

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Wednesday, October 18, 1944, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on October 17, 1944, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated October 16, 1944, from Mr. Morrill recommending that Miss Dorothy L. Reamey be appointed as a page in the Secretary's Office on a temporary basis for an indefinite period, with basic salary at the rate of \$1,260 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed satisfactorily the usual physical examination, with the understanding that if anything derogatory develops in the investigation of her references her services may be terminated immediately.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated October 16, 1944, from Mr. Goldenweiser, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that

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Mrs. Frances Leone Johnson be appointed as a clerk-typist in that Division on a temporary basis for an indefinite period, with basic salary at the rate of \$1,440 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed satisfactorily the usual physical examination and subject to a satisfactory check of her references. The memorandum stated that since Mrs. Johnson had funds in the Civil Service retirement system she would again become an active member in that system.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Leach, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the payment of salary to Mr. Adolph C. Wienert, Assistant Cashier, Baltimore Branch, for the period November 1, 1944 to May 31, 1945, inclusive, at the rate of \$4,200 per annum, which is the rate fixed by your Board of Directors as reported in your letter of October 13, 1944."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. McLarin, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to your letter of October in regard to the making of special payments to Mr. J. Herbert Ayers, a former employee, who resigned because of illness shortly before the establishment of the Retirement System on March 1, 1934.

"The Board will interpose no objection to the payment to Mr. Ayers, as proposed by the Executive Committee of your Directors, of a lump sum of \$1,000 and a monthly allowance continuing from the present of approximately the

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"amount he would be receiving had the Retirement System been in existence at the time he had to leave the employ of the Bank on account of ill health.

"It should be understood, however, that the action of the Board is based on the unusual circumstances of this particular case and is not to be considered as a precedent for any other cases."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks reading as follows:

"For your information and guidance there is enclosed a copy of a memorandum received from the Navy Department, dated October 16, 1944, signed by Commander Donald P. Welles, Chief of Finance Division, with further reference to the instructions contained in the Board's letter S-626, dated March 27, 1943."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks reading as follows:

"In a Study Program being offered to discussion groups by the Marketing Reports Division of the War Food Administration, one of the subjects suggested is Consumer Credit. It has been decided to include among the source materials available for these groups some information on Regulation W, and this purpose seemed best served by a group of statements consisting of the following:

1. Press Statement, August 23, 1941, on adoption of regulation.
2. Statement of Chairman Eccles, August 25, 1941.
3. 'Why Instalment Credit is Regulated', December 1941.
4. Press Statement, May 6, 1942, on adoption of Amendment No. 4.
5. Address of Chairman Eccles, June 24, 1942.

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"The literature furnished to study groups by WFA will indicate that requests for these statements should be addressed to the Federal Reserve Banks. This arrangement was decided on in order to carry out the principle of decentralized administration. In the literature, the statements will be designated: 'Explanatory Statements on Regulation W, Consumer Credit'.

"We are sending you 25 sets of the statements. It is not possible to estimate how large the demand will be, although it does not seem likely that it will be very great. If you have need for additional sets, we shall be glad to send them to you."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

Ronald Ransom
Vice Chairman.