A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Wednesday, October 15, 1941, at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Szymczak
Mr. McKee
Mr. Draper
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary

The action stated with respect to each of the matters herein-after referred to was taken by the Board:

Memorandum dated October 14, 1941, from Mr. Paulger, Chief of the Division of Examinations, submitting the resignation of Henry O. Koppang as a Federal Reserve Examiner in that Division, to become effective as of the close of business on October 15, 1941, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date.

The resignation was accepted.

Letter to Mr. Vaughan, Chief of the Administrative Management Division of the Economic Defense Board, reading as follows:

"Your letter of October 13 requesting the Board to detail Mr. Nathaniel Weyl to the Economic Defense Board for nine months is acknowledged. It is also noted that you suggest that Mr. Weyl's salary be fixed at $4,600 on a reimbursable basis.

"The Board regrets that it is not in a position to comply with this request. Mr. Weyl has certain duties to perform in connection with the Board's responsibilities in the South American field, and if he should be loaned to the Defense Board the services of another person would have to be obtained on a temporary basis. Such an arrangement is unsatisfactory, because the new person would have to be released about the time when he will have acquired valuable experience.

"The Board wishes that it were possible for it to
"Comply with the Economic Defense Board's request and wishes to assure it that it is anxious to cooperate in every feasible way with its work."

Approved unanimously.

Telegrams and letters to the Presidents of the Federal Reserve Banks, representatives of the "trade", interested Government agencies, and Mr. Brown, President of the Federal Advisory Council, transmitting a tentative draft of amendment Number 2 to Regulation W, Consumer Credit, and requesting that any suggestions or comments that they might wish to make with respect to the proposed amendment be sent to reach the Board before 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 1941.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Clark, The Grolier Society, Inc., Seattle, Washington, reading as follows:

"Your letter of October 3 to the President has been referred to the Board of Governors, which is in charge of the regulation of consumer credit.

"Regulation W restricts the extension of instalment credit arising from the sale of certain articles, but books are not at present included in the list of these articles. It can not be said at this time that the list will not later be broadened to include books, but such a broadening is not contemplated at this time.

"The provision in Regulation W requiring after January 1, next, minimum monthly payments of $5 is now being reconsidered, and a decision as to whether it will remain in the regulation will probably be reached in the near future."

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated October 14, 1941, from Mr. Parry, Chief of the Division of Security Loans, recommending that the Board reimburse
Mr. Clyde C. Shively, President of the State Industrial Bank, Columbus, Ohio, for expenses incurred by him in connection with a trip which he made to Washington on September 23, 1941 at Mr. Parry's request, to discuss problems arising under Regulation W.

Approved unanimously.

Mr. Szymczak suggested that the Board authorize the payment of the cost of luncheon served in the Board's dining room today to Mr. Robert V. Fleming, President of the Riggs National Bank.

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary.

Approved:

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Member.