

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

JOSEPH PUZYREWSKI
4522 North Dover Street
Chicago 40, Illinois

Claim No. SOV-40,248

Decision No. SOV-1803

Under the International Claims Settlement
Act of 1949, as amended

GPO 16-72126-1

PROPOSED DECISION

This claim for \$99,081.00 against the Government of the Soviet Union under Section 305(a)(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, by Joseph Puzyrewski, alleged to be a national of the United States since his naturalization on December 7, 1928, is based upon the loss sustained by the claimant as the owner of a farm, buildings, livestock, machinery, farm implements, grain, fodder, furniture, household goods, government bonds and cash, located in the town of Pawlowicze, county of Dzisna, province of Wilno, formerly Poland, now part of the Soviet Union.

Section 305(a)(2) of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, provides for the receipt and determination by the Commission of the validity and the amounts of claims of nationals of the United States against the Soviet Government, if such claims arose prior to November 16, 1933.

The territory in which claimant's property was located was formerly a part of the Republic of Poland. In 1939 it was occupied by the Red Army and incorporated into the White Russian Socialist Soviet Republic, a constituent republic of the Soviet Union, at which time claimant alleges his property was confiscated without compensation. In 1941,

this area was invaded by the German Army and in 1944 reoccupied by the Soviet Army. Finally, this territory was ceded by Poland to the Soviet Union, on April 29, 1945, pursuant to a Treaty of Friendship, Mutual Aid and Co-operation concluded between the two countries.

The Commission finds it established on the basis of the facts and allegations stated by claimant, that the claim for the confiscation of the aforesaid property arose subsequent to the statutory date of November 16, 1933.

Consequently, the Commission has no jurisdiction to entertain this claim, and the same must be, and is hereby, denied.

Other elements bearing upon the validity of the claim have not been considered.

Dated at Washington, D. C.

MAY 8 1957

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Joseph Stein, Director
Soviet Claims Division

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