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assessed at \$400,000. Pending sale the Trust Fund Board mentioned had rented the building to the government since July 1, 1941, and the Smithsonian had received to date the net of one-half the rental, or \$20,401.31, which has been credited as from the above named fund. The property had just been sold at a price of \$600,000, of which, under the terms of the gift, the Institution will receive one-half of the net proceeds.

SALARY OF THE SECRETARY.

In June 1946, the Secretary will retire from Civil Service, and at that time it will be necessary to arrange the rate of pay for his salary under Smithsonian funds. Dr. Bush said that the Institution ought to do two things, (1) to bring the Secretary's salary in line with his promotion from Assistant Secretary to Secretary, and (2) make suitable arrangement for pension so that there will be no loss to Dr Wetmore later on.

On motion, the following resolution was passed:

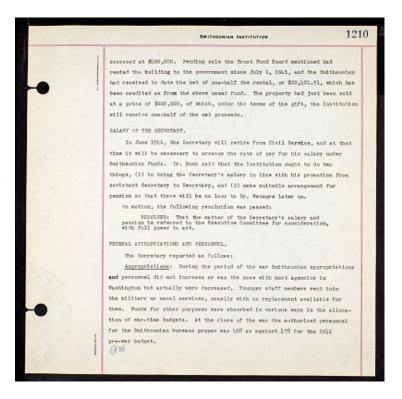
RESOLVED: That the matter of the Secretary's salary and pension be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration, with full power to act

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND PERSONNEL.

The Secretary reported as follows:

Appropriations: During the period of the war Smithsonian appropriations and personnel did not increase as was the case with most agencies in Washington but actually were deceased. Younger staff members went into the military or naval services, usually with replacement available for them. Funds for other purposes were absorbed in various ways in the allocation of war-time budgets. At the close of the war the authorized personnel for the Smithsonian bureaus proper was 408 as against 478 for the 1941 pre-war budget.

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