

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Monday, September 9, 1946, at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Draper
Mr. Vardaman

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Morrill, Special Adviser

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

Memorandum dated September 4, 1946, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, submitting the resignation of Miss Alice Bourneuf, an economist in that Division, to become effective as of the close of business September 7, 1946, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date, with the understanding that a lump sum payment be made for annual leave remaining to her credit at that time.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated September 3, 1946, from Mr. Bethea, Director of the Division of Administrative Services, submitting a letter dated August 12, 1946 from Mr. Richard E. Hall, Jr., a clerk in that Division, stating that he had accepted a commission in the Regular Army and expected to make the Army his career. The memorandum recommended that Mr. Hall's resignation be accepted as of the close of business August 24, 1946. Attached to the file was a memorandum dated August 30, 1946, from Mr. Johnson, Personnel Officer, stating that under the present law

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Mr. Hall would continue to have the right of reemployment by the Board when he left the Army, but that it did not seem necessary for the Board to continue him on the rolls in a leave without pay status or to continue to make contributions to the Retirement System for his benefit, and that therefore it was felt that Mr. Hall's letter should be treated as a resignation and that the period covered by the reimbursement for premiums paid on National Service Life Insurance should cease on the effective date of the resignation.

The resignation was accepted as recommended.

Memorandum from Mr. Ransom dated September 5, 1946, reading as follows:

"In connection with the adoption of Amendment No. 21 to Regulation W, the suggestion was made that the Board should undertake the preparation of a statement of its position with respect to the Regulation and a draft of legislation that might be adopted by Congress to continue the consumer credit authority of the Board so that the whole matter could be presented to Congress at the proper time.

"With this in mind, Messrs. Thomas and Parry have submitted the attached memorandum outlining plans for staff work on consumer credit which involve the employment, as stated in the last paragraph of the memorandum, of an additional junior economist, two statistical clerks, and possibly a senior economist. If the need for the senior economist actually develops, it is planned that there would be consultation with some of the Federal Reserve Banks in the interest of finding the best man available for the position.

"It is my recommendation that the authority to negotiate for these additional employees be given by the Board with the understanding that when suitable people have been found their appointment will be submitted to the Board for action in the usual way."

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Approved unanimously,
as recommended.

Letter to the Board of Directors, "First State Bank of Pierpont", Pierpont, South Dakota, stating that, subject to conditions of membership numbered 1 to 3 contained in the Board's Regulation H, 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 Minneapolis.

Approved unanimously, for
transmittal through the Federal
Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Letter to the "Bank of Delevan", Delevan, New York, reading
as follows:

"The Board is glad to learn that you have completed all arrangements for the admission of your bank to membership in 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.

Letter to Mr. Davis, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, prepared in accordance with the action taken at the meeting of the Board on September 4, 1946, and reading as follows:

"Your letter of August 28, 1946, with respect to the desire of your Bank to make space in the Nugent property available for lease to the St. Louis offices of the Treasury and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been considered at a meeting of the Board and I have been requested to advise you that in the circum-

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"stances the Board concurs in the suggestion that it would be desirable to have these offices located in your building.

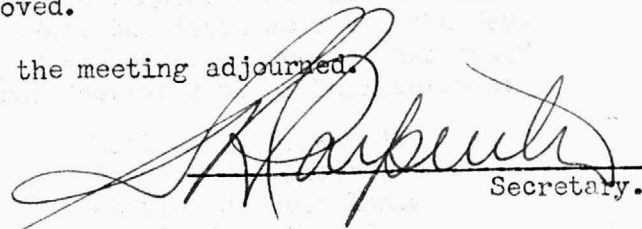
"Should inquiry be made of the Board by a representative of the United States Employment Service or of any other agency, he will be so advised."

Approved unanimously.

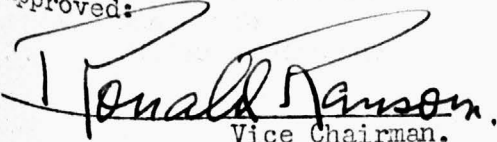
Memorandum dated September 9, 1946, from Mr. Knapp, Assistant Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that that Board authorize participation in a joint Philippine-American Commission consisting of three Filipinos and three Americans to report on the Philippine fiscal and monetary situation and make recommendations for reform. It was understood that the American membership on the Commission would include representatives from the State and Treasury Departments and the Board of Governors, and the memorandum stated that, if the Board approved, Mr. John Exter, an economist in the Division of Research and Statistics who had been working on the Philippine problem, would be assigned to represent the Board.

Approved unanimously,
Chairman Eccles having advised by telephone that he approved.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

Approved:


Vice Chairman.