

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Thursday, June 1, 1950.

PRESENT: Mr. McCabe, Chairman  
 Mr. Szymczak  
 Mr. Draper  
 Mr. Vardaman

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary  
 Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary  
 Mr. Kenyon, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on May 31, 1950, were approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Sproul, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the payment of salary to Mr. Charles N. Van Houten as Assistant Vice President of the Bank at the rate of \$12,000 per annum, which, according to your letter of May 23, 1950, is the rate which was fixed by your board of directors, for the period June 1, 1950, through March 31, 1951."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Elmer B. Staats, Assistant Director, Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C., prepared for the signature of the Chairman pursuant to the discussions at the meetings of the Board on March 16 and April 25, 1950, reading as follows:

"In accordance with our conversation I am enclosing a memorandum on the relationship of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and Reorganization Plan No. 18. I am also enclosing a draft of a letter which might be used by the President in that connection.

"As explained in the memorandum, we feel that neither the Act nor the Reorganization Plan was intended

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"to affect the Board and that a letter from the President along the lines indicated would be desirable in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding in the matter."

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated May 2, 1950, from the Personnel Committee referring to the action at the meeting of the Board on February 3, 1950, in requesting that the Committee consider the question of costs of publications of the Federal Reserve System and recommending (1) that publication of the Federal Reserve Bulletin be continued on a monthly basis without change in present form or general content, (2) that consideration be given to requesting the System Research Advisory Committee to study and report on the merits of the various publications of the Board and the Federal Reserve Banks in the light of the over-all policy of the System, and (3) that the question of expense and purpose of employees magazines be left to the determination of the boards of directors of the individual Reserve Banks in connection with their study of the over-all costs of the personnel functions under their budgets.

Approved, Mr. Vardaman voting  
"no".

  
Secretary.