

At an adjourned meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m., on Thursday, March 23,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding, Mr. Harding,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meetings of March 21st and 22nd were read and approved.

// The Secretary of the Board was directed to have printed a draft of an amendment relating to domestic acceptances, presented as an alternative to what the Board has already suggested on that subject, printed in page proof form for transmission to Congress. //

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco having transmitted to the Board conditions upon which it proposed to renew a lease of the banking premises now occupied by it, Mr. Miller was authorized to communicate the approval thereof to Feder-

al Reserve Agent Perrin.

A report presented by Mr. Delano with reference to the limit of bonds under the conversion plan, was read and laid on the table until Tuesday, March 28th.

The Secretary of the Board presented the usual discount rate notices informing the Board that no further changes had been asked. The notices were received and ordered filed.

The plan of transferring the banks in Fairfield County, Connecticut, from District No. 1 to District No. 2, prepared by Federal Reserve Agents Jay and Curtiss, was again presented to the Board with a memorandum from Counsel, and on motion, the Secretary was directed to sign and transmit a letter approving of the plan.

A modification of the present method of transferring gold order certificates under the Gold Settlement Fund was submitted. The Board approved the change in principle, but it was in-

formally agreed to refer the plan to the Governors and Federal Reserve Agents before making it effective.

The Governor of the Board reported the results of a hearing attended by himself and Mr. Harding before the Sub-committee of the Committee on Banking and Currency on the afternoon of March 22nd. He stated that Senate Bill 5079, providing for gold order certificates of the denomination of \$100,000, will be reported favorably by the Sub-committee, and that the Committee was favorably disposed toward the other amendments recommended by the Board, with the exception that it had not yet determined its attitude toward the amendment relating to domestic acceptances. Action on this amendment had been temporarily suspended pending the receipt of an alternative amendment to be prepared by the Board.

The Secretary of the Board reported the results of conversations with representatives of



the State Department regarding a list of banks having full acceptance powers, recently transmitted to Consular representatives of the United States, noting that the list had been supplied at the request of the Department.

It was suggested that the Department be recommended to advise inquirers to consult with Federal reserve banks. //

Mr. Hamlin presented an opinion prepared by Mr. J. P. Cotton to the effect that Section 17 of the National Bank Act has relieved all national banks of the requirement that they keep any bonds on deposit with the Treasurer after circulation is retired. The opinion was ordered referred to the Comptroller of the Currency for his views.

The question of changes in the Treasury Statement relating to redeemed Federal reserve notes, was referred to Mr. Dalano for further investigation and report.

On motion at 11:45 a. m., the Board  
adjourned to meet on Friday, March 24, at 11  
a. m.

J. P. McWilliams  
Secretary.

APPROVED:

C. H. Hamilton  
Chairman.