

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 3.15 p.m., Wednesday, October 17,

PRESENT:

Mr. Warburg, presiding,	Mr. Delano,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hamlin,	Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on October 15 were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on October 15, 16 and 17 (gold exports) were presented, and on motion, approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

On motion, Mr. Hamlin was authorized to travel at the expense of the Board to certain points where he has been asked to address meetings in aid of the effort of Federal Reserve Banks to place Government bonds.

An opinion of Counsel with reference to the relation of Federal Reserve Banks acting as fiscal agents to the Federal Reserve Board, and the method of treating their expenses in that connection was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Law, a copy to be sent to each member of the Board.

At this point Acting Secretary of the Treasury Crosby and Mr. Albert Strauss entered the meeting.

Acting Secretary Crosby by appointment joined the members in order to ascertain the Board's view concerning the best methods to be employed in establishing control over foreign exchange in the manner provided by the recent proclamation of the President of the United States.

A telegram from Deputy Governor Hoopes of Dallas, with reference to the treatment of alien enemy deposits in a member bank which had made inquiry of him was, on motion, referred to Counsel.

Mr. Warburg read various telegrams and letters announcing applications of non-member banks for membership in the Federal Reserve system.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, the application of the Bankers Trust Company of New York for admission to the Federal Reserve system was, on motion, approved, upon the conditions set forth by the Committee, and the institution accordingly ordered admitted.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin with reference to regulations regarding checks on enemy banks under the new Trading with the Enemy Act, was read and, on motion, re-

ferred to Counsel.

An opinion of Counsel with reference to the question what minimum number of members would constitute a quorum at meetings of the Federal Reserve Board, was presented and ordered circulated.

A letter from the Federal Trade Commission asking for certain data regarding the ownership of "live stock banks" was referred to the Secretary of the Board for reply.

Rates of discount at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco were approved, upon telegraphic recommendation of Federal Reserve Agent Perrin, as follows:

For trade acceptances and commodity paper maturing within 60 days, $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, maturing sixty-one to ninety days, 4% .

A letter from President Hinsch, of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, in reference to a proposed change in the method of figuring country bank reserves, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Mr. Warburg reported that he had received from the Treasury Department for safe-keeping a certificate of deposit for ten million dollars in favor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Mr. Miller presented an informal inquiry from Fed-

eral Reserve Agent Perrin as to whether the Board would be willing to sanction a salary as high as \$6,000 for an Assistant Federal Reserve Agent. Informal expressions of opinion were favorable, and Mr. Miller was authorized so to state.

On motion, at 4.30 p.m. the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:

A. P. ...
Secretary.

Chairman.