255.1 | 740.1 | Oslo . . . . . . . . 100 Kr | 45.05 | Reykjavik .... 100 Kr | 7.50 |
| March | 142.9 | 262.6 | 752.5 | Copenhagen .. 100 Kr | 46.56 | Madrid ...... 100 Pta | 5.42 |
| April | 170.9 | 259.9 | 767.5 | Frankfurt 0.M. 100DM | 81.12 | Prague, clear. . . 100 K ¢ | 44.58 |
| May | 556.2 674.0 | 159.4 146.2 | 675.5 650.5 | Amsterdam . .. 100 Fl | 89.25 | Moscow, clear. ${ }^{\text {² }}$ ) 1 Rbl | 3.5667 |
| July | 745.5 | 134.0 | 639.2 | \|Brussels . . . . . 100 Fr | 6.480 | Clearing dollars ${ }^{2}$ ) $1 \mathrm{Cl} \$$ | 3.21 |
| ${ }^{2}$ ) Tax-free since May 1, 1964. |  |  |  | ${ }^{2}$ ) Bucharest, Peking. <br> ${ }^{2}$ ) Ankara, Athens, Berlin, Bogota, Budapest, Sofia, Warsaw. |  |  |  |

ADVANCES TO THE PUBLIC - MONEY SUPPLY
Mill. mk



Mill. mk

| Revenue | Jan. - June |  | Expenditure | Jan. - June |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1963 | 1964 |  | 1963 | 1964 |
| Income and property tax (net) | 543 | 715 | Interest on State debt |  | 7 r |
| Gross receipts | (1 286) | ( 1533 ) |  |  |  |
| Refunds and communal income tas | (-743) | (-818) | Child allowances | 148 | 153 |
| Other direct taxes | 6 | 9 | The State's share in national pensions | 98 | 113 |
| Sales tax | 452 | 459 |  |  |  |
| Import duties | 235 | 242 | Compensations to war-disabled ..... | 58 | 60 |
| Revenue from Alcohol Monopoly | 171 | 163 | Subsidies | 275 | 246 |
| Excise duty on tobacco | 123 | 140 |  |  |  |
| Excise duty on liquid fuel | 75 | 88 | Net payments on price equalization |  |  |
| Other excise duties | 39 | 44 | by extra-budgetary funds | 7 |  |
| Tax on automobiles and motor cycles | 53 | 84 |  |  |  |
| Stamp duties | 107 | 128 |  | 25 | 5 |
| Employers' payments for child allowances | 147 | 168 | State aid to communal and private schools | 180 | 215 |
| Net receipts of price equalization by extra-budgetary funds |  | 3 | Net loss of State enterp | 53 | 38 |
| Other revenue similar to taxes . .... | 35 | 41 | Maintenance of roads | 56 | 57 |
| Total tazes | 1986 | 2284 | Other current expend | 789 | 88 |
| Interest and dividends | 47 | 39 | Current expenditure | I 734 | 1 864 |
| Other current revenue | 60 | $\begin{array}{r}72 \\ \\ \hline 395\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Current revenue | 2093 | 2395 | Real investments | 459 | 60 |
| Capital revenue proper | 57 | 58 | Other capital | 193 | 24 |
| Decrease in inventories | 29 | 65 | Other |  | 24 |
| Capital revenue . | 86 | 123 | Capital expenditure | 652 | 807 |
| Total revenue | 2179 | 2518 | Total expenditure | 2386 | 2671 |
| External loans | 80 | 127 | Redemption of external loans | 15 | 22 |
| Internal loans | 205 | 173 | Redemption of internal loans ...... | 108 | 12 |
| Loans | 285 | 300 | Redemption of indemnity bonds etc. | 5 | 3 |
| Short-term credit (increase + .. | -27 | +30 | Index premiums | 7 | 10 |
| Deficit ( + ) or surplus ( - ). | +84 | -20 | Redemptions | 135 | 157 |
| Total | 2521 | 2828 | Total | 2521 | 2828 |


| Debt | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | May | June | July* |
| External debt | 791 | 803 | 963 | I 064 | 1073 | I 129 |
| Ordinary loans .. | 757 | 936 | I 109 | I 160 | I 16I | 1 184 |
| Indemnity bonds etc. | 26 | 18 | II | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Short-term credit .. | 24 | 61 | 160 | 192 | 190 | . |
| Cash debt (net) | -98 | -125 | 78 | 117 | 67 |  |
| Internal debt | 709 | 890 | 1 358 | I 478 | 1427 |  |
| Total debt ....... | I 500 | I 693 | 2321 | 2542 | 2500 | $\ldots$ |
| Tetal debt, mill. \$ | 465.9 | 525.4 | 720.8 | 788.9 | 775.3 |  |



FOREIGN TRADE

| Period | value mill. mk |  |  | Unit valueindexes $1954=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Articles of export f. o. b. |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Articles } \\ \text { of import } \end{gathered}$c.i.f. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Terms } \\ & \text { of } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Imports c.i. f. | Exports f. o. b. | $\begin{gathered} \text { imports } \\ \text { (-) } \\ \text { orports } \\ (+) \end{gathered}$ | Total | Round and hewn timber | Wood industry products | Paper industry products | Metal, engineering industry products |  |  |
| 1955 | 1769.6 | 1812.6 | + 43.0 | 106 | 110 | 105 | $\underline{5}$ | 115 | 100 | 106 |
| 1956 | 2035.6 | 1779.9 | -255.7 | 106 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 106 | 105 | IOI |
| 1957 | 2279.3 | 2123.9 | -155.4 | 116 | 118 | 113 | 119 | 120 | 122 | 95 |
| 1958 | 2333.0 | 2479.3 | +146.3 | 138 | 139 | 133 | 139 | 153 | 140 | 99 |
| 1959 | 2673.0 | 2673.2 | + 0.2 | 130 | 120 | 12 I | 131 | 152 | 133 | 98 |
| 1960 | 3403.0 | 3164.7 | -238.3 | 133 | 123 | r3I | 132 | 147 | 136 | 98 |
| 1961 | 3690.2 | 3374.0 | -316.2 | 135 | 145 | 134 | 134 | 140 | 137 | 99 |
| 1962 | 3928.7 | 3533.1 | -395.6 | 134 | 146 | 132 | 128 | 150 | 139 | 96 |
| 1963* | 3866.9 | 3678.0 | -188.9 | 137 | 145 | 142 | 129 | 147 | 139 | 99 |
| Jan.-June |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962 | I 983.4 | I 581.2 | -402.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1963* | I 793.0 | I 566.7 | -226.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1964* | 2356.3 | I 853.8 | -502.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1963* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 371.3 | 377.7 | + 6.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 331.4 | 331.4 | - 0.0 | 136 | 144 | 147 | 130 | 130 | 141 | 96 |
| Dec. | 368.6 | 339.3 | - 29.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1964* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 363.5 | 281.3 | -82.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb. | 350.1 | 299.9 | - 50.2 | 140 | 148 | 152 | 13 I | 133 | 144 | 97 |
| March | 369.0 | 231.4 | -r37.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April | 449.4 | 339.5 | -109.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 410.5 | 335.3 | - 75.2 | 144 | 164 | 148 | 132 | 158 | 144 | 100 |
| June | 413.8 | 366.4 | - 47.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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FOREIGN TRADE BY MAIN GROUPS
Mill. mk

| Period | Imports, c.i.f. |  |  |  | Exports, f.o.b. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rawmaterialsand pro-ducergoods | Fuels and lubricants | Finished goods |  | Agricultural products | Round and hewn | Wood industry products | Paper industry products | Metal, engineering industry products | Other goods |
|  |  |  | Investment goods | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Consumer } \\ & \text { goods } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1954 | 864.2 | I73.4 | 288.0 | 195.8 | 51.5 | 135.8 | 497.3 | 616.6 | 209.9 | 55.1 |
| 1955 | 949.2 | 215.4 | 342.2 | 262.8 | 38.8 | 199.1 | 513.2 | 757.9 | 248.0 | 55.6 |
| 1956 | 1042.8 | 274.6 | 433.6 | 284.6 | 62.1 | 172.4 | 404.9 | 817.8 | 251.2 | 71.5 |
| 1957 | 1174.3 | 402.4 | 413.5 | 289.1 | 101.7 | 17 x .0 | 482.9 | 976.4 | 304.3 | 87.6 |
| 1958 | I 195.0 | 326.6 | 488.0 | 323.4 | 106.5 | 193.5 | 578.2 | 1 151.7 | 340.3 | 109.1 |
| 1959 | I 338.2 | 281.2 | 675.4 | 378.2 | 148.6 | r62.9 | 636.6 | 1 170.0 | 441.5 | 113.6 |
| 1960 | 1662.6 | 330.5 | 933.4 | 476.5 | 160.3 | 205.6 | 840.8 | I 337.2 | 473.6 | 147.2 |
| 1961 | 1711.2 | 329.9 | I 034.4 | 614.7 | 153.5 | 295.8 | 840.8 | 1539.1 | 386.3 | 158.5 |
| . 1962 | 1762.6 | 371.2 | I 144.9 | 650.0 | 144.5 | 189.5 | 770.3 | I 588.8 | 662.6 | 177.4 |
| 1963* | 18827.5 | 373.3 | I 004.3 | 66 r .8 | 164.8 | I 12.8 | 8ri. 8 | 1752.2 | 613.8 | 222.6 |
| Jan.- June |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| r963* | 837.0 | 148.0 | 479.5 | 328.5 | 73.5 | 31.8 | 261.3 | 825.8 | 285.4 | 88.9 |
| 1964* | 991.0 | 246.5 | 699.8 | 419.0 | 118.4 | 29.4 | 335.4 | 964.5 | 282.7 | 123.4 |
| 1963* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. | 152.4 | 17.3 | 71.6 | 49.1 | 14.4 | 18.3 | 99.2 | 156.6 | 36.0 | 18.9 |
| Sept. | 154.2 | 48.2 | 78.4 | 49.2 | 10.9 | 16.3 | 92.7 | 156.0 | 59.3 | 24.6 |
| Oct. | 184.2 | 45.3 | 82.0 | 59.8 | 15.9 | II. 9 | 91.7 | 173.0 | 60.3 | 24.9 |
| Nov. | 160.4 | 33.2 | 77.2 | 60.6 | 1 I .2 | 7.8 | 83.3 | 153.4 | 52.0 | 23.7 |
| Dec. | 167.7 | 33.8 | 105.9 | 61.2 | 24.5 | 5.8 | 80.9 | 147.4 | 58.5 | 22.2 |
| 1964* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 172.2 | 42.3 | 91.1 | 57.9 | 14.0 | 4.3 | 50.3 | 169.3 | 25.6 | 17.8 |
| Feb. | 155.6 | 37.2 | 100.1 | 57.2 | 23.8 | 5.5 | 44.6 | 148.1 | 60.4 | 17.5 |
| March | 149.6 | 48.7 | 107.9 | 62.8 | 12.1 | 1.8 | 26.4 | 145.3 | 28.9 | 16.9 |
| April | 162.4 | 34.7 | 148.4 | 103.9 | 27.9 | 2.3 | 49.5 | 165.1 | 75.6 | 19.1 |
| May | 168.5 | 51.0 | 125.6 | 65.4 | 23.1 | 7.1 | 67.5 | 173.7 | 37.2 | 26.7 |
| June | 182.7 | 32.6 | I26.7 | 71.8 | 17.5 | 8.4 | 97.1 | 163.0 | 55.0 | 25.4 |



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## EXPORTS OF SOME IMPORTANT ARTICLES

| Period | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Round } \\ \text { timber } \\ \text { I } 000 \\ \text { solid } \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{m} \end{array}\right\|$ | Sawn timber <br> Y 000 stds | Veneers and plywood I 000 cu. $m$ | Mechanical pulp r 000 tons | Sulphite pulp I 000 tons | Sulphate pulp <br> I 000 tons | Board <br> I 000 tons | Fibre building board 1000 tons | Newsprint $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } 000 \\ & \text { tons } \end{aligned}$ | Paper, all kinds <br> 1000 tons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1954 | 3620 | 733 | 298 | 193 | 580 | 375 | IOI | 59 | 392 | 751 |
| 1955 | 4977 | 786 | 321 | 183 | 682 | 447 | 110 | 61 | 470 | 905 |
| 1956 | 4424 | 648 | 230 | 186 | 679 | 452 | 106 | 49 | 537 | 997 |
| 1957 | 4063 | 719 | 260 | 165 | 697 | 474 | 134 | 60 | 551 | 1108 |
| 1958 | 3861 | 762 | 239 | 143 | 725 | 476 | 145 | 83 | 585 | 1147 |
| 1959 | 3812 | 950 | 296 | 139 | 770 | 549 | 142 | 110 | 576 | I 244 |
| 1960 | 4756 | 1137 | 358 | 176 | 919 | 500 | 150 | [28 | 691 | I 460 |
| I961 | 5955 | 1106 | 329 | 160 | 872 | 569 | 154 | 146 | 846 | I 806 |
| 1962 | 3681 | 1010 | 357 | 150 | 828 | 731 | 153 | 152 | 870 | 1980 |
| 1963* | 2108 | 977 | 384 | 173 | 86I | 893 | 171 | r61 | 882 | 2126 |
| Jan.- June |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962 | 1229 | 341 | 182 | 73 | 419 | 336 | 72 | 78 | 438 | 948 |
| 1963* | 604 | 259 | 194 | 85 | 427 | 438 | 86 | 80 | 397 | 1022 |
| 1964* | 456 | 330 | 217 | 91 | 488 | 483 | 86 | 87 | 45 I | 1095 |
| 1963* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. | 346 | 143 | 30 | II | 68 | 84 | 15 | 10 | 80 | 191 |
| Sept. | 302 | 123 | 34 | 13 | 77 | 79 | 16 | 14 | 83 | 189 |
| Oct. | 224 | I17 | 40 | 18 | 74 | 90 | 18 | 16 | 94 | 215 |
| Nov. | 120 | 102 | 33 | 16 | 75 | 73 | I4 | 17 | 84 | 187 |
| Dec. | 83 | 77 | 32 | 13 | 72 | 63 | 12 | I4 | 74 | 184 |
| 1964* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 86 | 47 | 37 | 17 | 97 | 104 | I4 | 16 | 75 | 179 |
| Feb. | 64 | 35 | 41 | 15 | 75 | 66 | 13 | 15 | 68 | 174 |
| March | 15 | 15 | 27 | II | 66 | 68 | 14 | 13 | 65 | 168 |
| April | 26 | 42 | 38 | 15 | 81 | 64 | 16 | r6 | 79 | 197 |
| May | 122 | 69 | 43 | 13 | 82 | 97 | 14 | I5 | 81 | 195 |
| June | 143 | 122 | 31 | 20 | 87 | 84 | 15 | 12 | 83 | r82 |



FOREIGN TRADE BY COUNTRIES

| Area and country | Imports, c.i.f. |  |  |  |  | Exports, f.o.b. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Whole year |  | Jan. - June |  |  | Whole year |  | Jan. - June |  |  |
|  | 1962 | 1963* | 1963* | 1964* |  | 1962 | 1963* | 1963* | 1964* |  |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | Mill. mk | \% | \% | \% | \% | Mill. mk |
| Sterling area | 15.7 | 15.8 | 16.4 | 15.1 | 356.5 | 22.2 | 23.6 | 22.1 | 25.5 | 472.3 |
| United Kingdom ........ | 15.2 | 153 | 15.7 | 14.7 | 345.7 | 20.2 | 21.5 | 19.9 | 22.5 | 417.0 |
| Other OECD countries in Europe ........... | 55.6 | 53.0 | 53.5 | 51.4 | I 211.6 | 43.0 | 43.9 | 43.3 | 44.5 | 825.9 |
| Austria ................... | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 15.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 5.1 |
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 42.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 59.8 |
| Denmark | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 70.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 63.3 |
| France | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 117.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 101. 2 |
| Western Germany | 20.2 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 404.0 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 11.2 | 207.6 |
| Italy | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 44.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 59.1 |
| Netherlands | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 85.6 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 114.5 |
| Norway | 1.5 | r. 6 | 1.6 | $\mathbf{x} 7$ | 39.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 15.7 |
| Portugal | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Spain | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 14.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 15.4 |
| Sweden | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 295.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 133.6 |
| Switzerland | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 64.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 13.5 |
| Eastern Bloc | 19.2 | 21.7 | 20.1 | 22.8 | 537.5 | 22.5 | 20.8 | 22.9 | 17.9 | 332.7 |
| China | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 8.8 |
| Czechoslovakia | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 10.4 |
| Eastern Germany | I. 4 | I.I | I.I | 1.0 | 23.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | I. 2 | 1.O | 19.1 |
| Poland . | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 40.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 40.0 |
| Soviet Union | 13.7 | 16.9 | 15.9 | 18.0 | 425.0 | 17.8 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 12.1 | 224.4 |
| U.S. and Canada | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 131.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 125.8 |
| United States | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 124.9 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 122.2 |
| Latin America | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 77.6 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2:5 | 2.2 | 40.5 |
| Argentina | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 12.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 13.5 |
| Brazil | I. 5 | 1. 6 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 39.3 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 10.0 |
| Others | r. 2 | I. 3 | 1.8 | 1. 8 | $4 r .4$ | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 56.6 |
| Grand total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 2356.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | I 853.8 |
| of which |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EFTA countries ........ | 35.4 | 35.9 | 36.0 | 35.5 | 836.5 | 31.9 | 32.6 | 30.9 | 35.1 | 650.6 |
| EEC countries | 34.7 | 31.5 | 32.5 | 29.4 | 693.2 | 29.4 | 30.6 | 30.1 | 29.2 | 542.2 |



PRICE INDEXES

| Period | Wholesale prices $1949=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Building costs } \\ \text { I95I }=100 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total index | Origin |  | Purpose |  |  | Stage of processing |  |  | Total | Building material | Workers' average hourly earnings |
|  |  | Domestic goods | Imported goods | Praducer goods | Machinery \& transport equipm. | Consumer goods | Raw materials and commodities | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { Simply } \\ \text { processed } \\ \text { goods } \end{array}$ | More <br> elab- <br> orately <br> processed <br> goods$\|$ |  |  |  |
| 1961 | 200 | 202 | 194 | 209 | 195 | 190 | 213 | 202 | 191 | 128 | 11.4 | 148 |
| 1962 | 203 | 205 | 196 | 209 | 203 | 197 | 217 | 200 | 198 | 132 | 114 | 156 |
| 1963 | 210 | 212 | 201 | 214 | 211 | 205 | 226 | 203 | 205 | 140 | 118 | 171 |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 209 | 211 | 201 | 213 | 209 | 204 | 223 | 202 | 206 | 140 | 118 | 171 |
| Aug. | 210 | 212 | 202 | 213 | 212 | 206 | 226 | 202 | 206 | 141 | 118 | 175 |
| Sept. | 212 | 215 | 202 | 216 | 212 | 208 | 226 | 206 | 209 | 141 | 118 | 175 |
| Oct. | 214 | 217 | 203 | 216 | 214 | 2 II | 230 | 205 | 210 | 143 | 118 | 180 |
| Nov. | 216 | 219 | 205 | 220 | 214 | 2 II | 233 | 207 | 212 | 143 | 119 | 180 |
| Dec. | 217 | 220 | 205 | 222 | 214 | 212 | 236 | 209 | 212 | 145 | 123 | 182 |
| 1964 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 220 | 224 | 204 | 219 | 211 | 222 | 240 | 209 | 214 | 142 | 117 | 179 |
| Feb. | 222 | 226 | 207 | 222 | 210 | 226 | 243 | 213 | 216 | 144 | 118 | 180 |
| March | 222 | 226 | 208 | 223 | 2 II | 224 | 242 | 214 | 216 | 146 | 118 | 186 |
| April | 224 | 228 | 209 | 224 | 2 II | 227 | 246 | 215 | 217 | 148 | 119 | 188 |
| May | 223 | 226 | 209 | 225 | 2 II | 223 | 241 | 217 | 216 | 150 | 119 | 194 |
| June | 224 | 228 | 2 II | 227 | 211 | 224 | 246 | 217 | 216 | 150 | 120 | 195 |
| July |  | . . | . . |  |  | . . |  |  |  | 150 | 120 | 194 |


| Period | Cost of living Oct. $1951=100$ |  |  |  |  |  | Consumer prices Oct.-Dec. $1957=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Foodstuffs | Rent | $\begin{gathered} \text { Heating } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { lighting } \end{gathered}$ | Clothing | Other | Total | Foodstuffs | Rent |  | Clothing | Other |
| 1961 | 141 | 150 | 310 | 100 | 87 | 137 | 110 | 110 | 115 | 97 | 109 | III |
| 1962 | 147 | 156 | 327 | 103 | 90 | 143 | 115 | 115 | 12I | 100 | 112 | 117 |
| 1963 | 154 | 164 | 346 | 108 | 93 | 151 | 121 | 120 | 128 | 105 | 115 | 123 |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 154 | 163 | 343 | 108 | 92 | 151 | 120 | 120 | 127 | 105 | 115 | 123 |
| Aug. | 154 | 163 | 343 | 109 | 93 | 152 | 121 | 120 | 127 | 105 | 115 | 124 |
| Sept. | 156 | 167 | 343 | 109 | 93 | 154 | 122 | 123 | 127 | 105 | 115 | 125 |
| Oct. | 158 | I68 | 356 | 109 | 94 | 155 | 124 | 124 | 132 | 106 | 116 | 126 |
| Nov. | 158 | 169 | 356 | 109 | 94 | 155 | 124 | 124 | 132 | 106 | 117 | 126 |
| Dec. | 158 | 169 | 356 | 109 | 94 | 155 | 124 | 124 | 132 | 106 | 117 | 127 |
| 1964 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 164 | 175 | 361 | 113 | 104 | 159 | 129 | 129 | 134 | Iro | 129 | 129 |
| Feb. | 265 | ${ }^{1} 77$ | 361 | 113 | 105 | 160 | 130 | 130 | 134 | 110 | 130 | 130 |
| March | 167 | 180 | 361 | 114 | 106 | 162 | 131 | 132 | 134 | IIO | 132 | 132 |
| April | 169 | 182 | 361 | II4 | 106 | 163 | 132 | 134 | 134 | III | 132 | 133 |
| May | 170 | 185 | 361 | 114 | 106 | 164 | 133 | 136 | 134 | III | 132 | 134 |
| June | 170 | 185 | 361 | 114 | 107 | 165 | 134 | 136 | 134 | 110 | 132 | 135 |
| July | 170 | 185 | 361 | 114 | 107 | 165 | 134 | 136 | 134 | 110 | 132 | 135 |

PRODUCTION - INTERNAL TRADE

| Period | Index of industrial production $1959=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Commer-cialtimberfellingsI ooopiledcu. m | Wholesale trade volume index$1954=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Invest ment goods | Otherproducergoods | Consumergoods | Special indexes of manufacturing |  |  |  | Total, adjusted for normal seasonal variations |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wood } \\ & \text { industry } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Paper } \\ \text { industry } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Metal industry | Other |  |  |  |
| 1961 | 125 | 132 | 127 | 120 | 122 | 136 | 13I | 119 | 125 | 49004 | 150 |
| 1962 | 133 | 151 | 133 | 127 | 114 | 141 | 144 | 126 | 133 | 47264 | 160 |
| 1963* | 139 | 136 | 142 | 135 | 117 | 154 | 145 | 134 | 140 | 47784 | 160 |
| 1962 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 145 | 164 | 147 | 136 | IIO | 152 | 156 | 140 | 135 | 2966 | 171 |
| Dec. | 123 | 139 | 127 | III | Ior | 131 | 134 | 112 | 137 | 3604 | 175 |
| 1963* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 144 | 159 | 144 | 137 | 113 | 151 | 162 | 130 | 137 | 4245 | 130 |
| Feb. | 135 | 132 | 137 | 130 | 113 | 147 | 141 | 126 | 138 | 4995 | 138 |
| March | 139 | 139 | 141 | 136 | 123 | 150 | 146 | 130 | 137 | 5409 | 144 |
| April | 136 | 133 | 137 | 133 | 126 | 140 | 139 | 132 | 135 | 4036 | 160 |
| May | 147 | 149 | 147 | - 146 | 131 | 158 | 152 | 142 | 137 | 10095 | 180 |
| June | 130 | 128 | 128 | 134 | 109 | 126 | 134 | 131 | 138 | I 941 | 162 |
| July | 106 | 83 | 114 | - 96 | 112 | 146 | 83 | 100 | 139 | I 299 | 150 |
| Aug. | 143 | 137 | 142 | - 147 | 108 | 157 | 137 | 146 | 142 | I 936 | 170 |
| Sept. | 148 | 146 | 151 | 141 | 111 | 169 | 151 | 141 | 142 | 2192 | 164 |
| Oct. | 162 | 160 | 167 | 152 | 132 | 182 | 166 | 156 | 148 | 3189 | 178 |
| Nov. | 151 | 145 | 157 | 14I | 110 | 169 | 152 | 146 | 143 | 3915 | 161 |
| Dec. | 133 | 127 | 139 | 123 | 118 | 148 | 132 | 124 | 144 | 4534 | I8I |
| 1964* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 148 | 146 | 154 | 137 | 117 | 163 | 153 | 137 | 145 | 5553 | 119 |
| Feb. | 147 | 144 | 152 | 138 | 127 | 162 | 152 | 137 | 144 | 603 I | 145 |
| March | 146 | 139 | 152 | 136 | 121 | 162 | 147 | 137 | 149 | 6500 | 152 |
| Àpril | 157 | 150 | 161 | 152 | 150 | 169 | 158 | 152 | 142 | 5469 | 169 |
| May | 144 | 133 | 149 | 137 | 127 | 164 | 139 | 137 | 146 | II 353 | 162 |
| June | 143 | 141 | 146 | 139 | 137 | 142 | 145 | 141 | 147 | I 863 | 165 |



March 1963 figures are affected by strikes. Seasonally adjusted series are corrected for estimated strike effects.

## BUILDING - WAGES - TRANSPORT - EMPLOYMENT



| Period | Railways |  | Foreignshipping |  |  |  | Labour input |  | Unemployment |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Goods trucks loaded Thousands |  | Vessels arrived Vessels departed <br> with cargo -1000 net reg. tons  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { I } 000 \\ \text { man-months } \end{gathered}$ |  | ```\% of total labour force``` |  |
|  | 1963 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964* | 1963 | 2964* | 1963* | 1964* | 1963* | 1964* |
| Jan. | 132 | 125 | 485 | 576 | 458 | 527 | 1830 | I 854 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| Feb. | 125 | I24 | 293 | 538 | 281 | 45 I | . . | I 85I | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| March | 13 | 122 | 293 | 535 | 171 | 389 | I 819 | I 839 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| April | 145 | 138 | 510 | 588 | 438 | 487 | 1841 | 1882 | 1.6 | 5.5 |
| May | 156 | 125 | 751 | 755 | 688 | 709 | 1905 | I 920 | 0.8 | I.I |
| June | 128 | 128 | 830 | 995 | 870 | 963 | I 895 | 1913 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| July | 133 | 128 | 977 | 1 165 | I 134 | I 253 | I 737 |  | 1.0 |  |
| Aug. | 139 |  | 919 |  | 1033 |  | I 851 |  | 1.0 |  |
| Sept. | 139 |  | 745 |  | 842 |  | I 922 |  | I.I |  |
| Oct. | 148 |  | 697 |  | 752 |  | I 910 |  | 1.3 |  |
| Nov. | 132 |  | 66I |  | 658 |  | 1895 |  | 1.6 |  |
| Dec. | IIO |  | 657 |  | 614 |  | 1871 |  | 2.0 |  |

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## EXPLANATIONS RELATING TO THE STATISTICAL SECTION

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Page 3. The items of the statement of the Bank of Finiand are described in Monthly Bulletin No. 10, 1955, p. 25.

Page 4. Other foreign assets $=$ Foreign bills + Foreign bonds + Prepayments for exports. Other foreign liabilities $=$ Mark accounts of holders abroad + Foreign term liabilities. Treasury bills and bonds: Including Treasury bond loan + Treasury bill covering certain IMF and IBRD accounts (included in Other claims). Other claims, net $=$ Advances for stand-by stocks - Finnish term liabilities.

Page 5. Other advances = Inland billa in foreign currency + Cheque accounts (assets) + Other claims excl. Treasury's IMF and IBRD bill, Prepayments for exports and Advances for stand-by stocks. Liabilities $=$ Other sight liabilities + Other cheque accounts + Deposits against import licences (in 1956) - Account of the Mortgage Bank of Finland Oy. Diagrams. Left: Net claims on other than banks = Net foreign assets + Net claims on the Treasury + Net claims on the rest of economy + Finnish bonds + Finnish coin Equalization accounts $=$ Notes in circulation + Bank's own funds - Net claims on the banks.

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## SYMBOLS USED

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## SOME PARTICULARS ABOUT FINLAND

## FORM OF GOVERNMENT

From 1154 to 1809 Finiand formed a part of the kingdom of Sweden. It then became an autonomous Grand Duchy connected with Russia until December 6, 1917, the date of Finland's declaration of independence. The republican constitution was adopted in 1919. The legislative power of the country is vested in Parliament and the President. The highest executive power is held by the President, elected for a period of 6 years. The President for the current period, March Y , 1962, to March I, 5968, is Urho Kekkonen.

Parliament, comprising 200 members, is elected by universal suffrage for a period of 4 years. The number of seats of the different parties in Parliament elected in 1962 are as follows: Agrarians 53, People's Democrats 47, Social Democrats 38, Conservatives 32, Swedish Party 14, Finnish People's Party 13 , Social Democratic League 2 and Liberal League r .

## LAND

THE AREA is 337000 square kilometres (Great Britain's area is $245000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{km}$ and Italy's area $300000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{km}$ ). Of the total, inland waters form $9.4 \%$. On an average $15.8 \%$ of the land in the South of Finland is cultivated (1960), $2.3 \%$ in the North and $9.2 \%$ of the land as a whole. Of the land area 21.8 mill. ha ( 53,9 mill. acres), or $71.3 \%$, are covered by forests.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND (1960): The total land area was distributed among different classes of owners approximately se follows: private $60.9 \%$, State $\mathbf{3 1 . 8} \%$, ioint stock companies etc. $5.6 \%$, communes and parishes $1.7 \%$.

## POPULATION

NUMBER OF INHABITANTS (1962): 4.5 million. Sweden 7.6, Switzerland 5.7, Denmark 4.7 and Norway 3.6 million.

DENSITY OF POPULATION (1962): In South Finland 25.2, in North Finland 4.2 and in the whole country an average of 14.8 inhabitants to the square kilometre.

DISTRIBUTION BY AREA ( 1962 ): $60 \%$ of the population inhabit the rural areas, $40 \%$ towns and urban districts. The largest towns are: Helsinki (Helsingfors), the capital 476400 inhabitants, Tampere (Tammerfors) $x 33$ 300, Turku (Abo) 130800.

OCCUPATIONS ( I 960 ): Agriculture and forestry $32 \%$, industry and construction 3I \%, commerce $9 \%$, transport and communications $7 \%$, services II \%, economically inactive persons II \%.

LANGUAGE (1960): Finnish speaking $92.4 \%$, Swedish speaking $7.4 \%$, others $0.2 \%$.

EDUCATION (1962): Practically all persons over 15 years of age are literate. There are 6 universities (the oldest founded in 1640), 6 colleges of university standard, and 2 teachers' training colleges, besides teacher-training departments in two of the universities.

INCREASE OF POPULATION (1962): births 18.I \% $\%$ deaths $9.5 \%$ increase $8.0 \%$. Deaths in France $11.5 \%$ and Great Britain II. $9 \%$ oo.

## TRADE AND TRANSPORT

NATIONAL INCOME (1962, in million marks) Gross domestic product at market prices 17070 (excl. repairs and maintenance). Net domestic product at factor cost, by industrial origin: agriculture I $42 \mathrm{I}(10 \%$ ), forestry and fishing I 376 ( $10 \%$ ), manufacturing 4257 ( $31 \%$ ), construction I 393 ( $10 \%$ ), transport and communications 1064 ( $8 \%$ ), commerce, banking and insurance 1771 ( $13 \%$ ), general government $x 635$ ( $12 \%$ ), other services $838(6 \%)$, total 13755 . Index of real domestic product 127 $(1957=100)$.

FOREST RESOURCES (195I-1953): The growing stock comprised I 493 million of solid cu. m incl. bark ( 52660 million
cu. ft), of which pine $43.7 \%$ and apruce $35.7 \%$, the rest $20.6 \%$ being leaf-trees, chiefly birch. Of the growing stock 10900 million $\mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}, 58.0 \%$ of them pine, was up to the standard required for logs. The annual growth is 46 million solid cu. m green wood exel. bark ( 620 mill. cu. ft). The total removal in 1954 calculated according to the use of wood was 45 million cu. m ( 1589 million $\mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}$.)

AGRICULTURB ( 1960 ): Cultivated land 2.6 million hectares of which holdings of less than 5 ha amount to $17 \%$, 5 to 55 ha $48 \%$, 15 to 50 ha $30 \%$ and more than 50 ha $5 \%$. Number of holdings 388000 , of which 184000 are of more than 5 ha. Index of agricultural production $12 x$ for 1962 ( $1954=100$ ). Measure of self-sufficiency in bread cereals $89 \%$ in the crop year $1961 / 62$.

INDUSTRY (1962): Gross value of industrial production 14500 mill. marks, number of workers 352000 , salaried employees 7 I 100, motive power ( 1962 ) 5.0 mill. HP. Index of industrial production 133 for $1962(1959=100)$.

RAILWAYS (Jan. I, 1964): Length 5427 km , of which 5353 km are State and 74 km private railways. The gauge of State railways 1.524 m .

MERCHANT FLEET (July 31, 1964): Steamers 165 ( 277048 gross reg. tons), motor vessels 362 ( 660269 gross reg. tons), sailing vessels with auxiliary engines 40 ( 4870 gross reg. tons). Total 567 ( 942187 gross reg. tons).

MOTOR VEHICLES (Dec. 31, 1963): Private cars 294400 , lorries and delivery vans 78800 , buses 6800 , others 13900. Total 393900.

SCHEDULED AIR TRAFFIC OF FINNISH COMPANIES (1963): Kilometres flown 12.6 million, passengers carried 696000 , passenger kilometres 312.6 million, and ton kilometres of freight and mail 5.0 million.

FINANCE AND BANKING
CURRENCY. Since 1860, Finland has had its own monetary system. From 1877 until 1994 the country was on the gold standard, and returned to it in 1926. In 1931, Central Bank's duty to redeem bank notes in gold was suspended and at the end of 1962 was entirely cancelled. The monetary unit is the mark (Finnish markka). On Jan. r, 1963, the value of the mark was raised to one hundred times its former value. The official par value of the new unit is 3.20 marks to the U.S. dollar. Finland has been a member of the International Monetary Fund since 1948.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES. In the finance accounts for 1961 expenditure amounted to 2188 mill. marks. Total revenue was 2221 million, of which income from taxation I 089 million. The municipal income tax (non-progressive) averaged $11.92 \%$ of the ratepayers' taxable income.

THE CENTRAL BANK. The Bank of Finland functions under the guarantee and supervision of Parliament. Its Board of Management is appointed by the President of the Republic; the Bank Supervisors, nine in number, are elected by Parliament. The Bank has a head office in Felsinki and 12 branches in other towns.

OTHER CREDIT INSTITUTIONS (Dec. 3I, 1963). There are two big and four small commercial banks with in all 682 offices, 383 savings banks, 504 cooperative credit societies and their central bank, siz mortgage societies, and POSB. The savings departments of the cooperative stores accept deposits from the public. The National Pensions Institution and sixty-five private insurance companies also grant credits.

RATES OF INTEREST (May I, 1964). Bank of Finland discount rates 6-7 $1 / 2 \%$. Other credit institutions: term deposits $41 / 4 \%, 12$ months' deposits $6 \%$, 100 per cent index-tied deposits $21 / 2 \%$, 50 per cent index-tied deposits $4 \%$; highest lending rate $8 \%$.

# PUBLIC FINANCE IN 1963 

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With the aim of reversing the trend towards deterioration in State finances that had set in from 1961, the budget for 1963 was formulated on tight lines. Though there was an inevitable rise in consumption and transfer expenditure, investment allotments were reduced by one fifth from the level budgeted in 1962. The balancing item of the budget, new borrowing, could be entered at a safe 371 million marks, against the record entry of 770 million marks one year earlier. In fact it proved that this latter figure was 414 million marks at the end of the year. The actual need of new borrowing often amounts to less than the figure budgeted.

It soon became evident that the pressure on expenditure had been underestimated in shaping the budget. The conclusion of wage and salary negotiations, conducted in an atmosphere of partial strikes, called for a wage bill considerably in excess of the budgeted amount. The first supplementary budget was entirely concerned with wage and salary increases. Investment expenditure was also on the rise, as the need for the maintenance of employment was rising simultaneously with production costs. Thus the second supplementary budget of the spring mainly related to additions to employment grants for public works and construction. The revenue cover of both supplements was left in abeyance, as discussions of new income sources were still in progress.

By the end of the first quarter, the revenue (excluding loans) was 2 per cent, and the expenditure (excluding redemptions) 8 per cent above the corresponding levels for 1962. The deficit was 30 million marks, one third more than a year before, even though net borrowing, partly from abroad, had grown by 56 million marks. The strikes in March contributed to this result.

The cash position of the Treasury continued strained from month to month. The estimates made in the spring led to the conclusion that now sources of revenue or cuts in expenditure would have to be found for about 300 million marks to maintain the balance. Measures suggested included a compulsory bond loan based on assessed income, to be levied on the public. The loan would carry a 50 per cent index clause and an interest rate of 6 per cent, it would be repaid in 1967-68, and its estimated yield was 100 million marks. Postal and railway tariffs, liquor prices and the excise duty on tobaceo were to be raised, and cuts effected in certain stocks and grants. It was also originally intended that the sales tax reform - calculated to increase the yield - would come into force in July, but parliamentary opposition postponed this reform until 1964. Decisions on these measures were passed in June, except for the compulsory bond loan, on which agrecment was not reached in Parliament. It was only in 1964 that it
finally emerged in the form of a surtax on personal income. Its character of a loan is retained in the provision that the surtax (with appropriate bonus) will be deductible from the 1967 and 1968 tax liability. However, the Treasury assured itself of its proceeds pending the discussion; in July and November it issued so-called tax payment certificates for 100 million marks on rather favourable terms; both issues were sold at once.

By the end of the first six months, the accounts showed a deficit of 57 million marks, against a surplus of 29 million marks the year before. Revenue was now 5 per cent and expenditure 12 per cent in excess of the corresponding 1962 level. Long-term domestic borrowing amounted to 205 million marks, the same as that by June 1962. Foreign loans had been drawn to the extent of 80 million marks, against only 12 million the year before. Initially, the short-term debt had amounted to 61 million marks, but by the end of June it was reduced to 34 million.
Two more supplementary budgets were issued in the latter half-year. The most significant items included 30 million marks as low-interest loans to shipowners placing orders for new (principally small-scale) tonnage with domestic shipyards. This allotment was to be covered by credits from the Bank of Finland, P. O. Savings Bank and the National Pensions Institution. Other grants related to subsidies, the maintenance of employment, the augmentation of wages and salaries, and the start of construction work on the Saimaa Canal.

The stabilization measures referred to above removed the imminent threat to the liquidity of the Treasury, although they gave no cause for relaxation. The new wage-level bill fell due in July; public works were expanding towards the end of the year; funds
set aside for subsidies were being exhausted, as butter production was growing, and the unit price support had been raised in March. All this called for more borrowing, and in addition to domestic loans the State was able to negotiate two foreign loans of up to 50 million marks in November. The State further obtained the postponement of monthly payments to the communes representing their share of income tax collections; at the end of the year these deferred payments totalled 20 million marks.

By the end of the third quarter, the cash deficit had risen to 168 million marks. In comparison with the first three quarters of 1962, the growth in ordinary revenue had fallen to 4 per cent, while that of expenditure was maintained at 12 per cent. The growth rate of revenue fell further towards the end of the year; large income tax refunds in November and December made the yield in these months wholly negative. In general, for almost every month of the year, the ratio of revenue to expenditure was more unfavourable than in the corresponding month of 1962. By November, the deficit had mounted to 212 million marks, and it grew by another 100 million in December.

The basic source of fiseal headache for 1963, and for the two preceding years, seems to lie in the development of revenue and of expenditure not being moulded in the same pattern. Most increments to expenditure, however they may come about, are usually there to stay, and eventually to expand. The corresponding cover in revenue is often procured either by a short-lived swelling of tax yields in boom periods, or by temporary rate increases. The establishment of a scheme for budget equalization reserves (see Bulletin No. 2, 1964) - a proposal to this effect is now under consideration in Parliament will be a step towards improving the position of the Treasury in the long run.

Table 1. STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
(Adjusted figures)

| Revenue |  |  | Expenditure |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1962{ }_{\text {Mill.mk }} 1963$ |  |  | 1962 | 1963 |
| Income and Property tax (net) | 896 | 833 | Interest on State debt ...... | 68 | 87 |
| Gross receipts ........... | (2542) | (2761) | Child allowances .... | 287 | 295 |
|  | (-1 646) | (-1 928) | The State's share in national pensions | 192 | 207 |
| Other direct taxes .......... | 19 | 21 |  | 192 | 207 |
| Sales tax | 1062 | 1021 | Transfer of employers pay- |  |  |
| Import duties .............. | 458 | 465 | to National Pensions Insti- |  |  |
| Revenue from Alcohol Monopoly | 313 | 363 | tution.................. | 117 | 118 |
| Excise duty on tobacco .... | 228 | 274 | Compensation to war-disabled Subsidies . . . . | 114 | 118 |
| Excise duty on sweetstuffs .. | 22 | 23 |  | 78 | 67 |
| Excise duty on beer | 12 | 12 | State aid to agriculture .... | 78 | 67 |
| Excise duty on liquid fuel .. | 162 | 179 | State aid to communal and private shools | 338 | 378 |
| Tax on automobiles and motor cycles | 67 | 86 | private shools ............. | $\begin{array}{r}338 \\ 239 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 318 3129 |
| Other excise duties ........ | 26 | 45 | Maintenance of roads ..... | 138 | 139 |
| Stamp duties | 200 | 206 | Pensions of State employees | 115 1149 | 130 1329 |
| Employers' payments for child allowances (incl. national pensions in 1962) ......... | 388 | 315 | Other current expenditure .. | 1149 | $\underline{1329}$ |
| Net receipts of price equalisation by extra-budgetary funds $\qquad$ | 7 | 11 | Investments in State enterprises, forests and landed property | 286 | 306 |
| Other revenue similar to taxes | 56 | 59 | Purchases of machinery and apparatus |  |  |
| Total taxes | 3916 | 3913 |  | 74 | 70 |
|  | 3016 | 3013 | House building ............ | 162 | 201 |
| Interest and dividends | 98 | 93 | Roads, bridges and hydroundertakings .............. | 293 | 326 |
| Net profit of State enterprises | 3 | 10 |  |  |  |
| Other current revenue | 128 | 154 | Real investments | 815 | 903 |
| Current Revenue | 4145 |  | Loans granted . ............ | 270 | 286 |
|  |  | 4170 | Purchases of shares ........ Finland's quota in IDA (plus | 44 | 40 |
| Provision for depreciation by |  |  |  | 7 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Increase in stand-by stocks |  |  |
| Sales of State property .... | 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Repayments of loans | 70 | 78 | budgetary funds (net) .... | 64 | 21 |
| Capital Revenue | 115 | 126 | Capital Expenditure . ...... | 1200 | 1252 |
| Total Revenue | 4260 | 4296 | Total Expenditure ......... Redemption of external loans | 4436 | 4926 |
|  |  |  |  | 35 | 38 |
| External loans | 47 367 | 198 | Redemption of internal loans | 188 | 178 |
| Internal loans | 367 | 352 | Redemption of Indemnity Bonds etc. | 8 | 7 |
| Loans | 414 | 550 | Index premiums ............ | 7 | 9 |
|  |  |  | Redemption | 238 | 232 |
| Deficit . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {Total }}$ | - | 312 | Surplus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 0 |  |
|  | 4674 | 5158 | Total | 4674 | 5158 |

## FINANCE ACCOUNTS

The final figures for State revenue and expenditure are given in Table 1, some percentage changes on the previous year being recorded in Table 2.

Contrary to the year before, when equality in accounts was achieved by resorting to heavy borrowing, the result for 1963 was a deficit of 312 million marks, even though borrowed funds exceeded the 1962 figure by

Table 2. CHANGES IN STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDTTURE

| Revenue |  |  | Expenditure |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Change on previous year, per cent 19621963 |  |  | Change on previous year, per cent 19621963 |  |
| Income and Property tax | +21 | $-7$ | Child allowances | $+16$ | + 3 |
| Sales tax | + 6 | $-4$ | National pensions | +17 | + 8 |
| Import duties | - 2 | + 2 | Subsidies . . . . . . . | + 6 | + 53 |
| Alcohol Monopoly | + 9 | +16 | Aid to schools | i+ 15 | + 12 |
| Stamp duties | + 9 | + 3 | Military expenditure | +23 | +31 |
| Excise duties | + 20 | $+18$ | Maintenance of roads | . +20 | + 1 |
| Current Revenue | + 10 | $+1$ | Current Expenditure | + 14 | + 14 |
| * |  |  | Real investments | + 5 | $+11$ |
|  |  |  | Capital Expenditure | + 10 | + 4 |
| Capital Revenue | it 17 | $+10$ | Total Expenditure (exc |  |  |
| Total Revenue (excl. Ioans) | +10 | +1 | redemption) . ..... | . +13 | +11 |

136 millions. In fact the excess was even larger, as the proceeds of tax payment bond loans, because of their short-term nature, are here not included in internal loans but in the cash debt.

The worse result for 1963 is wholly attributable to the discrepancy between growth rates of current revenue and expenditure. The level of the former was practically the same as in 1962, while current expenditure increased by 14 per cent, or by as much as the year before. The increase in total expenditure amounted to 11 per cent, equivalent to a rise of 6 per cent in real terms.

First of all, a technical change should be noted that - beginning from 1963 - employers' payments for national pensions are no longer channelled through the State budget; inclusion of these funds would raise the growth rates on both sides by about 3 percentage points. The standstill in revenue is further explained by a corporate surtax having been levied in 1962 but not in 1963, with a consequent reduction in yield. Another reduction was noted in the yield from the sales tax, accounted for by two reasons: the slowing down of growth in consumer imports and the expectations of the sales tax reform in 1964 (see Bulletin No. 1, 1964). As numerous categories of goods were tax-exempt under the old legislar
tion, whereas the new act was to have a general coverage but a lower rate, the purchases of exempted goods were relatively precipitated, and postponed for others.

Increases were noted in other tax yields, although significant only in those that had their rates raised. The net profit of State undertakings had fallen to almost nil in 1962, following a record level of $60-70$ million in the boom years 1960-61; now it again climbed to a safe 10 million marks. The State Railways deficit increased, notwithstanding higher tariffs, but the surpluses from forestry and postal communications were rising.

The growth in expenditure concentrated on current account. Wage and salary disbursement grew by about 15 per cent, and transfer expenditure by over 17 per cent. The large rise in subsidies was partly because of the once-for-all compensation payments 107 million marks - to farmers for the poor crops in 1962, their payments being deferred to 1963.

On the capital account, the growth in real investments was slightly accelerated from 1962. In the main, this can be traced back to the deterioration in employment prospects, particularly towards the end of the year; during the last quarter, the labour force in State public works was 10 per cent higher
than one year earlier. - The sharpest increase was recorded in construction work, while purchases of equipment declined somewhat. Investment in the railways amounted to 227 million ( 220 in 1962). The use of funds specifically earmarked for unemployment relief amounted to 236 (155) million marks. The difference does not reflect the rise in unemployment, as unit costs were also higher, and as budgeting procedure - whether to enter investment costs under their proper headings or under the relief entries - can vary from year to year.

The grants of loans increased by 6 per cent; the main grants included 85 (69) million spent on Arava housing loans, and 49 (64) million in loans from the Settlement Fund. "Employment loans" were made for 8 million marks only. Their importance has lately been declining, as nowadays the creation of new jobs is one of the principal criteria in all loans granted by the State.

New loans amounted to 550 million marks, against 414 million the year before. The following setup illustrates their distribution by source. The proceeds of the tax payment certificates ( 99 million marks at the end of the year, included in Table 1 in short-term debt, and consequently in the figure for the deficit) have been added to the 1963 totals.

|  | Mill.mk |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bank of Finland | 31 | 35 |
| Post Office Savings Bank | 66 | 80 |
| Other banks | 102 |  |
| National Pensions Institution | 29 | 10 |
| Insurance companies | 9 | 20 |
| Public \& other sources | 130 | 207 |
| Domestic borrowing | 367 | 352 |
| Foreign creditors | 47 | 198 |
| Total | 414 | 550 |
| Tax payment certificates | - | 99 |
| Total borrowing | 414 | 649 |

On this occasion, commercial banks did not participate, as no satisfactory agreement on borrowing terms was reached. The banks
(other than the Bank of Finland) thus accounted for only 80 (168) million marks, or 18 (46) per cent of the domestic borrowing. Their role is further reduced if we deduct simultaneous redemptions, which were 25 (20) million to the Bank of Finland, 88 (142) to other banks, and 65 (39) to other domestic creditors. Net borrowing from the Bank of Finland thus amounted to 10 (11) million marks only, and that from other banks turned into net redemptions of 8 million marks (net loans of 26 million in 1962). On the other hand, the net amount of loans from the non-bank sector stood at 271 (129) million marks. Domestic net borrowing was thus entirely concentrated on the latter.

The effects of fiscal policy in 1963 must be viewed against this background. The expenditure (excluding redemptions) exceeded the revenue (excluding loans) by 630 million marks, against 176 million only in 1962. The expansionary effects of this deficit spending were, however, mitigated by the fact that a large part of the gap was financed by loans raised from the public; these tied down purchasing power and checked the rise in general liquidity.

Table 3. SHORT-TERM FINANCING (Adjusted figures)

|  | ${ }^{1962}{ }_{\text {Mill.mk }} 1963$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Private funds (incr. | - 1 |  |
| Net debt to Bank of Finland (decr. + ) | + 19 |  |
| Shori-term debt to Posit Office |  |  |
| Savings Bank (decr. +) | + 7 | - 188 |
| Other short-term debt (decr. +) | $-37$ | 99 |
| Oash holdings (incr. +) | +12 | 18 |
| Surplus ( + ), Deficit ( - ) | + 0 | -31 |

Table 3 provides an analysis of the shortterm financing, a breakdown of the deficit or surplus. It is seen that more than one half of the deficit was financed by increasing the short-term debt to the P.O. Savings Bank.

New foreign loans acquired during the another loan of 32 million ( $\$ 10 \mathrm{~m}$.), likewise year included a ten-year sinking-fund bond loan of up to 40 million marks ( $\$ 12.5 \mathrm{~m}$.) for 18 million marks, plus drawings against floated on the New York stock market, the Soviet Union commodity credit.

## ITEMS

New five-year trade agreement with the USSR. On August 14, a basic agreement concerning the exchange of goods and payments between Finland and the Soviet Union during 1966-1970 was signed in Moscow. This is the fourth five-year pact between these countries. It involves an increase by a full 20 per cent in the value of trade in comparison with the current agreement for 1961-1965, and a wider selection of goods.

Among Finnish exports, the largest increase relates to machines and equipment, and ships. The value of exports of machinery and equipment for the pulp and paper industries and the mechanical woodworking industry will rise from the 90 million roubles of the present five-year agreement to 145 million roubles. The number of ships will rise from 122 to 138 ; these will include three $22000 \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{P}$. icebreakers, three cable-laying ships, 22 motor cargo vessels of 12000 dwt. or more, 40 timber transport vessels, and 35 tankers of 4000 dwt. or more. Of the forestry products, round timber and sawn goods were excluded from the new export list, but the value of exports of this sector will rise nevertheless, and cover more goods of a higher stage of processing. Exports of various kinds of paper will grow by some 20000 tons. Exports of kraftpaper sacks will rise in particular, a number of $50-70$ million being listed for 1966 , and

70-100 million for 1970. Similarly, Finland will deliver furniture at considerably higher values than before, to the extent of $2-3$ million roubles annually. For agricultural products, deliveries are listed amounting to 5 million roubles annually, plus a 10 million louble quota for barter transactions. Among new articles of export, mention is due of woven fabrics and other textiles, electronic appliances and apparatuses, and pedigree livestock. A total of 200000 tons of pigiron will be exported during 1966-1967, and 500 tons annually of vanadium pentoxide.

In Finland's import list, machinery, fuels and some raw materials are the most important items. Metal-working machine tools will be imported to values increasing year by year, the figure for 1970 being 1.3 million roubles. Equipment for power plants will rise from 1 million in 1966 to 2.6 million roubles in 1970 . Similarly, the number of passenger cars will rise annually, up to $9000-10000$ in 1970. Imports of liquid and solid fuel, particularly coke, will be considerably higher than during the current agreement period. Annual imports of coke will be $650000-700000$ tons. The annual imports of saw logs will be $450000 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{m}$, of pulp wood $250000 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{m}$, and of other coniferous timber $100000 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{m}$, which means a total of 4 million cu.m solid measure during the whole period.

It is emphasized in the agreement that both parties will each year endeavour to expand and broaden the exchange of goods over and above the listed quotas, possibly by multilateral arrangements with third countries.

The prices of goods to be delivered under contracts based on the agreement will be determined in roubles on the basis of world market prices. Payments will be made through a clearing account with the credit limit fixed at 18 million roubles.

Frontier trade between Finland and Leningrad will be agreed upon separately; this trade is effected on a barter basis.

Investment inquiry. In May 1964, the Bank of Finland Institute for Economic Research conducted an investigation into the fixed investment of Finnish industry, as represented by manufacturing, mining, electricity production and gas and water works. These inquiries were first started in 1962, and have been conducted twice a year (cf. Items in No. 12, 1963, and No. 3, 1964). Questionnaires have been sent to nearly 700 undertakings, chosen by sampling. The labour force of the firms returning complete questionnaires has respresented $92-96$ per cent of the total labour force of the sample ma-
terial. The next inquiry will be made in October 1964.

The table below gives figures relating to the fixed investment of manufacturing and total industry in 1962 and 1963. A comparison between the results of the two inquiries shows the extent to which the provisional estimates agree with the final figures.

In the October inquiry, it seems that the undertakings on the average underestimated the value of their actual investments in 1963. Thus, in October, the investment decrease in 1963 in marks was estimated at 20 per cent in manufacturing, and 14 per cent in total industry, while the corresponding decrease according to the final figures of the May inquiry was lower, or 15 and 10 per cent.

The falling tendency in construction investment seems to have touched bottom in 1962; these investments rose again in 1963, as estimated in marks. Conversely, the downward course of investment in machinery and equipment still prevailed, and even strengthened last year. As to the tendency in different categories of industry, the investment decrease in the wood and paper industry was more than 20 per cent in 1963, whereas the corresponding decrease in other manufacturing groups, on the average, remained below 10 per cent. In one category

|  |  | Inquiry ofOctober 1963 |  |  | Inquiry of May 1964 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1962 | 1963 | Change | 1963 | Change |
|  |  | Mill. | Mill. | on 1962 | Mill. | on 1962 |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building |  | 235 | 237 | + 1 | 251 | + 7 |
| Other construction |  | 56 | 56 | 0 | 67 | + 18 |
| Machinery, equipment |  | 796 | 568 | $-29$ | 604 | -24 |
| Other . .......... |  | 27 | 33 | +. 18 | 22 | -19 |
|  | Total | 1114 | 894 | $-20$ | 944 | $-15$ |
| Total industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building |  | 262 | 261 | - 0 | 278 | $+6$ |
| Other construction |  | 140 | 134 | - 5 | 141 | + 0 |
| Machinery, equipment |  | 889 | 710 | $-20$ | 738 | -17 |
| Other |  | 27 | 33 | +18 | 22 | -19 |
|  | Total | 1318 | 1138 | $-14$ | 1179 | $-10$ |

(electrical production, gas and water works), not included in manufacturing, the value of investments in 1963 rose by some 20 per cent on the year before; this serves as the
principal explanation why the decrease in total industrial investments was less than the corresponding fall in manufacturing alone.

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