

offset this advantage. Fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides, machinery, machine parts, packing materials, and interest on loans are more expensive than in the United States. The expense of shipping produce to the border, plus border-crossing fees and import duties, adds to the total cost. The main reason for the increase in imports from Mexico is that they arrive on the market at a time of the year when production in the United States is low. In the case of tomatoes, by far the most important Mexican fruit or vegetable export to the United States, production in Mexico is usually profitable only when this country has a short crop of winter tomatoes.

Mr. CAREY. So, the passage of this act will not be creating any sort of vacuum that will attract imports to the detriment of the American farmer?

Mr. POTTER. I don't believe I am qualified to answer that, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. THOMPSON. The Secretary of Agriculture is toying with the idea of restriction on imports of certain dairy products because of the economic difficulties in which the dairy industry finds itself today. This causes people such as myself who have been advocates of freer trade some difficulty and yet I recognize that within the States which have many dairy farmers that there is extreme difficulty.

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Chairman, will you yield to me on that point?

This is a very, very real problem for us in Brooklyn. Do you realize what would happen if we had to rely on Wisconsin and Minnesota to produce the cheeses that we need in our consumer diet practices in New York today, that we could not get the Mozzarella and Parmesan for our pizza parlors in New York City? You just can't get that stuff in Wisconsin.

Mr. THOMPSON. You have a lot of corn there, too.

Mr. CAREY. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. Thank you very much, Mr. Potter.

If we have further need for statistics, we will write for them.

The subcommittee will adjourn, to meet on Thursday next, May 4, in room 2261, to hear Mr. Mayer of the Meat Cutters, and Msgr. Quinn, Rabbi Hirsch, and Dr. Neigh.

The subcommittee will adjourn.

(Whereupon, at 11:55 a.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 1967.)