The 401st Meeting of the Retirement Allowance Committee
was held on Monday, May 17, 1982, in the Conference Room, Room 750, 
Merchandise Mart. The following were in attendance:

Mr. W. Ashley         Mr. P. Kole
Mr. R. Fleming         Mr. D. Perk
Mr. E. Flowers         Mr. J. Weatherspoon
Mr. C. Hall

Mr. L. Brown, alternate for Mr. A. Kasmer, was present.
Mr. S. Bianchi, alternate for Mr. J. Gallagher, was present.
Mr. L. Morris, alternate for Mr. I. Thomas, was present. Mr. Kasmer
joined the meeting at a later time. Messrs. A. Kemp, R. Goldman,
H. Hegarty and Mrs. A. Curtis were present. Messrs. D. Lemm, G. Nagle
and Ms. C. Cox were present. Messrs. E. Hamilton, W. Leszinske and
Mrs. K. Ford of Continental Bank were present. Mr. R. Burke, the Plan
Attorney, was present. Mr. B. Scholz, Pensioner, was also present.

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. and
informed the Committee that in the Chairman's absence it would be
necessary to appoint a Chairman Pro Tempore. On a motion by
Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, the Committee unanimously appointed
Mr. J. Weatherspoon as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Mr. Leszinske presented to the Committee a letter, dated
May 13, 1982, titled "April Market Summary." (A copy is attached to
these minutes).

Mr. Leszinske noted that the latest economic statistics
indicate continued weakness. He noted that during the month of April there was a slight decline in interest rates. Mr. Leszinske also noted that there had been an increase in the unemployment rate. Mr. Leszinske stated that the Consumer Price Index had decreased for the first time in 17 years. He also noted that the Federal Reserve continues to be relatively restrictive and in the future both interest rates and stock market are going to fluctuate around the current levels until some kind of resolution is passed in Washington.

The Chairman asked for approval of the Minutes of the 400th Meeting, held April 19, 1982. On a motion by Mr. Bianchi, seconded by Mr. Hall, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the 400th Meeting, held April 19, 1982.

The Secretary made the announcement of deaths reported since the last meeting, as per the attached list.

The Secretary presented a total of eleven (11) Survivorship Options noting that two (2) of the employees who had applied were currently off ill and therefore did not qualify for the Option B-1/2 for which they had applied. The Secretary asked that these two (2) applications be deferred until the applicants were contacted and offered another type of option. On a motion by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee unanimously approved the nine (9) Survivorship Options and the deferment of the option applications for Mr. H. H. Strauch and Mr. T. Zurek.

The Secretary presented six (6) Pre-Retirement Surviving Spouse Options for approval. On a motion by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, the Committee unanimously approved the Pre-Retirement Surviving Spouse Options.
The Secretary submitted thirty-four (34) Applications for Retirement. On a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Flowers; the Committee unanimously approved the Applications for Retirement.

The Secretary reported that three (3) employees who are receiving Disability Retirement Benefits were examined or had their files reviewed.

The Secretary presented thirty-five (35) refunds, totaling $302,024.18. The comparison figures for the same period of time one year ago were 20 refunds, totaling $130,934.16. On a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, the Committee unanimously approved the refunds of contributions to be paid May 31, 1982.

The Secretary presented the report of Deposits, Disbursements and Investments noting that the report had been late and the Secretary's Office did not have time to go over the report in detail. The Secretary noted that the Employee Contributions which were listed in the report included the last and total refunds due under the new Extension of Agreement. The Secretary also noted that some errors had been found and his office would contact Compensation and Capital for corrected copies which would be sent to the Committee Members.

The Secretary presented one (1) Chicago Transit Authority bill totaling $42,975.03; five (5) Operating Bills, totaling $19,260.65, and six (6) remittances, totaling $290,057.25. On a motion by Mr. Bianchi, seconded by Mr. Fleming, the Committee unanimously approved the payment of the bills and remittances in the amount of $353,292.93.

The Secretary submitted for approval twenty-nine (29) Death Benefits, totaling $80,000.00. The comparison figures for the same period of time one year ago were 20 Death Benefits, totaling $52,000.00.
On a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Flowers, the Committee unanimously approved payment of the Death Benefits, as per the attached list.

The Secretary brought to the Committee's attention the Option B-1/2 for Mr. George R. Duszynski which had been held in abeyance at the last meeting pending medical approval. The Secretary informed the Committee that his office had received the necessary documentation on Mr. Duszynski and asked for approval of the option to be made retroactive to May 1, 1982. On a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee unanimously approved the Option B-1/2 for Mr. George R. Duszynski to be made retroactive to May 1, 1982.

The Secretary brought up the matter of Steven Braswell, who had been returned to duty on April 26, 1982 and whose urinalysis had shown a positive drug screen. The Secretary informed the Committee that his office had been informed that the wrong label had been placed on Mr. Braswell's specimen and, therefore, he had been again returned to duty and paid the benefits he was to receive.

The Secretary informed the Committee that it was time for the appointment of the Auditor and Actuary for the 1982 Plan Year and recommended the reappointment of The Wyatt Company as Actuary and Arthur Young & Company as Auditor. On a motion by Mr. Kole, seconded by Mr. Hall, the Committee unanimously approved the reappointment of The Wyatt Company as Actuary and Arthur Young & Company as Auditor for the 1982 Plan Year.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Ronald C. Utley,
whose Option B-1/2 was approved at the September 17, 1982 meeting, had revoked the option.

Mr. Kole presented a report on a seminar given by E. W. Axe which he had attended. He informed the Committee that E. W. Axe was in the process of putting together a closed-end Realty Fund called Southmark-Axe. Mr. Kole presented some of the highlights of the new venture and suggested that the material be given to the Plan Attorney and Mr. Harrell for their perusal. A brief discussion ensued between Committee Members after which the Chairman asked for a motion if the Committee was interested in having the Plan Attorney look into the Realty Fund being offered by Southmark-Axe. On a motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Flowers, the Committee unanimously agreed to have the Plan Attorney investigate the Southmark-Axe Realty Fund.

The Secretary brought to the Committee's attention the Trustee's Report which each of the Committee Members and Alternates had been given and noted that the Auditor's and Actuary's Report would be forthcoming in the near future. He also noted that the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement was in its final stage of completion and would be sent to all unions shortly.

On a motion by Mr. Kole, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 11:02 A.M.