

TREASURY MEETING - JANUARY 4, 1944

U. K. Waley, Opie, Grant (U.K. Treasury)
U. S. White, Luxford, Bernstein, Sundelsen
Pasvolsky, Brown
Szymczak, Goldenweiser, Gardner

- 3 (2) "Net" successfully questioned. British much shaken in their position, but will communicate with London.
- 4 (2)(e) agreed
(5) subject to 10 (3)
(6) "directly or indirectly" added
(8) "as indicated by a required quarterly statement" added -
Waley suggested a period of a year, but did not press his point. The 75% provision is apparently accepted.
(7a) 50-50 provision agreed.
- 5 (1) British can't explain "shall be at par".
- 6 (1) "expansion of exports" reinstated for the benefit of British politicians.
"approved by member countries control" remains a point of disagreement.
British want to look over draft of whole provision including the 150%.
- 11 (1) "of 10 (3) above" apparently accepted. The discussion leads to a suggestion that the introductory section should include a statement that the Fund is part of a general program. White violently opposed to any suggestions that Fund couldn't stand alone if necessary.

The Treasury rewriting of the rest of 11 appears to meet acceptance, except that the British want a specific reference to exchange rates in the last paragraph.

Unitas Version:

Waley says London attaches increasing importance to it. Chances of obtaining a favorable decision from British Ministers and Parliament would be very much greater on the basis of that version. Bernstein replies that our version might reduce British chances from 80 to 70, but their version might reduce ours from 51 to 40. Waley wonders if Lloyds would give 40% odds on our plan today!

"International Exchange Fund" wins favor as a compromise name, the Treasury would much prefer "Stabilization".