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MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
MAY 15, 1945

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute met at 8:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening, May 15, 1945, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., with the following present in person or by proxy:

W. R. Boyd, Jr., presiding
Robert H. Colley
H. M. Daves (L.S. Wescoat, proxy)
O. D. Donnell
Jake L. Hamon
George A. Hill, Jr.
Eugene Holman
Wm. F. Humphrey (B.I. Graves, proxy)
J. C. Hunter
B. Brewster Jennings
W. A. Jones
B. L. Majewski
Charles F. Roeser
H. F. Sinclair (A.E. Watts, proxy)
Robert M. Wilson

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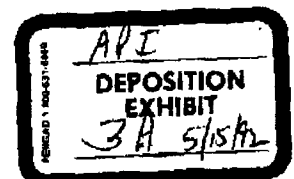
Lacey Walker

The following members of the committee were not present:

H. D. Collier
F. A. Leovy
J. Howard Pew
Frank Phillips
W. G. Skelly
Reese H. Taylor
E. V. Weber

Others present:

Don T. Andrus	W. T. Holliday
T. H. Barton	A. Jacobsen
Paul G. Blazer	Harry A. Logan
J. L. Dwyer	J. A. McNally
H. R. Gallagher	Ferd J. Spang
C. L. Henderson	D. V. Stroop
Dana Hogan	H. C. Weiss



8. The President called on Mr. Stroop, of the Institute staff, who offered the following report and recommendation of the Institute's Medical Advisory Committee:

Pursuant to your appointment of February 23, 1945, the Institute's Medical Advisory Committee held its organization meeting in St. Louis, Mo., on May 7 and 8, 1945. Thirteen of its seventeen members and all of its associate members were present.

Discussion developed a broad field of interest in subjects of importance to the petroleum industry, particularly to petroleum refiners.

The committee selected four groups of these subjects upon which to start work in 1945. Subcommittees were appointed to prepare detailed plans for cooperative and research work on these problems. Three of the subcommittees have found there is need for research work in their assignments. The Medical Advisory Committee concurs in these findings and recommends to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors that it should authorize a three-year program of medical research to be conducted under the auspices of the American Petroleum Institute with the guidance and advice of the Medical Advisory Committee, and including general provisions as follows:

1. The Institute should be authorized to solicit contributions for the establishment of a Special Medical Research Fund in the amount of \$25,000 with which to initiate the program.
2. There should be three medical research projects established to investigate and to report on subjects, as follows:

- a. Chlorinated compounds used in petroleum products.
- b. The effect of refinery processes upon carcinogenic properties of petroleum products.
- c. The determination of best values for permissible concentrations of toxic substances used and produced in the petroleum industry.

Action: The committee approved the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Committee and authorized an invitation to interested companies to contribute to a Medical Research Fund in the amount of \$25,000.