

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Claim No. SOV- 41,788

Decision No. SOV- 2298

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

FINAL DECISION

The Commission issued its Proposed Decision on this claim on
November 6, 1957 , a certified copy of which was duly served upon
the claimant. No objections or request for a hearing having been
filed within twenty days after such service and general notice of
the Proposed Decision having been given by posting for thirty days,
it is

ORDERED that such Proposed Decision be and the same is hereby
entered as the Final Decision on this claim, and it is further

ORDERED that the award granted pursuant thereto be certified to
the Secretary of the Treasury.

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gpo 16-72122-1

PROPOSED DECISION

This is a claim for \$82,500 by the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church against the Soviet Government under Section 305(a)(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended.

The Commission finds that claimant is and at the times hereinafter mentioned was a non-profit domestic corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of a Special Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes. The Act of incorporation provided that no shares of stock shall be issued and that no part of the net earnings of such corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

The claimant asserts and the Commission finds that on November 8, 1917, claimant was the owner of: (1) land and buildings situated in Leningrad, Russia, which together with personal property contained in such buildings were of the fair and reasonable value of \$77,500; (2) land and buildings situated in Sigalovo, Russia, which were of the fair and reasonable value of \$2,500; and (3) land and buildings situated in Handrovo, Russia, which were of the fair and reasonable value of \$2,500. Although title to the aforesaid property was taken in the name of claimant's nominees, the Commission finds that this was done for convenience and

claimant's benefit; that the full consideration was paid by claimant; and that the claimant was the true owner.

The Commission further finds that all the aforementioned property was confiscated by the Soviet Government by decree dated November 8, 1917, and that the aforementioned values are as of said date.

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On the above evidence and grounds, and upon the entire record, this claim is allowed and an award is hereby made to the claimant, DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, in the amount of eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$82,500) plus interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from November 8, 1917, the date of confiscation, to November 16, 1933, the date of the Litvinov Assignment (Section 301(6) of the Act) in the amount of seventy-nine thousand two hundred ten dollars and seventy-two cents (\$79,210.72). No determination is made with respect to interest for any period subsequent to November 16, 1933.

Payment of this award, in whole or in part, shall not be construed to have divested claimant, or the Government of the United States on its behalf, of any rights against the Government of the Soviet Union for the unpaid balance, if any, of the claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

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FOR THE COMMISSION:



Joseph Stein, Director
Soviet Claims Division