

consider shortening the exemption period to 20 or 30 days, or better still, exempting student and teacher travel generally.

Rather than restrict student and teacher travel, our government should encourage, even subsidize it—which is the philosophy of the International Education Act of 1966.

Being fully cognizant of the financial crisis the country faces, and eager to assist in meeting it, we endorse the proposed reduction of the \$100 duty-free exemption.

We respectfully request the committee to bear in mind the special status of students and teachers, and to give effect to the pronouncement of Secretary of the Treasury Fowler on February 5, 1968:

The free interchange of people is a basic tenet of democratic life and an ingredient of an expanding free world.

In conclusion I should like to thank Congressman Mills and the members of the Committee on Ways and Means for the opportunity of presenting our views on this issue.

Thank you, sir.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you very much, Professor. We appreciate your contribution to the committee. Are there questions?

If not, we do appreciate your being here and thank you so much.

Mr. MITTLEBEELER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HERLONG. The next witness is Mr. Eldridge R. Plowden. The Chair will yield to Mr. Utt for the purpose of presenting this witness.

Mr. UTT. Mr. Chairman, I take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Plowden to this committee. He comes from Chapman College, which is in my district, and I feel very fortunate that I have a grandson who is a junior in this college although he has never taken this tour that is represented here, so Dr. Plowden, I am very happy to have you here before our committee.

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Mr. PLOWDEN. Thank you very much.

Mr. HERLONG. Dr. Plowden, will you please identify yourself for the record and proceed in your own way.

Mr. PLOWDEN. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, my name is Eldridge R. Plowden. I am the provost of Chapman College, Orange, Calif. Thank you very much for the opportunity to make this brief statement.

Chapman College is the only institution of higher learning in the world which conducts a bona fide, fully accredited college program while students are voyaging around the world.

The ship is the 15,000-ton S.S. *Ryndam* which Chapman uses under contract with the Holland-America Line. It is a vessel fully refitted and properly equipped to conduct an appropriate instructional program, equivalent in every way to what is done on the land campus of our college at Orange, Calif. This world campus afloat carries a complement of about 540 carefully selected students from approximately 200 American campuses, and about 80 professors chosen with equal care.

At present we are on the high seas and in foreign ports from 100 to 103 days each semester. To assemble the students; to give necessary orientation to enable them to creditably represent American students abroad; to disperse them to campuses throughout the country on re-