

We do favor a free flow of capital, but this, I admit, is a problem—well, I just can't answer your question, Mr. Ford.

Mr. FORD. We in Michigan are intrigued by the General Motors ad for the Opel, which is being manufactured in Germany, and those of us that still live under the fiction of the automobile capital of the world are wondering about our American stockholders manufacturing those cars over there, and I don't think we are going to hear very much complaint from your industry about these imports if some of your major members are the people involved in making a profit. So I suggest that the exhibit that you have given us here may have some bearing on the overall problem that I have just enumerated but really, frankly, shouldn't be intermixed with the question of rights of American farmers and their employees to avail themselves of the collective bargaining process.

Mr. TRIGGS. We did not submit that exhibit as an argument against that practice.

Mr. FORD. Except this kind of article is the kind of thing, you see, from which you can quote, and scare the devil, if you will excuse the expression, out of the average family farmer, and that is what you have done with most of your testimony, and why I was concerned in the beginning as to whether or not you were speaking for the family farmers of my State.

I would be very much surprised if the farmers in my State, would subscribe to the very strong opposition you have indicated here to the concept of this legislation.

Mr. TRIGGS. I think they do, Mr. Ford.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. O'Hara?

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Triggs, on the question of preseason agreements, Mr. Ford has brought out the facts with respect to the agreements involving Puerto Rican workers, I believe.

Isn't it also a fact, leaving Puerto Rican workers aside, that during the existence of the bracero program, the standard arrangement was the preseason agreement on what wages would be, what working conditions would be and so forth?

Those braceros didn't go willynilly about the countryside looking for work.

Mr. TRIGGS. There was an agreement between Mexico and the United States—

Mr. O'HARA. That is right.

Mr. TRIGGS (continuing). Setting forth in considerable detail the terms of employment. I don't say we favored it. We knew it had to be.

Mr. O'HARA. You supported the program, even though that was a part of it?

Mr. TRIGGS. Yes; we supported the bracero program even though that was a part of it.

Mr. O'HARA. Isn't it a fact that under present circumstances when a grower wishes to obtain seasonal farm labor the most usual practice, at least for the larger processor, is for him to make arrangements ahead of time with a crewleader—

Mr. TRIGGS. This is very common.

Mr. O'HARA (continuing). And the arrangements he makes prior to the harvest season will cover wages and working conditions?

Mr. TRIGGS. It is a contract voluntarily entered into.