A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Wednesday, July 26, 1944, at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. McKee
Mr. Evans
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

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

Letter to Mr. Matter, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, reading as follows:

"In reply to your letter of July 18, 1944, this is to advise you that the Board today has approved the bonds which were executed under dates of June 23, 1944, and July 14, 1944, by Mrs. Gertrude L. Fry and Miss Anne J. Erste, respectively, and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, covering Mrs. Fry and Miss Erste as Alternate Assistant Federal Reserve Agents.

"The Board today is also notifying the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland that it is under no obligation on the bond which was executed by it on June 23, 1944, covering Mrs. Gertrude L. Fry as Alternate Assistant Federal Reserve Agent for any acts committed by her subsequent to July 18, 1944, the date upon which Miss Erste entered upon the performance of her duties as Alternate Assistant Federal Reserve Agent. A copy of the letter to the bonding company is enclosed for your records."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the board of directors of "The Luzerne-Hadley Bank", Luzerne, New York, stating that, subject to conditions of membership
numbered 1 to 3 contained in the Board's Regulation H and the following special condition, the Board approves the bank's application for membership in the Federal Reserve System and for the appropriate amount of stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

"4. Prior to admission to membership, such bank, if it has not already done so, shall charge off or otherwise eliminate estimated losses of $4,800 as shown in the report of examination of such bank as of March 28, 1944, made by an examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York."

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

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approves the application of 'The Luzerne-Hadley Bank', Luzerne, New York, 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 Banks for the State of New York, for his information.

"It has been noted that you will follow the matter of the bank's reporting as a subordinate obligation in its reports of condition the amount of any unextinguished and outstanding liability for repayment of contributions made to the bank in 1931 and 1932."

Memorandum dated July 25, 1944, from Mr. Hooff, Attorney, recommending that there be published in the August issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin statements in the form attached to the memorandum with respect to the following subjects:
Consumer Credit
Partial Payments in Charge Account
Contract Settlement Act of 1944
Foreign Funds Control
Treasury Department Releases

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum of this date from Mr. Bethea to the Personnel Committee submitting for approval (in accordance with the action of the Board on June 10, 1944, authorizing the Personnel Committee to approve the payment of vouchers submitted by members of the Board's staff for reasonable expenses in excess of any reimbursement they might receive from the Treasury or the State Department in connection with their attendance at the International Monetary Conference held at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire) a voucher rendered by Chairman Eccles covering the period July 3 to 11, 1944, in the amount of $315.75.

The payment of the voucher was approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

[Signatures]

Approved: [Signature]
Chairman.

Assistant Secretary.