

Mr. BYRNES. In each of these industries do you have their employment in relation to total employment so that we can see where our employment picture is going, Mr. Secretary? For instance, we may be exporting items that have a lower labor content but a higher expertise component and we may be importing items of a high labor content. It would seem to me that this is a matter that we should know as we look at this whole picture?

Ambassador ROTH. Mr. Congressman, we do have a great deal of this information. The export and import data is not always comparable but we can submit it. (See p. 100.)

May I say on the effect of imports on employment, our office had been asked to undertake such a study next fiscal year. The House Appropriations Committee, however, recently took this out of our appropriation.

Mr. BYRNES. But you just completed negotiations and it would seem to me that some of this information should have been developed before that.

Secretary WIRTZ. As far as the textile industry is concerned, which has of course been a matter of special attention, all that information is directly available relating the amount of the imports to the amount of exports, to the amount of total consumption. You do get all those factors on a particular industry basis as far as that industry is concerned.

Ambassador ROTH. We have this generally, and it is in the process of being updated.

Mr. BYRNES. Well, what does it show about our growth of exports of the low-labor-content items? Is that where we are having the principal growth?

Secretary SMITH. I don't think you can answer that question in that way.

Mr. BYRNES. He said he had this information, Mr. Secretary. That is what I am trying to ask him about now.

Secretary SMITH. We can give you very easily a chart which will show the trend in exports and imports over the last 10-year period for 20 or 30 industries and give it to you tomorrow, but the labor content of those industries we do not have.

Mr. BYRNES. No, I am really not directing my comments to you, Mr. Secretary, but to Ambassador Roth because he said he had the data and it was constantly being updated.

Ambassador ROTH. I was talking about specific studies about specific industries. The general figures I can give you now, Congressman Byrnes.

Mr. BYRNES. Let me clarify for the record my discussion with Secretary Smith. I was inquiring about the broad categories of capital goods and consumer goods. In addition to the broad categories which I would like to have, have you done anything to break down the particular items Ambassador Roth, so that your office would be alerted to problem areas. In order to be alerted to problem areas it would seem necessary to have much more detail than the broad categories that the Department of Commerce lists in its general reports.

Ambassador ROTH. We have to be able in general to discuss intelligently any industry that has a problem in the trade field, whether it is billiard balls or farm machinery.