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DEAR SHAREHOLDER:

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We are pleased to present the semiannual report on the operations of Municipal Premium Income Trust (NYSE Symbol: PIA) for the six months ended November 30, 1993.

MARKET CONDITIONS

Long-term interest rates were near their lowest levels in almost 20 years for much of the period under review. The passage and signing of the Clinton administration's Revenue Reconciliation Act during the summer made higher marginal income tax rates a reality and strengthened demand for tax-exempt bonds. Over the past six months, municipal bond yields, as measured by The Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index, fell 77 basis points from 6.48 percent to 5.71 percent.

Municipal issuers continued to take advantage of lower interest rates by refunding older, higher-coupon debt at an unprecedented pace. A new record for underwriting volume has already been set this year. The total of \$261 billion issued during the first 11 months of 1993 surpassed the previous high of \$235 billion for all of 1992. Refundings accounted for two-thirds of total new-issue sales. Underwriting backed by insurance represented 37 percent of the new-issue market.

PERFORMANCE

Municipal Premium Income Trust's total returns for the six month and trailing 12 month periods ended November 30, 1993 were 9.52 percent and 16.24 percent, respectively, based on a closing New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price of \$11.375 per share.

On November 30, 1993, the Fund declared a monthly dividend of \$0.065 per share payable on December 23, 1993 to shareholders of record on December 10, 1993. During the first half of the fiscal year, PIA paid shareholders tax-free income dividends of \$0.39 per share. The Fund has maintained its level of monthly dividend payments despite the persistent decline in interest rates. Future common share dividend payments, however, could be affected by sales or redemptions of older, high-coupon bonds with reduced call protection and by changes in the cost yield of the preferred stock leverage.

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

At the end of the six-month period, the Fund's net assets totaled approximately \$412 million. The portfolio's long-term investments were diversified among 13 municipal sectors and 83 separate issuers. The three largest sectors were hospital, single-family mortgage and industrial development/pollution control revenue bonds, representing 56 percent of municipal bond investments. The average maturity and call protection of long-term holdings were 20 years and 7 years, respectively. Bonds subject to the alternative minimum tax comprised 26 percent of the portfolio.

The credit quality of the long-term portfolio was:

MOODY'S OR STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS	PERCENT
Aaa or AAA.....	39%
Aa or AA.....	18
A or A.....	16
Baa or BBB.....	25
Non-rated.....	2

In addition to common shares, the Fund also has issued Auction Rate Preferred Shares (ARPS). Throughout the six-month period, the common shares benefited from the favorable cost of these preferred shares. The dividend rates on the five preferred series auctions ranged from 2.00 to 3.15 percent for maturities of 7 to 28 days.

The Fund's procedure for reinvestment of dividends and distributions is to purchase all shares in the open market. This method helps the Fund support the market value of its shares. In addition, the Trustees have approved a procedure whereby the Fund may attempt to reduce or eliminate a market value discount from net asset value by repurchasing shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

We appreciate your support of Municipal Premium Income Trust and look

forward to continuing to serve your investment needs.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Fiumefreddo
Chairman of the Board

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MUNICIPAL PREMIUM INCOME TRUST
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS November 30, 1993 (unaudited)

<CAPTION>		Coupon	Maturity	Value
Principal		Rate	Date	
Amount (in				
thousands)				
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	MUNICIPAL BONDS (97.1%)			
	GENERAL OBLIGATION (9.3%)			
\$ 5,000	California Various Purpose (MBIA Insured).....	6.00 %	10/ 1/21	\$ 5,201,550
8,000	District of Columbia, Ser 1990 A (AMBAC Insured) (Prerefunded)....	7.50	6/ 1/10	9,474,800
	Massachusetts,			
535	Cons 1990 Ser A (FGIC Insured) (Prerefunded).....	7.25	3/ 1/09	625,329
865	Cons 1990 Ser A (FGIC Insured) (Prerefunded).....	7.25	3/ 1/09	1,013,659
	New York City, New York,			
1,000	1987 Ser A (Prerefunded).....	8.50	11/ 1/11	1,177,720
3,985	1987 Ser A (Prerefunded).....	8.50	11/ 1/12	4,693,214
155	1986 Ser D.....	8.50	8/ 1/14	174,088
1,345	1986 Ser D (Prerefunded).....	8.50	8/ 1/14	1,532,682
5,000	1987 Ser A (Prerefunded).....	8.75	11/ 1/14	5,933,650
3,460	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1987 Ser B (Secondary FGIC Insured)			
	(Prerefunded).....	8.125	8/ 1/17	4,013,773
3,675	Puerto Rico, Public Impr Ser 1990 (Prerefunded).....	7.70	7/ 1/20	4,426,244

				38,266,709

	EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVENUE (3.1%)			
6,715	Massachusetts Health & Educational Facilities Authority,			
	Boston College Ser 1993 K.....	5.25	6/ 1/18	6,327,007
	New York State Dormitory Authority, State University			
4,000	Refg Ser 1993 A.....	5.50	5/15/08	3,984,080
1,350	Ser 1990 B.....	7.50	5/15/11	1,628,235
1,000	Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Temple			
	University First Ser (MBIA Insured).....	6.50	4/ 1/21	1,086,950

				13,026,272

	ELECTRIC REVENUE (7.1%)			
3,910	North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency,			
	Refg 1989 Ser A (Prerefunded).....	7.25	1/ 1/23	4,504,359
1,500	North Carolina Municipal Power Agency #1, Catawba			
	1985 Ser B (Prerefunded).....	8.50	1/ 1/17	1,679,070
	Intermountain Power Agency, Utah,			
1,270	Refg Ser 1988 B.....	7.50	7/ 1/21	1,417,752
6,300	Refg Ser 1987 D.....	8.625	7/ 1/21	7,204,554
12,550	Washington Public Power Supply System, Nuclear Proj #2			
	Refg Ser 1990 C.....	7.625	7/ 1/10	14,475,798

				29,281,533

	HOSPITAL REVENUE (24.4%)			
3,500	Colbert County--Northwest Health Care Authority, Alabama,			
	Helen Keller Hospital Refg Ser 1990.....	8.75	6/ 1/09	4,141,935
3,500	Houston County Health Care Authority, Alabama, Southeast			
	Alabama Medical Center Ser 1989 (Prerefunded).....	7.25	10/ 1/19	4,082,225
1,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority,			
	Alexian Brothers/San Jose Refg Ser 1990 (MBIA Insured).....	7.125	1/ 1/16	1,123,950
1,000	Jacksonville Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Riverside			
	Hospital Ser 1989.....	7.625	10/ 1/13	1,104,510
1,750	Albany Dougherty County Hospital Authority, Georgia, Phoebe			
	Putney Hospital 1990 Ser B (AMBAC Insured) (Prerefunded).....	7.50	9/ 1/20	2,081,940

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\$ 3,750	Evergreen Park, Illinois, Little Company of Mary Hospital Refg Ser 1988 (MBIA Insured).....	7.25 %	2/15/11	\$ 4,175,625
1,800	Southwestern Illinois Development Authority, Anderson Hospital Ser 1992 A.....	7.00	8/15/22	1,905,444
4,000	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Hancock Memorial Hospital Ser 1990.....	8.30	8/15/20	4,583,880
3,420	Kentucky Development Finance Authority, Ashland Hospital King's Daughters Refg Ser 1987.....	9.75	8/ 1/05	4,137,482
9,500	Boston, Massachusetts, Boston City Hospital--FHA Insured Mtge Refg Ser B.....	5.75	2/15/13	9,411,840
500	Massachusetts Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Berkshire Health 1989 Ser A (MBIA Insured).....	7.60	10/ 1/14	571,650
5,000	St John's Hospital 1990 Ser B (Prerefunded).....	8.375	12/ 1/20	6,202,050
200	Flint Hospital Building Authority, Michigan, Hurley Medical Center Ser 1990.....	7.80	7/ 1/14	219,976
4,000	Duluth Economic Development Authority, Minnesota, Benedictine Health/St Mary's Medical Center Ser 1990 (Prerefunded).....	8.375	2/15/20	4,874,600
12,500	Minneapolis & St Paul Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Minnesota, Health One Oblig Grp Ser 1990 B (Prerefunded).....	8.00	8/15/14	15,136,500
2,405	Ser 1990 C (Prerefunded).....	8.00	8/15/19	2,912,263
4,000	Missouri Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Missouri Baptist Medical Center Refg Ser 1989.....	7.625	7/ 1/18	4,406,560
1,985	Missouri Baptist Medical Center Ser 1989.....	8.00	1/ 1/19	2,225,443
2,985	Lehigh County General Purpose Authority, Pennsylvania, St Lukes Hospital Ser 1992 (AMBAC Insured).....	6.25	7/ 1/22	3,174,995
3,420	Lycoming County Authority, Pennsylvania, Divine Providence Hospital of the Sisters of Christian Charity 1990 Ser B.....	7.75	7/ 1/16	3,881,803
2,375	Montgomery County Higher Educational & Health Authority, Pennsylvania, Holy Redeemer Hospital 1990 Ser A (AMBAC Insured).....	7.625	2/ 1/20	2,738,945
4,230	Greenwood County, South Carolina, Memorial Hospital Ser 1987 A (BIG Insured) (Prerefunded).....	8.375	10/ 1/17	4,969,319
1,405	Sumter County, South Carolina, Tuomey Medical Center Ser 1985 (Prerefunded).....	10.00	10/ 1/04	1,596,763
95	Ser 1985 (Prerefunded).....	10.00	10/ 1/04	107,966
2,750	Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, Baptist Health Care Ser 1989.....	8.30	10/ 1/14	3,093,228
4,500	Midland County Hospital District, Texas, Ser 1989 (Prerefunded)...	8.375	6/ 1/02	5,282,595
2,400	Peninsula Ports Authority, Virginia, Mary Immaculate Hospital Ser 1989.....	8.375	8/ 1/04	2,690,952

				100,834,439

	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT/POLLUTION CONTROL REVENUE (13.6%)			
14,500	Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Tucson Electric Power Co Refg Ser 1988 A (FSA Surety).....	7.25	7/15/10	16,485,050
10,000	Burlington, Kansas, Kansas Gas & Electric Co Refg Ser 1991 (MBIA Insured).....	7.00	6/ 1/31	11,229,200
2,000	Cleveland, Ohio, Continental Airlines Inc Ser 1990 (AMT).....	9.00	12/ 1/19	2,067,720
1,000	Ohio Water Development Authority, Toledo Edison Co Ser 1990 A (Secondary FSA Insured).....	7.75	5/15/19	1,176,840

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\$ 9,500	Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Electric Co Refg 1991 Ser B (MBIA Insured).....	6.70 %	12/ 1/21	\$ 10,522,770

13,000	Alliance Airport Authority, Texas, AMR Corp Ser 1990 (AMT).....	7.50	12/ 1/29	13,994,630
500	Matagorda County Navigation District #1, Texas, Houston Lighting & Power Co Collateralized Ser 1989 A (AMT).....	7.875	2/ 1/19	556,975

				56,033,185

	MORTGAGE REVENUE--MULTI-FAMILY (0.3%)			
1,250	Lake Charles Non-Profit Housing Development Corporation, Louisiana, Ser 1990 A (Capital Guaranty Insured).....	7.875	2/15/25	1,256,825

	MORTGAGE REVENUE--SINGLE FAMILY (16.2%)			
5,000	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Ser 1993 (a).....	5.90	12/ 1/33	4,950,000
855	Colorado Housing & Finance Authority, Ser 1990 B-2.....	8.00	2/ 1/18	914,320
30,000	Pinnellas County Housing Finance Authority, Florida, Ser 1983.....	0.00	1/ 1/15	3,330,000
1,000	Idaho Housing Agency, 1988 Ser D-2 (AMT).....	8.25	1/ 1/20	1,162,200
3,760	Illinois Housing Development Authority, 1988 Ser C (AMT).....	8.10	2/ 1/22	3,951,346
1,810	Indiana Housing Finance Authority, Ser 1990 A-2 (AMT).....	8.10	1/ 1/22	1,948,375
1,680	Kansas City Leavenworth & Lenexa, Kansas, GNMA-Backed Ser 1988 C (AMT).....	8.00	11/ 1/20	1,859,962
	Olathe, Kansas, GNMA Collateralized			
320	Ser 1990 B.....	7.50	9/ 1/10	347,491
1,280	Ser 1989 A (AMT) (MBIA Insured).....	8.00	11/ 1/20	1,394,790
2,075	New Orleans Home Mortgage Authority, Louisiana, 1989 Ser B-1 (AMT).....	8.25	12/ 1/21	2,215,913
	Maine Housing Authority, Purchase Ser 1988 D4 (AMT).....	7.55	11/15/19	3,781,322
3,540	Purchase Ser 1988 D5 (AMT).....	7.55	11/15/19	1,077,960
1,000	Massachusetts State Housing Finance Agency, 1989 Ser 7 (AMT).....	8.10	6/ 1/20	6,285,118
5,960	Residential Ser 1989 A (AMT).....	8.20	8/ 1/15	5,291,409
5,030	Residential Ser 1987 B (AMT).....	8.50	8/ 1/20	5,319,200
5,000	Mississippi Housing Finance Corporation, Purchase GNMA- Backed Ser 1989 (AMT).....	8.25	10/15/18	1,278,494
1,165	Muskogee County Home Finance Authority, Oklahoma, 1990 Ser A (FGIC Insured).....	7.60	12/ 1/10	989,371
915	Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, 1990 Ser 27 (AMT).....	8.15	10/ 1/21	2,217,412
1,975	1990 Ser X (AMT).....	8.15	4/ 1/24	1,604,784
1,470	Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation, Home 1989 Ser 1-B (AMT).....	8.40	10/ 1/21	793,697
735	1988 Ser 1-D (AMT).....	7.875	10/ 1/22	2,741,478
2,560	1989 Ser 1-B (AMT).....	8.40	10/ 1/22	2,172,820
2,000	South Carolina Housing Finance & Development Authority, Home 1988 Ser C-1 (AMT).....	8.125	7/ 1/21	3,229,080
3,000	1991 Ser A (AMT).....	7.40	7/ 1/23	1,297,311
1,220	El Paso Housing Finance Corporation, Texas, Ser 1989 (AMT).....	8.20	3/ 1/21	3,018,579
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	Utah Housing Finance Agency, Ser 1991 B-1.....	7.50 %	7/ 1/16	\$ 1,008,232
\$ 930	Ser 1989 B (AMT).....	8.25	7/ 1/21	2,389,090
2,200	Wyoming Community Development Authority, Federally Insured or Gtd 1989 Ser A.....	7.90	6/ 1/17	164,475
165				-----
				66,734,229

	NURSING & HEALTH RELATED FACILITIES REVENUE (2.6%)			
	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency, Mental Health			
3,000	Ser 1987.....	8.875	8/15/07	3,441,930
2,935	Ser 1990 (MBIA Insured).....	7.75	2/15/20	3,448,889
3,500	Ser 1991 A.....	7.50	2/15/21	3,985,800

				10,876,619

	PUBLIC FACILITIES REVENUE (2.2%)			
4,000	Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, Illinois, Ser 1992 A			

	(FGIC Insured).....	0.00	6/15/07	3,445,200
	New York State Urban Development Corporation, Ser 1991.....	7.60	4/ 1/03	1,139,180
1,000	Ser 1991.....	7.50	4/ 1/11	1,486,121
1,300	Houston, Texas, Hotel Occupancy Tax & Parking Facility Sr Lien Ser A 1991 (Secondary FGIC Insured).....	7.00	7/ 1/09	2,830,825
2,500				-----
				8,901,326

	RESOURCE RECOVERY (3.0%)			
11,500	Cambria County Industrial Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Cambria Cogen Co Ser 1989 F-2 (AMT).....	7.75	9/ 1/19	12,397,000

	TRANSPORTATION REVENUE (6.0%)			
	Denver, Colorado, Airport			
3,500	Ser 1990 A (AMT).....	8.50	11/15/07	4,033,680
5,000	Ser 1990 A (AMT).....	8.25	11/15/12	5,664,700
5,000	Ser 1991 A (AMT).....	8.875	11/15/12	5,975,450
600	Ser 1991 A (AMT).....	8.50	11/15/23	689,268
3,000	Ser 1991 A (AMT).....	8.75	11/15/23	3,549,120
5,000	Puerto Rico Highway Authority, Refg Ser 1993 X.....	5.25	7/ 1/21	4,649,400

				24,561,618

	WATER & SEWER REVENUE (6.6%)			
2,500	Coachella, California, Ser 1992 COPs (FSA Insured).....	6.10	3/ 1/22	2,616,075
11,000	Western Townships Utilities Authority, Michigan, Sewerage Disposal Ser 1989 (Crossover Refunded).....	8.20	1/ 1/18	12,658,800
1,500	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, Ser 1987 B (Secondary MBIA Insured) (Prerefunded).....	8.25	6/15/16	1,740,015
1,750	Bethlehem Authority, Pennsylvania, Ser 1992 (MBIA Insured).....	6.25	11/15/21	1,834,753
1,000	Houston, Texas, Prior Lien Ser 1986 (Prerefunded).....	8.20	12/ 1/15	1,148,400
3,500	Texas Water Resource Finance Authority, Ser 1989 (AMBAC Insured).....	7.50	8/15/13	3,804,605
2,900	Loudoun County Sanitation Authority, Virginia, Ser 1989 (AMBAC Insured) (Prerefunded).....	7.50	1/ 1/17	3,372,207

				27,174,855

	OTHER REVENUE (2.7%)			
2,500	Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, Local Govt Loan Refg Ser 1991 A (FGIC Insured).....	4.75	12/ 1/09	2,350,275

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\$ 4,650	New York Local Government Assistance Corporation, Ser 1991 A (Prerefunded).....	7.25 %	4/ 1/18	\$ 5,492,115
2,000	Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, Econ Dev Ser A 1991.....	7.00	1/ 1/11	2,198,580
1,000	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gas Works Thirteenth Ser (Prerefunded).....	7.70	6/15/21	1,207,690

				11,248,660

	TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$358,445,642).....			400,593,270

	SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (1.1%)			
2,000	Massachusetts, Ser 1990 D (Tender 12/1/93).....	1.75*	6/ 1/95	2,000,000
2,400	Schuylkill County Industrial Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Ser 1985 (Tender 12/1/93).....	1.85*	12/ 1/11	2,400,000

	TOTAL SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS (IDENTIFIED COST \$4,400,000).....			4,400,000

	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (IDENTIFIED COST \$362,845,642) (B).....	98.2%		404,993,270
	CASH AND OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES.....	1.8		7,407,550

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- * Variable or floating rate securities. Coupon rate shown reflects current rate.
 - (a) Security purchased on a when issued basis.
 - (b) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$362,852,642; the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation is \$42,615,618 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation is \$474,990, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$42,140,628.
 See Notes to Financial Statements

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 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 November 30, 1993 (unaudited)
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ASSETS:	
Investments in securities, at value (identified cost \$362,845,642) (Note 1).....	\$404,993,270
Cash.....	1,472,609
Receivables for:	
Interest.....	8,558,381
Investments sold.....	2,704,833
Prepaid expenses.....	34,955
Deferred organizational expenses (Note 1).....	2,457

TOTAL ASSETS.....	417,766,505

LIABILITIES:	
Payable for investments purchased.....	4,968,333
Investment advisory fee payable (Note 2).....	144,963
Administration fee payable (Note 3).....	90,602
Accrued expenses (Note 4).....	161,787

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	5,365,685

NET ASSETS:	
Preferred shares of beneficial interest (1,000,000 shares authorized of non- participating \$.01 par value, 1,250 shares outstanding (Note 5)).....	125,000,000

Common shares of beneficial interest (unlimited shares authorized of \$.01 par value, 26,243,024 shares outstanding).....	243,934,937
Accumulated realized loss on investments--net.....	(527,465)
Unrealized appreciation on investments --net.....	42,147,628
Accumulated undistributed investment income--net.....	1,845,720

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS.....	287,400,820

TOTAL NET ASSETS.....	\$412,400,820
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NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE, (\$287,400,820 divided by 26,243,024 common shares outstanding).....	\$10.95
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 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the six months
 ended November 30, 1993 (unaudited)
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INVESTMENT INCOME:	
INTEREST INCOME	\$13,623,781

EXPENSES	
Investment advisory fee (Note 2).....	826,836
Administration fee (Note 3).....	516,773
Auction commission fees.....	156,648
Transfer agent fees and expenses (Note 4).....	76,860
Professional fees.....	53,685
Auction agent fees.....	43,920
Shareholder reports and notices.....	23,790
Registration fees.....	15,988
Trustees' fees and expenses (Note 4).....	15,261
Custodian fees.....	9,150
Organizational expenses (Note 1).....	7,371
Other.....	18,524

TOTAL EXPENSES.....	1,764,806

INVESTMENT INCOME--NET.....	11,858,975

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
ON INVESTMENTS--NET (Note 1):	
Realized loss on investments--net.....	(170,930)
Change in unrealized appreciation on	
investments--net.....	7,583,129

NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS.....	7,412,199

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	
RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS.....	\$19,271,174
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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	For the six months ended November 30, 1993 (unaudited)	For the year ended May 31, 1993
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS:		
Operations:		
Investment income--net.....	\$ 11,858,975	\$ 23,885,851
Realized loss on investments--net.....	(170,930)	(621,608)
Realized gain on futures contracts--net.....	-0-	271,790
Change in unrealized appreciation on investments--net.....	7,583,129	17,155,840
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Net increase in net assets resulting from operations.....	19,271,174	40,691,873
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Dividends to preferred shareholders from investment income--net.....	(1,614,093)	(3,318,478)
Dividends and distributions to common shareholders from:		
Investment income--net.....	(10,234,779)	(20,206,920)
Realized gain on investments--net.....	-0-	(209,943)
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Total dividends and distributions.....	(11,848,872)	(23,735,341)
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Total increase.....	7,422,302	16,956,532
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of period.....	404,978,518	388,021,986
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END OF PERIOD (including undistributed net investment income of \$1,845,720 and \$1,835,617, respectively).....	\$412,400,820	\$404,978,518
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MUNICIPAL PREMIUM INCOME TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

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1. ORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Municipal Premium Income Trust (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified closed-end management investment company. It was organized on November 16, 1988 as a Massachusetts business trust and commenced operations on February 1, 1989.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

A. Valuation of Investments--Portfolio securities are valued for the Fund by an outside independent pricing service approved by the Fund's Trustees. The pricing service has informed the Fund that in valuing the Fund's portfolio securities, it uses both a computerized grid matrix of tax-exempt securities and evaluations by its staff, in each case based on information concerning market transactions and quotations from dealers which reflect the bid side of the market each day. The Fund's portfolio securities are thus valued by reference to a combination of transactions and quotations for the same or other securities believed to be comparable in quality, coupon, maturity, type of issue, call provisions, trading characteristics and other features deemed to be relevant. A futures contract is valued at the last sale price as of the close of the commodities exchange on which it trades unless the Trustees determine that such price does not reflect its fair value, in which case it will be valued at its fair value as determined by the Trustees.

B. Accounting for Investments--Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed). In computing net investment income, the Fund amortizes premiums and original issue discounts on securities owned. Additionally, with respect to market discount on bonds purchased after April 30, 1993, a portion of any capital gain realized upon disposition is recharacterized as taxable investment income. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined on the identified cost method. Interest income is accrued daily.

C. Futures Contracts--A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security at a set price on a future date. Upon entering into such a contract the Fund pledges to the broker cash or tax-exempt securities at least equal to the minimum "initial margin" requirements of the exchange. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund is to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as "variation margin," and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

D. Federal Income Tax Status--It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable and nontaxable income to its shareholders. Accordingly, no federal income tax provision is required.

E. Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders--The Fund records dividends and distributions to its shareholders on the ex-dividend date.

F. Organizational Expenses--The Fund's Administrator paid the organizational expenses of the Fund in the amount of \$72,777. The Fund reimbursed the Administrator for such expenses which are being amortized by the straight-line method over a period not to exceed five years from the commencement of operations.

2. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT--Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with Dean Witter InterCapital Inc. (the "Investment Adviser"), the Fund pays its Investment Adviser an advisory fee, calculated weekly and payable monthly, by applying the annual rate of 0.40% to the Fund's average weekly net assets.

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Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser manages the Fund's assets. Also, the Investment Adviser pays the salaries of all personnel, including officers of the Fund, who are employees of the Investment Adviser.

3. ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT--Pursuant to an Administration Agreement (the "Administration Agreement") with Dean Witter InterCapital Inc. (the "Administrator"), the Fund pays its Administrator an administration fee, calculated weekly and payable monthly, by applying the annual rate of 0.25% to

the Fund's average weekly net assets.

Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Administrator maintains certain of the Fund's books and records and furnishes, at its own expense, such office space, facilities, equipment, clerical help, bookkeeping and certain legal services as the Fund may reasonably require in the conduct of its business. In addition, the Administrator pays the salaries of all personnel, including officers of the Fund, who are employees of the Administrator.

4. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES--The cost of purchases and the proceeds from sales of portfolio securities for the six months ended November 30, 1993, excluding short-term investments, aggregated \$30,466,903 and \$17,383,029, respectively.

On April 1, 1991 the Fund established an unfunded noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering all independent Trustees of the Fund who will have served as independent Trustees for at least five years at the time of retirement. Benefits under this plan are based on years of service and compensation during the last five years of service. Aggregate pension costs for the six months ended November 30, 1993, included in Trustees' fees and expenses in the Statement of Operations, amounted to \$5,283. At November 30, 1993 the Fund had an accrued pension liability of \$37,446 which is included in accrued expenses in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Dean Witter Trust Company, an affiliate of the Investment Adviser/Administrator, is the Fund's transfer agent. During the six months ended November 30, 1993, the Fund incurred transfer agent fees and expenses of \$76,860, of which \$47,021 was payable at November 30, 1993.

5. PREFERRED SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST--The Fund is authorized to issue up to 1,000,000 non-participating preferred shares of beneficial interest having a par value of \$.01 per share, in one or more series, with rights as determined by the Trustees, without the approval of the common shareholders. The Fund has issued 1,250 shares of Auction Rate Preferred Shares ("Preferred Shares") consisting of 250 shares of each of five series, designated series A through E for gross total proceeds of \$125,000,000. The Preferred Shares have a liquidation value of \$100,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends plus the redemption premium, if any, and are redeemable (in whole or in part) on any dividend payment date.

Dividends, which are cumulative, generally reset every 28 days (except for Series E, which generally resets every seven days) through auction procedures. Dividend rates ranged from 2.00% to 3.15% during the six months ended November 30, 1993.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the preferred shares. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the Fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of preferred shares at liquidation value.

The preferred shares, which are entitled to one vote per share, generally vote with the common shares but vote separately as a class to elect two Trustees and on any matters affecting the rights of the preferred shares.

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6. COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST--There have been no transactions in common shares of beneficial interest for the periods ended May 31, 1993 and November 30, 1993.

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	Shares -----	Par Value of Shares -----	Capital Paid in Excess of Par Value -----
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Balance, May 31, 1992, May 31, 1993 and November 30, 1993.....	26,243,024 =====	\$262,430 =====	\$243,672,507 =====

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 7. DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS--The Fund declared the following dividends from net investment income--

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Declaration Date	Amount Per Share	Record Date	Payable Date
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November 30, 1993	\$0.065	December 10, 1993	December 23, 1993
December 28, 1993	\$0.065	January 7, 1994	January 21, 1994

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8. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS--At May 31, 1993, the Fund had net capital loss carryovers of approximately \$350,000 which will be available through May 31, 2001 to offset future capital gains to the extent provided by regulations. Capital losses incurred after October 31, within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund's next taxable year. The Fund incurred and elected to defer a net capital loss of approximately \$97,000 during such period in fiscal 1993. To the extent these carryover losses are used to offset future capital gains, it is probable that the gains so offset will not be distributed to shareholders. For the six months ended November 30, 1993, the Fund incurred approximately \$171,000 of net capital losses.

9. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA--

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	Quarters Ended*			
	11/30/93		8/31/93	
	Total	Per Common Share	Total	Per Common Share
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Total investment income	\$6,870	\$0.26	\$6,754	\$0.26
Investment income--net	5,989	0.23	5,870	0.22
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments--net.....	8,558	0.32	(1,146)	(0.04)

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	Quarters Ended*							
	5/31/93		2/28/93		11/30/92		8/31/92	
	Total	Per Common Share	Total	Per Common Share	Total	Per Common Share	Total	Per Common Share
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Total investment income	\$6,997	\$0.27	\$6,662	\$0.25	\$6,962	\$0.26	\$7,032	\$0.27
Investment income--net	6,088	0.23	5,731	0.22	6,005	0.23	6,062	0.23
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments--net.....	(3,479)	(0.13)	13,595	0.51	(2,070)	(0.08)	8,760	0.34

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* Totals expressed in thousands of dollars.

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Selected data and ratios for a common share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period:

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	For the six months ended	For the year ended May 31,				For the period
	November 30, 1993	1993	1992	1991	1990	February 1, 1989* through May 31, 1989
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:						
Net asset value, beginning of period.....	\$ 10.67	\$ 10.02	\$ 9.61	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.59	\$ 9.40
Investment income--net.....	0.45	0.91	0.95	0.96	0.71	0.21

Realized and unrealized gain on investments--net.....	0.28	0.64	0.42	0.34	-0-	0.15
Total from investment operations.....	0.73	1.55	1.37	1.30	0.71	0.36
Less dividends, distributions and other charges:						
Dividends from net investment income.....	(0.39)	(0.77)	(0.72)	(0.70)	(0.69)	(0.15)
Distributions from net realized gains on investments.....	-0-	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.11)	-0-
Common share equivalent of dividends paid to preferred shareholders.....	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.19)	(0.27)	(0.05)	-0-
Offering costs charged against capital.....	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	(0.10)	(0.02)
Total dividends, distributions and other charges.....	(0.45)	(0.90)	(0.96)	(1.04)	(0.95)	(0.17)
Net asset value, end of period.....	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.67	\$ 10.02	\$ 9.61	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.59
Market value, end of period.....	\$ 11.375	\$ 10.75	\$ 10.375	\$ 9.625	\$ 9.125	\$ 9.375
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN+.....	9.52% (2)	11.30%	16.44%	14.62%	5.92%	(4.80%) (2)

RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Net assets, end of period (in thousands).....	\$412,401	\$404,979	\$388,022	\$373,207	\$368,065	\$249,581
Ratios to average net assets of common shareholders:						
Total expenses.....	1.23% (1)	1.38%	1.44%	1.59%	1.02%	0.96% (1)
Investment income--net before preferred stock dividends.....	8.24% (1)	8.73%	9.67%	10.20%	7.46%	7.18% (1)
Preferred stock dividends.....	1.12% (1)	1.21%	1.90%	2.88%	0.53%	--
Investment income--net available to common shareholders.....	7.12% (1)	7.52%	7.77%	7.32%	6.93%	7.18% (1)
Asset coverage on preferred shares at end of period.....	330%	324%	310%	299%	294%	--
Portfolio turnover rate.....	4%	7%	16%	56%	150%	106%

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* Commencement of operations.

+ Total investment return is based upon the current market value on the first and last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions are assumed to be reinvested at the prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect sales charges or brokerage commissions.

(1) Annualized.

(2) Not annualized.

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The financial statements included herein have been taken from the records of the Fund without examination by the independent accountants and accordingly they do not express an opinion thereon.
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