



FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
Washington 25, D. C.

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In the Matter of the Claim of

JOHN JAMES PURRIS  
1045 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

Claim No. RUM-30,370

Decision No. RUM-31

Against the Government of Rumania  
Under the International Claims  
Settlement Act of 1949, as Amended.

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PROPOSED DECISION

This is a claim under the provisions of Section 303(3) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, against the Government of Rumania by JOHN JAMES PURRIS, for the failure of that government to meet its contractual obligations.

Section 303(3) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine the validity and amounts of claims of nationals of the United States against the Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania resulting from failure to meet obligations expressed in currency of the United States arising out of contractual or other rights acquired by nationals of the United States prior to September 1, 1939, in the case of Rumania, and which became payable prior to September 15, 1947.

The record shows that the claimant alleges he acquired in 1933 and presently holds certain Rumanian bonds of the 4% 1922 issue and bonds of the 7½% 1931 issue, and that he became a naturalized citizen of the United States on November 29, 1948. Although the claimant allegedly acquired the bonds prior to September 1, 1939, he was not at that time a national of the United States and did not become a citizen until subsequent to that date.

Accordingly, this claim is denied for the reason that the bonds upon which it is based were not acquired by a national of the United States prior to September 1, 1939, as required by the Act as a condition for compensability. The Commission finds it unnecessary to make determinations with respect to other elements of this claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

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