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## Time—The breath of investment

What with two jobs and fifty-four hours a week working, my wide-wale corduroys were wearing thin, so I reached in my wallet and what did I find? No time for shopping, that's what! Whereupon, one lunch break, I went to Citibank for a loan.

My credit line was weak but they ushered me into the Board Room for a chat anyway. There they sat, the so-called *direct interlocking directorate*. First thing, I took a photo with my hidden camera (thus in small ways and spare moments, I try to make propaganda, unmasking monopolists).



From left, front row: George P. Jenkins (representing Bethlehem Steel), Frank Barnett (Union Pacific), Harry J. Gray (Aetna Insurance), John D. deButts (A T & T), Edward Lewis Palmer (Del Monte); second row: Amory Houghton Jr. (Dow Corning, and IBM), Lord Aldington (Lloyds Bank), Eleanor H. B. Sheldon (Rand Corporation), two unidentified Feds, Clifton C. Gorvin Jr. (Exxon), Robert S. Hatfield (General Motors, and Eastman Kodak), Walter Wriston (General Electric); back row: Peter C. McCollough (Xerox Corporation), Harold J. Haynes (Boeing, and the Stanford Research Institute), Lawrence E. Feuerker (NBC, and RCA).

I begged to borrow four hours a week for a year, any old terms. They said they'd decided to restrict Citibank's customer base to bigwigs. Besides, the prime rate was rising, they said, and borrowed time, though it might be a boon today, would be a burden tomorrow. In short, they showed me the door.

I'm lucky all I got was a simple no. What with their connections, one or more of those tycoons could've put the squeeze on one or both of my bosses. I'm lucky I didn't get mandatory overtime.