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STOCK INDEX FUTURES

Dow Jones futures registered a new historical high yesterday, although NASDAQ futures have underperformed recently.

Stock index futures are higher today with the House set to pass a \$1.9 trillion relief package today.

Mortgage applications fell 1.3% in the week ended March 5, after a 0.5% increase in the previous week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Applications to refinance a home loan declined 5.0% on a weekly basis and were 43.0% lower than a year ago, the first annual drop since March 8, 2019.

The February consumer price index was up 0.4% as expected.

The Atlanta Federal Reserve business inflation expectations report will be released at 9:00 central time. Last month the figure was 2.2%.

Stock index futures are performing well for the news.

CURRENCY FUTURES

The U.S. dollar is lower, and the euro currency is higher, reversing the price movements in the overnight trade.

The Japanese yen bounced from the 9-month low that was made yesterday.

Reserve Bank of Australia Governor Philip Lowe said he cannot argue that the Australian dollar is currently overvalued. He reaffirmed there is a long road ahead before interest rates rise.

Mr. Lowe said "Over the past couple of weeks market pricing has implied an expectation of possible increases in the cash rate as early as late next year and then again in 2023. This is not an expectation that we share."

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INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES

The Treasury will auction \$38 billion in 10-year Treasury notes today.

The next Federal Open Market Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17.

The June 30-year Treasury bond futures are higher and are now above a three-week downtrend line.

I believe major central banks eventually will employ tools to mitigate rising long-term interest rates.

SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

March 21 S&P 500

Support	3852.00	Resistance	3910.00
March 21 U.S. Dollar Index			
Support	91.700	Resistance	92.300
March 21 Euro Currency			
Support	1.18650	Resistance	1.19350
March 21 Japanese Yen			
Support	.91750	Resistance	.92350
March 21 Canadian Dollar			
Support	.78780	Resistance	.79360
March 21 Australian Dollar			
Support	.76640	Resistance	.77500
June 21 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds			
Support	157^0	Resistance	158^16
April 21 Gold			
Support	1702.0	Resistance	1727.0
May 21 Copper			
Support	3.9700	Resistance	4.0800
April 21 Crude Oil			
Support	63.08	Resistance	65.13

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