

Manager of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, Washington, District of Columbia; (4) that, upon the effective date of the conversion, the association has repurchased the total amount invested in its shares by the Secretary of the Treasury; and (5) that if, upon the effective date of conversion, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation will hold of record shares of the association, its approval of the conversion has been obtained; (6) that, in the event of dissolution after conversion, the members or shareholders of the association will share on a mutual basis in the assets of the association in exact proportion to their relative share or account credits; (7) that such conversion shall be effective upon the date that all the provisions of this Act shall have been fully complied with and upon the issuance of a new charter by the State wherein the association is located; it being provided that its act of converting into a State-chartered institution shall constitute an agreement to be bound by all the requirements that the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation may legally impose under section 403 of title IV of the National Housing Act, as now or hereafter amended, and the association shall upon conversion and thereafter be authorized to issue securities in any form currently approved at the time of issue by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation for issuance by similar insured institutions in such State, District, or Territory.

"In addition to the foregoing provision for conversion upon a vote of the members only any association chartered as a Federal savings and loan association, including any having outstanding shares held by the Secretary of the Treasury or Home Owners' Loan Corporation, may convert itself into a State institution upon an equitable basis, subject to approval, by regulations or otherwise, by the Home Loan Bank Board and by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation: *Provided*, That if the insurance of accounts is terminated in connection with such conversion, the notice and other action shall be taken as provided by law and regulations for the termination of insurance of accounts."

SEC. 2. Section 19 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, as amended, and subsection (c) of section 402 of the National Housing Act, as amended, are hereby each amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "All necessary expenses in connection with the making of supervisory or other examinations (except examinations of Federal home loan banks), including the provision of services and facilities therefor, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses."

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[CHAPTER 826]

AN ACT

To amend the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended; to create a commission to make an inquiry and report with respect to war claims; and to provide for relief for internees in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "War Claims Act of 1948".

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established a commission to be known as the War Claims Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and to be composed of three persons to be appointed by the

48 Stat. 1257.
12 U. S. C. § 1726.

Termination of insurance of accounts.

47 Stat. 737; 48 Stat. 1256.
12 U. S. C. §§ 1439, 1725 (c).

Nonadministrative expenses.

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War Claims Act of 1948.

President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. At least two of the members of the Commission shall be persons who have been admitted to the bar of the highest court of any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia. The members of the Commission shall receive compensation at the rate of \$12,000 a year. The terms of office of the members of the Commission shall expire at the time fixed in subsection (d) for the winding up of the affairs of the Commission.

(b) The Commission may, in accordance with the provisions of the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, appoint and fix the compensation of such officers, attorneys, and employees, and may make such expenditures, as may be necessary to carry out its functions. Officers and employees of any other department or agency of the Government may, with the consent of the head of such department or agency, be assigned to assist the Commission in carrying out its functions. The Commission may, with the consent of the head of any other department or agency of the Government, utilize the facilities and services of such department or agency in carrying out the functions of the Commission.

(c) The Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its functions, and may delegate functions to any member, officer, or employee of the Commission. The Commission shall give public notice of the time when, and the limit of time within which, claims may be filed, which notice shall be published in the Federal Register. The limit of time within which claims may be filed with the Commission shall in no event be later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) The Commission shall wind up its affairs at the earliest practicable time after the expiration of the time for filing claims, but in no event later than three years after the expiration of such time.

JURISDICTION OF COMMISSION

SEC. 3. The Commission shall have jurisdiction to receive and adjudicate according to law claims as hereinafter provided.

EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS

SEC. 4. (a) The Federal Security Administrator is authorized to receive, adjudicate according to law, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any person specified in section 101 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to provide benefits for the injury, disability, death, or enemy detention of employees of contractors with the United States, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1942, as amended, or by the legal representative of any such person who may have died, for the amount by which (1) the total sum which would have been payable to such person by his employer (not including any payments for overtime), if such person's contract of employment had been in effect and he had been paid under it for the entire period during which he was entitled to receive benefits under section 101 (b) of such Act, exceeds (2) the entire amount creditable to such person's account for such period under the provisions of such section plus any amounts paid to such person by such employer for such period or recovered by such person in any legal action against such employer based upon such person's right against such employer for such period under the contract of employment, including payments in settlement of the liability of the employer arising under or out of such contract. No claim shall be allowed to any person under the provisions of this section unless such person executes a full release to the employer and to the United States in respect to the liability of the employer arising under or out of the contract of employment, except liability for workmen's compensation

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.

Rules and regulations.

Time limitation for filing claims.

Settlement of claims by Federal Security Administrator.

56 Stat. 1028.
42 U. S. C. § 1701 (a).

56 Stat. 1029.
42 U. S. C. § 1701 (b).

Release of employer and U. S. from liability.

55 Stat. 622.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1651-1654.

56 Stat. 1028.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1701-1706, 1711-1717, 1651.

Post, p. 1247.
Cancellation of obligations to U. S.

56 Stat. 1028.
42 U. S. C. § 1701 (a).

56 Stat. 1028.
42 U. S. C. § 1701 (a).

Post, p. 1247.

56 Stat. 1031.
42 U. S. C. § 1702 (a).

Total compensation.

39 Stat. 746.
5 U. S. C. § 764.

"Civilian American citizen."

Exceptions.

39 Stat. 742.
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-793.

benefits under the Act of August 16, 1941, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1651 and the following), or detention or other benefits paid under the Act of December 2, 1942, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1751 and the following). Any claim allowed under the provisions of this section shall be certified by the Administrator to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of the War Claims Fund established by section 13 of this Act.

(b) (1) The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to cancel any obligation to the United States of any person specified in section 101 (a) of such Act of December 2, 1942, to pay any sum which may have been advanced to or on behalf of any such person by the Department of State for the purpose of paying the costs of food and medical services furnished to such person during his period of internment by the Imperial Japanese Government or for the purpose of paying transportation or other expenses of repatriation.

(2) The Federal Security Administrator is authorized to receive, adjudicate according to law, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any person specified in section 101 (a) of such Act of December 2, 1942, for the repayment of any sum which may have been paid by such person to the Department of State in settlement of any obligation of the type referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Any claim allowed under the provisions of this paragraph shall be certified by the Administrator to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of the War Claims Fund established by section 13 of this Act.

(c) Section 102 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to provide benefits for the injury, disability, death, or enemy detention of employees of contractors with the United States, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1942, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the proviso in such subsection and by substituting the following: "*Provided*, That the total compensation payable under this title for injury or death shall in no event exceed the limitations upon compensation as fixed in section 14 (m) of such Act as such section may from time to time be amended except that the total compensation shall not be less than that provided for in the original enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That any amendment to such Act, the effect of which is to increase the amount of benefits payable for injury or death, shall be applied in the administration of this section as if the amendment had been in effect at the time of the particular injury or death and the compensation (except funeral and burial expenses) in any case previously determined shall be adjusted accordingly in respect to the beneficiary entitled thereto under the Act."

INTERNEES

SEC. 5. (a) As used in this section, the term "civilian American citizen" means any person who, being then a citizen of the United States, was captured by the Imperial Japanese Government on or after December 7, 1941, at Midway, Guam, Wake Island, the Philippine Islands, or any Territory or possession of the United States attacked or invaded by such government, or while in transit to or from any such place, or who went into hiding at any such place in order to avoid capture or internment by such government; except (1) a person who at any time voluntarily gave aid to, collaborated with, or in any manner served such government, or (2) a person who at the time of his capture or entrance into hiding was (A) a person within the purview of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes", approved September 7, 1916, as amended, and as extended; or (B) a person within the purview of the Act entitled "An Act to provide benefits for the injury, disability, death, or enemy detention of employees of contractors with the United

States, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1942, as amended; or (C) a person within the purview of the Missing Persons Act of March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143), as amended; or (D) a regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of any military or naval force.

(b) The Commission is authorized to receive, adjudicate according to law, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by, or on behalf of, any civilian American citizen for detention benefits for any period of time subsequent to December 6, 1941, during which he was held by the Imperial Japanese Government as a prisoner, internee, hostage, or in any other capacity, or remained in hiding to avoid being captured or interned by such Imperial Japanese Government.

(c) The detention benefit allowed to any person under the provisions of subsection (b) shall be at the rate of \$60 for each calendar month during which such person was at least eighteen years of age and at the rate of \$25 per month for each calendar month during which such person was less than eighteen years of age.

(d) The detention benefits allowed under subsection (b) shall be allowed to the person entitled thereto, or, in the event of his death, only to the following persons:

(1) Widow or dependent husband if there is no child or children of the deceased;

(2) Widow or dependent husband and child or children of the deceased, one-half to the widow or dependent husband and the other half to the child or children in equal shares; and

(3) Child or children of the deceased (in equal shares) if there is no widow or dependent husband.

(e) Any claim allowed under the provisions of subsection (b) shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of the War Claims Fund established by section 13 of this Act, and shall be payable by the Secretary of the Treasury to the person entitled thereto or to his legal or natural guardian if he has one.

(f) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the provisions of titles I and II of the Act entitled "An Act to provide benefits for the injury, disability, death, or enemy detention of employees of contractors with the United States, and for other purposes", approved December 2, 1942, as amended, are extended and shall apply with respect to the injury, disability, or death resulting from injury of a civilian American citizen occurring while he was held by or in hiding from the Imperial Japanese Government, to the same extent as if such civilian American citizen were an employee within the purview of such Act of December 2, 1942, as amended.

(2) For the purpose of determining the benefits extended and made applicable by paragraph (1)—

(A) the average weekly wage of any such civilian American citizen, whether employed, self-employed, or not employed, shall be deemed to have been \$37.50;

(B) the provisions of such Act shall be applicable whether or not any such civilian American citizen was employed;

(C) notice of injury or death shall not be required; and limitation provisions with respect to the filing of claims for injury, disability, or death shall not begin to run until the date of enactment of this section; and

(D) the monthly compensation in cases involving partial disability shall be determined by the percentage the degree of partial disability bears to total disability and shall not be determined with respect to the extent of loss of wage earning capacity.

(3) The following provisions of such Act of December 2, 1942, as amended, shall not apply in the case of such civilian American citizens: Section 101 (b), section 104, and section 105.

56 Stat. 1028.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1701-1706, 1711-1717, 1651.
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 1001-1016; Supp. I, § 1001 *et seq.*

Detention benefits.

Rate.

Payment to dependents.

Certification of claims.

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Extension of legislative provisions.

56 Stat. 1028, 1033.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1701-1706, 1711-1717.

Determination of benefits.

56 Stat. 1029, 1031, 1032.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1701 (b), 1704, 1705.

Disability or death
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Minors or incompetents.

Payments if receiving other benefits.

Effective date.

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violations concerning
food.

Post, p. 1247.

Payment to dependents.

(4) Rights or benefits which, under this subsection, are to be determined with reference to other provisions of law shall be determined with reference to such provisions of law as in force on January 3, 1948.

(5) The money benefit for disability or death shall be paid only to the person entitled thereto, or to his legal or natural guardian if he has one, and shall not upon death of the person so entitled survive for the benefit of his estate or any other person.

(6) The benefit of a minor or of an incompetent person who has no natural or legal guardian may, in the discretion of the Federal Security Administrator, be paid, in whole or in such part as he may determine for and on behalf of such minor or incompetent directly to the person or institution caring for, supporting, or having custody of such minor or incompetent.

(7) No person, except a widow or a child, shall be entitled to benefits for disability with respect to himself, and to death benefits on account of the death of another.

(8) If a civilian American citizen or his dependent receives or has received from the United States any payments on account of the same injury or death, or from his employer, in the form of wages, or payments in lieu of wages, or in any form of support or compensation (including workmen's compensation) in respect to the same objects, the benefits under this section shall be diminished by the amount of such payments in the following manner: (A) Benefits on account of injury or disability shall be reduced by the amount of payments to the injured person on account of the same injury or disability; and (B) benefits on account of death shall be reduced by the amount of payments to the dependents of the deceased civilian American citizen on account of the same death.

(9) This subsection shall take effect as of December 7, 1941, and the right of individuals to benefits shall be held to have begun to accrue as though this subsection had been in effect as of such date.

PRISONERS OF WAR

SEC. 6. (a) As used in this section, the term "prisoner of war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the military or naval forces of the United States who was held as a prisoner of war for any period of time subsequent to December 7, 1941, by any government of any nation with which the United States has been at war subsequent to such date.

(b) The Commission is authorized to receive, adjudicate according to law, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any prisoner of war for compensation for the violation by the enemy government by which he was held as a prisoner of war, or its agents, of its obligation to furnish him the quantity or quality of food to which he was entitled as a prisoner of war under the terms of the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929. The compensation allowed to any prisoner of war under the provisions of this subsection shall be at the rate of \$1 for each day he was held as a prisoner of war on which the enemy government or its agents failed to furnish him such quantity or quality of food. Any claim allowed under the provisions of this subsection shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of the War Claims Fund established by section 13 of this Act.

(c) Claims pursuant to subsection (b) shall be paid to the person entitled thereto, or to his legal or natural guardian if he has one, and shall in case of death of the persons who are entitled be payable only to or for the benefit of the following persons:

(1) Widow or dependent husband if there is no child or children of the deceased;

(2) Widow or dependent husband and child or children of the deceased, one-half to the widow or dependent husband and the other half to the child or children of the deceased in equal shares;

(3) Child or children of the deceased (in equal shares) if there is no widow or dependent husband; and

(4) Dependent parents (in equal shares) if there is no widow, dependent husband, or child.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

SEC. 7. The Commission is authorized to receive, adjudicate according to law, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any religious organization functioning in the Philippine Islands and affiliated with a religious organization in the United States, or by the personnel of any such Philippine organization, for reimbursement of expenditures incurred, or for payment of the fair value of supplies used, by such organization or such personnel for the purpose of furnishing shelter, food, clothing, hospitalization, medicines and medical services, and other relief in the Philippines to members of the armed forces of the United States or to civilian American citizens (as defined in section 5) at any time subsequent to December 6, 1941, and before August 15, 1945. Any claim allowed under the provisions of this section shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of the War Claims Fund established by section 13 of this Act.

Ante, p. 1242.

Post, p. 1247.

REPORT WITH RESPECT TO PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY CLAIMS

SEC. 8. (a) The Commission shall inquire into and report to the President, for submission of such report to the Congress on or before March 31, 1949, with respect to war claims arising out of World War II, other than claims which may be received and adjudicated under the preceding sections of this Act, and shall present in such report its findings on—

Contents of report.

(1) the estimated number and amount of such claims, classified by types and categories; and

(2) the extent to which such claims have been or may be satisfied under international agreements or domestic or foreign laws.

(b) The report of the Commission shall contain recommendations with respect to—

(1) categories and types of claims, if any, which should be received and considered and the legal and equitable bases therefor;

(2) the administrative method by which such claims should be considered, and any priorities or limitations which should be applicable; and

(3) any limitations which should be applied to the allowance and payment of fees in connection with such claims.

(c) The Commission shall include in such report—

(1) such other recommendations as it deems appropriate; and

(2) such proposals for legislation as it deems appropriate for carrying out the recommendations made in such report.

(d) Such report, with accompanying evidence, shall be printed as a public document when received by the Congress.

Publication.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to imply that the Congress will enact legislation—

(1) adopting any recommendations made under this section with respect to the consideration or payment of any type of claim; or

(2) making any moneys, including moneys remaining in the war claims fund after the making of payments from such fund provided for by this Act, available for the payment of such claims.

REPORTS TO CONGRESS

SEC. 9. Not later than six months after its organization, and every six months thereafter, the Commission shall make a report to the Congress concerning its operations under this Act.

REMUNERATION FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CLAIMS

Penalty.

SEC. 10. No remuneration on account of services rendered or to be rendered to or on behalf of any claimant in connection with any claim filed with the administering agency under this Act shall exceed 10 per centum (or such lesser per centum as may be fixed by the administering agency with respect to any class of claims) of the amount allowed by the administering agency on account of such claim. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere, pays or offers to pay, or promises, to pay, or receives, on account of services rendered or to be rendered in connection with any such claim, any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both, and, if any such payment shall have been made or granted, the administering agency shall take such action as may be necessary to recover the same, and, in addition thereto any such claimant shall forfeit all rights under this Act.

HEARINGS WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS

Finality of decision.

SEC. 11. The Commission shall notify all claimants of the approval or denial of their claims, and, if approved, shall notify such claimants of the amount for which such claims are approved. Any claimant whose claim is denied, or is approved for less than the full allowable amount of such claim, shall be entitled, under such regulations as the Commission may prescribe, to a hearing before the Commission or its representatives with respect to such claim. Upon such hearing, the Commission may affirm, modify, or revise its former action with respect to such claim, including a denial or reduction in the amount theretofore allowed with respect to such claim. The action of the Commission in allowing or denying any claim under this Act shall be final and conclusive on all questions of law and fact and not subject to review by any other official of the United States or by any court by mandamus or otherwise, and the Comptroller General is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer for payments in accordance with such action.

AMENDMENT TO TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT

40 Stat. 411.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 1-38; Supp. I, § 4
et seq.
Ante, p. 1218.
Nonreturn of prop-
erty to former owner.

SEC. 12. The Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

60 Stat. 50, 418.
50 U. S. C. app. § 32;
Supp. I, § 32; 22
U. S. C. §§ 1381-1386;
Supp. I, § 1382 note.

"Sec. 39. No property or interest therein of Germany, Japan, or any national of either such country vested in or transferred to any officer or agency of the Government at any time after December 17, 1941, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be returned to former owners thereof or their successors in interest, and the United States shall not pay compensation for any such property or interest therein. The net proceeds remaining upon the completion of administration, liquidation, and disposition pursuant to the provisions of this Act of any such property or interest therein shall be covered into the Treasury at the earliest practicable date. Nothing in this section shall be construed to repeal or otherwise affect the operation of the provisions of section 32 of this Act or of the Philippine Property Act of 1946."

WAR CLAIMS FUND

SEC. 13. (a) There is hereby created on the books of the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the War Claims Fund. The War Claims Fund shall consist of all sums covered into the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended. The moneys in such fund shall be available for expenditure only as provided in this Act or as may be provided hereafter by the Congress.

Ante, p. 1246.

(b) The Federal Security Administrator is authorized and directed to estimate and certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the total amount which will be required to pay all benefits payable as a result of the enactment of section 5 (f) of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the War Claims Fund to the general fund of the Treasury a sum equal to the total amount so certified by the Federal Security Administrator.

Ante, p. 1243.

(c) The Federal Security Administrator is authorized and directed to estimate and certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the total amount which will be required to pay all additional benefits payable as a result of the enactment of section 4 (c) of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the war claims fund to the general fund of the Treasury a sum equal to the total amount so certified by the Federal Security Administrator.

Ante, p. 1242.

(d) The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the total amount of all obligations canceled pursuant to the provisions of section 4 (b) (1) of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the war claims fund to the general fund of the Treasury an amount equal to the total amount so certified.

Ante, p. 1242.

(e) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the war claims fund, such sums as may be necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its functions under this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

SEC. 14. In any case in which any money is payable as a result of the enactment of this Act to any person who is prevented from accepting such money by the rules, regulations, or customs of the church or the religious order or organization of which he is a member, such money shall be paid, upon the request of such person, to such church or to such religious order or organization.

Approved July 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 827]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities; to amend section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, reenacted by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937; and for other purposes.

July 3, 1948
[H. R. 6248]
[Public Law 897]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Act of 1948".

Agricultural Act of 1948.

TITLE I—1949 PRICE STABILIZATION

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed through any instrumentality or agency within or under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, by loans, purchases, or other operations—

(a) To support prices received by producers of cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco, rice, and peanuts marketed before June 30, 1950, if producers

Price support of certain commodities.