

A meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Open Market Committee was held in the offices of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington on Tuesday, March 2, 1943, at 11:45 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Sproul, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ransom
Mr. Evans
Mr. Paddock

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Goldenweiser, Economist
Messrs. John H. Williams, MacKenzie, and
Bryan, Associate Economists
Mr. Wyatt, General Counsel
Mr. Dreifelbis, Assistant General Counsel
Mr. Rouse, Manager of the System Open
Market Account
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman of
the Board of Governors
Mr. Thomas, Assistant Director of the
Division of Research and Statistics of
the Board of Governors
Mr. Piser, Chief, Government Securities
Section, Division of Research and
Statistics of the Board of Governors
Mr. Berntson, Clerk in the Office of the
Secretary of the Board of Governors

Messrs. Szymczak, McKee, Fleming, and McLarin,
members of the Federal Open Market Committee

Messrs. Leach, Young, Davis, and Peyton, alter-
nate members of the Federal Open Market Com-
mittee

Messrs. Alfred H. Williams, Leedy, and Gilbert,
Presidents of the Federal Reserve Banks of
Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Dallas, re-
spectively

Mr. Clerk, First Vice President of the Federal
Reserve Bank of San Francisco

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Messrs. Sienkiewicz and Upgren, Vice Presidents
of the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia
and Minneapolis, respectively

Mr. Edmiston, Assistant Vice President of the
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Mr. Rice, Manager of the Research and Statis-
tical Department at the Federal Reserve Bank
of Dallas

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and
by unanimous vote, Mr. Sproul was reelected
Vice Chairman of the executive committee of
the Federal Open Market Committee to serve
until the election of his successor at the
first meeting of the Federal Open Market Com-
mittee after March 1, 1944.

Reference was made to the instructions to be issued to the
Federal Reserve Bank of New York to effect transactions in the System
open market account, and it was agreed that a renewal of the existing
authority was all that was required at this time.

Thereupon, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by
unanimous vote, the executive committee directed the Federal
Reserve Bank of New York, until otherwise directed by the ex-
ecutive committee,

(1) To make such purchases, sales, or exchanges (includ-
ing replacement of maturing securities and allowing maturities
to run off without replacement) for the System account, either
in the open market or directly from, to, or with the Treasury,
as may be necessary in the practical administration of the ac-
count, or for the purpose of maintaining about the present general
level of prices and yields of Government securities, or of main-
taining an adequate supply of funds in the market; provided (a)
that the total amount of securities in the account at the close of
March 2, 1943, shall not be increased or decreased by more than
\$500,000,000 (exclusive of special short-term certificates of in-
debtedness purchased for the temporary accommodation of the
Treasury pursuant to paragraph (2) of this direction), and (b)
that this paragraph shall not limit the amount of Treasury bills
purchased pursuant to the directions of the Federal Open Mar-
ket Committee issued under dates of September 28, 1942, and
March 2, 1943, or the redemption of such bills;

(2) To purchase direct from the Treasury for the System
open market account such amounts of special short-term certificates

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of indebtedness as may be necessary from time to time for the temporary accommodation of the Treasury; provided that the total amount of such certificates held in the account at any one time shall not exceed \$1,000,000,000; and

(3) Upon approval by a majority of the members of the executive committee, which may be obtained by telephone, telegraph, or mail, to make such other purchases, sales, or exchanges for the account as may be found to be desirable within the limits of the authority granted to the executive committee by the Federal Open Market Committee.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Robert Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

W. C. C. C.
Chairman.