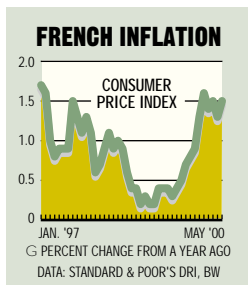


International Figures of the Week

COUNTRY FOCUS / FRANCE

Despite France's strong economy, with growth of 3.6% expected this year, French inflation remains tame, and it should stay that way. Consumer prices in May increased 0.2% from April, but the rise mainly reflected the month's surge in energy costs. Yearly inflation was 1.5% in May, the second lowest in the 11-nation euro zone, next to Germany at 1.4% in May.



trippling of oil prices, overall inflation has been held in check by heightened competition, new technologies, and continued deregulation. Those factors, plus the April cut in the value-added tax and the recent rebound in the euro, will restrain inflation in coming months.

Moreover, the European Central Bank's half-point hike in interest rates on June 8, along with its decision to allow its policy rate to vary with market conditions, will further limit inflationary pressures.

Excluding energy and food, the core rate inched up only 0.1% from April. It is up only 1.1% from a year ago. Despite the euro's weakness and a near

STOCK INDEXES

	DATE	DATE	% CHG. YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA /All Ordinaires	3076.2	3070.8	3.6%
BRAZIL /Bovespa	16366.1	16271.7	40.8
BRITAIN /FTSE100	6536.3	6503.8	3.5
CANADA /TSE 300	9972.1	9557.7	42.3
FRANCE /CAC 40	6608.1	6498.5	45.7
GERMANY /DAX	7350.9	7293.0	37.6
HONG KONG /Hang Seng	15857.1	15900.1	17.2
ITALY /MIB 30	47613.0	47030.0	36.6
JAPAN /Nikkei 225	16654.4	17145.0	-5.0
MEXICO /IPC 35	6667.2	6238.4	14.4
SOUTH KOREA /Composite	819.3	822.5	-7.2
SPAIN /IBEX 35	10880.7	10688.9	6.5
UNITED STATES /Dow Jones	10688.0	10818.1	-2.6

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES

	USDOLLAR	SKWON	SFRANC	MPESO	YEN	EURO	CDOL	POUND	REAL	ADOL
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	1.6869	0.00151	1.0352	0.1710	15.9880	1.6223	1.1401	2.5690	0.3303	-
BRAZILIAN REAL	1.7950	0.00161	1.1011	0.1820	17.0021	1.7276	1.2143	2.7331	-	0.3303
BRITISH POUND	0.6567	0.00059	0.4029	0.0667	6.2235	0.6316	0.4438	-	0.3658	0.3893
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.4783	0.00133	0.9080	0.1499	14.0234	1.4218	-	2.2507	0.8236	0.8764
EUROPEAN EURO	1.0397	0.00093	0.6381	0.1055	9.8488	-	0.7034	1.5832	0.5792	0.6163
JAPANESE YEN	105.57	0.09400	64.76	10.7015	-	101.54	71.42	160.74	58.8134	62.5800
MEXICAN PESO	9.8650	0.00886	6.0518	-	0.0934	9.483	6.673	15.0143	5.4958	5.8480
SWISS FRANG	1.6301	0.00146	-	0.1652	1.5440	1.5677	1.1028	2.4819	0.9081	0.9663
SOUTH KOREAN WON	1114.00	-	683.394	112.924	10.552	1071.400	753.568	1696.12	620.613	660.383
U.S. DOLLAR	-	0.00090	0.6134	0.1014	9.4719	0.9618	0.6765	1.5226	0.5571	0.5928

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc., Quotes as of 4 p.m., June 14, 2000

CENTRAL BANK POLICY RATES

	JUNE 14	JUNE 7	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA /Overnight cash	6.01	6.00	4.75
BRAZIL /Selic Overnight	18.31	18.35	22.01
BRITAIN /Base Lending	6.00	6.00	5.00
CANADA /Overnite Financing	6.00	6.00	4.60
EURO ZONE /Refinance	4.25	3.50	2.50
HONG KONG /Interbank Overnight	6.63	7.75	5.94
JAPAN /Overnight Call	0.02	0.02	0.01
MEXICO /One-day Loan	15.25*	16.00	18.62
SOUTH KOREA /Discount	5.13	5.19	3.00
UNITED STATES /Federal Funds Rate	6.46*	6.47	4.68

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc., Standard & Poor's DRI, *June 13

GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (BENCHMARK 10-YEAR BOND)

	JUNE 14	JUNE 7	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA	6.17	6.13	6.30
BRITAIN	5.09	5.11	5.49
CANADA	5.90	5.95	5.49
FRANCE	5.32	5.27	4.60
GERMANY	5.15	5.13	4.51
HONG KONG	7.49	7.43	NA
ITALY	5.49	5.47	4.81
JAPAN	1.65	1.76	1.59
SOUTH KOREA (3-Year)	9.78	9.75	8.00
SPAIN	5.44	5.39	4.67
UNITED STATES	6.11	6.12	5.78

DATA: BRIDGE Information Systems, Inc., Standard & Poor's DRI