

to Italy. We therefore find ourselves in the happy situation of having \$1,088,000 left over.

Mr. MONAGAN. Why don't we appropriate that; that is what you are suggesting, isn't it?

Mrs. KELLY. I'm sorry. What was that question, John?

Mr. MONAGAN. He said we are in the happy position of having these funds, and I say why don't we just appropriate them.

Mrs. KELLY. We are not appropriating any funds. The funds are there.

Mr. MONAGAN. I don't mean in the sense of technical appropriation, but I mean use them.

Mrs. KELLY. Don't you plan to use those funds in that regard?

Mr. RE. We plan to make awards to a worthy category of claims and their awards will be paid out of this fund.

Mr. MONAGAN. If you are authorized to do it by this legislation.

Mr. RE. Yes. That is why we are asking for this legislation.

Mrs. KELLY. What I asked originally was whether Dr. Re had any objection to the transfer of the money remaining in the Italian claims fund to the war claims fund.

As I understand his answer, he would object to this procedure because he feels that there are worthy claimants that should receive those funds. He would pay them first and then take what will be remaining and put it into the war claims fund.

Mr. RE. Yes.

Mrs. KELLY. With regard to the Polish claims program, this activity was terminated a year ago. Is that correct?

Mr. RE. Yes; on March 31, 1966.

Mrs. KELLY. The changes which this legislation proposes with respect to the Polish claims program are simply technical and conforming in nature; are they not?

Mr. RE. The present bill differs from the prior bill because there is no longer any requirement to do anything about the Polish program, since that has already been completed.

Mrs. KELLY. I will follow that up in a moment.

This legislation, as I understand it, does not then reopen the Polish claims program and permit the filing of new claims?

Mr. RE. It does not.

Mrs. KELLY. What position would your Commission take regarding a proposal to reopen the Polish claims program?

Mr. RE. Well, there is no money that would justify that. The agreement with Poland is still the old agreement of 1960, which provides, as you will recall, for the payment of \$40 million in 20 annual installments, and we have administered that program. That program, as I say, terminated on March 31, 1966.

Mrs. KELLY. Then you are going to have more money to distribute to Polish claimants?

Mr. RE. That is correct.

Mrs. KELLY. As the money comes in?

Mr. RE. As the money comes in, but the sum still remains \$40 million. There are no new funds in addition to that.

Mrs. KELLY. But there will be \$40 million; is that correct?

Mr. RE. At the completion of the 20th annual payment by Poland, the fund will be \$40 million. I think we have so far received \$14 million. They have made seven payments, Madam Chairman.