

Mrs. KELLY. Let me establish one other point, Mr Taft. Were all the small claims up to \$1,000 adjudicated and paid?

Mr. RE. In the Yugoslav program?

Mrs. KELLY. Yes.

Mr. RE. All of them were adjudicated.

Mrs. KELLY. Do you want to proceed, Mr. Taft?

Mr. TAFT. Yes; I will proceed, Madam Chairman.

The reason I have asked this question, Mr. Re, is that I wondered why we should include under the authority given here any agreement that may be included in the future. I can't quite see what—it seems to me we are buying a pig in a poke if we go along with future agreements the terms of which we cannot anticipate, particularly with regard to—

Mr. RE. The reason for that is that similar agreements are in contemplation with other countries, such as Czechoslovakia, and the statute would authorize us to have the new money added to the existing fund.

In other words, with this authority, the money could be added to the existing fund without coming back for additional authority.

Mr. TAFT. It could cover other countries which expropriate American property; is that right?

Mr. RE. Yes. Specifically Czechoslovakia and Hungary come to mind.

Mrs. KELLY. Let's establish that we are not considering Czechoslovakia in this bill, because an agreement has not been reached between us and the Czechoslovakian Government, so you are saying that when you have an agreement with Czechoslovakia, this would fall in line, or any other country?

Mr. RE. It would permit adding new money to the existing fund, that is, any money that may be obtained pursuant to another agreement.

Mrs. KELLY. You are at this time directing your remarks to Czechoslovakia?

Mr. RE. That is a country that came to my mind, but this present bill does not pertain to Czechoslovakia.

This bill pertains to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Rumania.

Mr. TAFT. Again the summary states that on March 30, 1950, Rumania agreed to pay the United States \$2.5 million as total final settlement.

Then I understand later that it is indicated in this summary that new claims which have arisen since August 1, 1955, would be received and awards on such claims paid to the extent of approximately 30 percent of the principal, which I gather is the amount that has been paid on pending claims.

Mr. RE. That's correct.

Mr. TAFT. Could these claims arise after 1960?

Mr. RE. No, sir. Claims arising before August 9, 1955, are already adjudicated, so the purpose of the legislation is to take care of claims between August 9, 1955, and March 30, 1960, which is the date of the agreement.

Mr. TAFT. They couldn't arise after that under the statute?

Mr. RE. No, not under the agreement.

Mr. TAFT. What was the basis of the \$400,000 final settlement by Bulgaria?