

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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In view of conflicting interpretations of the attitude of the Federal Reserve System with respect to credit, Governor Harding this afternoon stated that the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks are adhering consistently to the policies outlined on frequent occasions during the past year, and there is little to say except to reiterate statements already made. The Federal Reserve Board has never undertaken to classify any business or industry as essential or non-essential, and does not intend to do so.

In a statement published immediately after the conference last May with members of the Federal Advisory Council and the banker directors of the Federal Reserve Banks the policies of the Federal Reserve System were fully explained. The Board is convinced that these policies are wise and salutary, and is confident that results will demonstrate their soundness.