

any amendments are attempted. I need not repeat what I said at the hearing about the injustice of keeping these Rumanian awardholders waiting, year after year after year, for the enactment of these simple, noncontroversial, implementing provisions because you know it so well. It is not fair to do it to these people once again.

As you put it so well, at the close of my appearance before the committee: "What you want is action". That is exactly correct. We need action, or the people entitled to this money will die (as many have) still waiting for it. I thus favor the present H.R. 9063 as it stands, and I am vigorously opposed to any amendment of any kind.

I should appreciate it if this letter could be made part of the record of the hearing.

Very truly yours,

IRVING R. M. PANZER.

Mrs. KELLY. We will next call on Mr. DePolo.

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH DePOLO, JERSEY CITY, N.J.

Mr. DePOLO. Madam Chairman, I have no statement. I just want to say a couple of words.

Speaking of the Italian claims program, and the money that is left over, I say that it would be unfair and unjust if this money is not distributed to people who lost property in Italy.

I am a victim and am supposed to be protected by law. I have a right to compensation for damages suffered through Italian war action and I should be compensated on the basis of Public Law 85-604. In other words, there is no reason to strike out the provision concerning these Italian claims from the bill. That I could not understand.

If you want to take this thought into consideration, that is all I have to say.

I thank you.

Mrs. KELLY. Any questions, Mr. Monagan?

Mr. MONAGAN. I am just reading the testimony of the last hearings that we had.

I think most of it is in the record. So I have no questions at this time.

Thank you.

Mrs. KELLY. You approve of this bill as it stands, then, is that correct?

Mr. DePOLO. Yes.

Mrs. KELLY. You want the \$1 million in the Italian claims fund distributed to the people as proposed in this bill?

Mr. DePOLO. Yes, as soon as possible.

Mrs. KELLY. Thank you for coming today.

Dr. Paul Neuberger is next.

Dr. Neuberger, you have a rather long statement. Are you going to put it in the record and summarize it for us?

STATEMENT OF DR. PAUL NEUBERGER, NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY UNDER CLAIMS LEGISLATION

Dr. NEUBERGER. My statement comprises only the first few pages. The balance of the paper submitted consists of enclosures. Lines 13 through 25 should read—

Mrs. KELLY. We may not have time to listen to the entire statement. We are going to be called to the floor of the House to vote shortly. We also have one or two more witnesses who want to testify today.