

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 Saturday, February 28, 1942, at 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Sproul, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ransom
Mr. McKee
Mr. Leach

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

Messrs. Szymczak, Draper, Davis, and Peyton, members of the Federal Open Market Committee

Messrs. Alfred H. Williams, Gilbert, C. S. Young, and Leedy, alternate members of the Federal Open Market Committee

Messrs. McLarin and Day, Presidents of the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and San Francisco, respectively

Messrs. Paddock and Zurlinden, First Vice Presidents of the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston and Cleveland, respectively

Mr. Sienkiewicz, Secretary of the Presidents' Conference

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous vote, the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Open Market Committee held on December 12, 1941, were approved.

Copies of a report prepared at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York of open market operations covering the period from December 12, 1941, to February 25, 1942, inclusive, were distributed. Mr. Rouse stated that there were no transactions in the System account on February 26 and that on February 27 outright purchases of \$1,858,000 of bonds were made for the System account.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous vote, the transactions in the System account during the period from December 12, 1941, to February 27, 1942, both dates inclusive, were approved, ratified, and confirmed.

The meeting of the executive committee then recessed and reconvened at 12:30 p.m. with the same attendance as the earlier session.

Mr. Rouse reported that the market had shown a firmer tone this morning but that the 2 per cent Treasury bonds of 51-55 had been under some pressure and it had been necessary for the System to purchase an additional \$600,000 of this issue before the market closed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous vote, the purchase of securities referred to by Mr. Rouse was approved, ratified, and confirmed.

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Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morill
Secretary.

Approved: W. Steeles
Chairman.