

CLAIM OF FRANK YEIZO NAKAMURA

[No. 146-35-1741. Decided December 29, 1950]

FINDINGS OF FACT

This claim, timely received, is for \$550. The claim involves expenditures for clothing specially purchased by claimant for his evacuation and used by him at the relocation center, and, further, loss of chef's equipment consisting of 5 French knives, 2 slicers, a cleaver, saw, 2 bone knives, 2 forks, and a set of cooking tubes. With respect to these latter items, claimant testified that a few weeks before his evacuation he resigned his employment as a chef because of the curfew restrictions, taking home with him his previously referred to equipment. He further testified:

Between the time war was declared in December 1941 and the time I was evacuated in May 1942, I think it was about 2 or 3 weeks before I was evacuated, some men came to my home and took the above-described articles from me. I had them packed in a suitcase. I do not know whether these men were from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department or the United States Marshal's Office. They just came into the house and told me I was not supposed to have them and took them away. I was scared at the time and I didn't ask them who they were * * * When I came back to Los Angeles, * * * I did not attempt to claim or find the cooking tools which had been taken from me since I did not know by whom they were picked up.

The claim originally also included an allegation of loss of California unemployment insurance but this item was subsequently withdrawn by claimant of his own volition.