

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Monday, September 27, 1943, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. McKee
Mr. Draper

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman
Mr. Thurston, Special Assistant to the Chairman
Mr. Goldenweiser, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics
Mr. Gardner and Miss Bourneuf, Senior Economist and Associate Economist, respectively, in the Division of Research and Statistics

Mr. Ransom stated that a meeting was to be held at the Treasury this afternoon, which Mr. Szymczak, he, and Mr. Goldenweiser would attend, for the purpose of discussing a preliminary draft outline of a proposal for a United Nations Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and that this meeting of the Board had been called to discuss the proposal. In this connection he referred to a draft outline of the proposal which had been received from the Treasury and a summary thereof prepared by Miss Bourneuf, and these documents were read.

In the ensuing discussion numerous questions were raised, and there was unanimous agreement that the outline would have to be changed in many important respects before the adoption of the proposal and that it should be put into effect as nearly simultaneously

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as possible with the plan for postwar international monetary stabilization.

Mr. Ransom stated that the principal question to be considered at the meeting at the Treasury this afternoon was whether the proposed outline for the United Nations Bank was in such form that it could be sent to the Allied Governments and discussed with the representatives of the British Government while they were here in much the same manner as a preliminary draft of the plan for postwar international monetary stabilization had been handled. None of the members of the Board present saw any objection to the Treasury following this procedure with the understanding that the outline was in a very preliminary form.

At this point Messrs. Thurston, Goldenweiser, and Gardner and Miss Bourneuf withdrew from the meeting, and the action stated with respect to each of the matters hereinafter referred to was then taken by the Board:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on September 25, 1943, were approved unanimously.

Letter to the board of directors of the "Capital City State Bank", Des Moines, Iowa, stating that, subject to conditions of membership numbered 1 to 6 contained in the Board's Regulation H, the Board approves the bank's application for membership in the Federal

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Reserve System and for the appropriate amount of stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to Mr. Young, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approves the application of the 'Capital City State Bank', Des Moines, Iowa, for membership in the Federal Reserve System, subject to the conditions prescribed in the enclosed letter which you are requested to forward to the Board of Directors of the institution. Two copies of such letter are also enclosed, one of which is for your files and the other of which you are requested to forward to the Superintendent of Banking for the State of Iowa, for his information.

"Since the amount of estimated losses shown in the report of examination for membership is relatively small, the usual condition of membership requiring elimination of losses has not been prescribed.

"It has been noted that you intend to follow the matter of the bank's bringing into conformity with the provisions of law and the Board's regulations the savings accounts listed on page 16 of the report of examination for membership, and that you will endeavor to secure action with respect to proper supervision of trust activities by the directors."

Letters to the "Farmers and Merchants Trust Company", Greenville, Pennsylvania, "The Bank of Brodhead", Brodhead, Wisconsin, and the "Westport Bank", Kansas City, Missouri, reading as follows:

"The Board is glad to learn that you have completed all arrangements for the admission of your bank to the Federal Reserve System and takes pleasure in transmitting herewith a formal certificate of your membership.

"It will be appreciated if you will acknowledge receipt of this certificate."

Approved unanimously.

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Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

Donald R. Mason
Vice Chairman.