

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 29, 1942.

At a regular meeting of the Directors of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. held this day in their offices in the Widener Building, there were present:

Edward F. Beale, Chairman of the Board
J. W. Gardiner, President
S. French Reeves, Vice President
A. H. Wilson, Vice President
Morris H. Merritt, Secretary
Leonard T. Beale, Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward F. Beale, who presided, and Mr. Morris H. Merritt reported the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of meeting of June 26 were read and approved.

Mr. Gardiner referred to the effort being made by the United States Government to have 10% of employees' pay deducted in the form of war bonds. The representative was told that until such a law is definitely passed we will not put any such pressure on our employees but that we shall be glad to cooperate by inserting any government literature that may be desirable in the pay envelopes.

Mr. Hallett has written us that it has been decided not to apply for a rating under Preference Order P-89 as a chemical manufacturer inasmuch as all branches of the National Lead Company will apply under P-90 or the Production Requirements Plan.

Mr. Gardiner reported a rumor that the Anaconda Company is going out of the white-lead business, which should be a considerable advantage to us.

Messrs. Gardiner and Reeves have put in considerable time on details for the 50th Anniversary Dinner in honor of Mr. E. T. Trigg on June 30 and they will be glad when it is all over.

Mr. Reeves referred to a letter received from the office of the Director of National Services, from whom speakers are available for speeches to stimulate production of defense plants. It was decided to leave with Mr. Reeves, with power to act, the decision as to whether some such talks should be arranged for about thirty minutes each, on company time. It was felt that possibly such talks would be better attended after the general vacation period is over.

Mr. Reeves referred to a letter from Hamlin & Company explaining that our entire plant, as well as all company-owned trucks and automobiles, will be covered by war damage insurance on and after July 1, 1942.

Information was submitted regarding vital records which should be preserved against possible war time disaster in accordance with the suggestion received from Mr. Warshaw and on motion duly made and seconded the details as to just which records should be so handled were left with the officers of the company to settle.

The regular weekly report of shipments for the week ending June 26 was submitted.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned.

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