

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Stewart, for your fine statement. Mr. Betts.

Mr. BETTS. Mr. Stewart, I would be interested to know if any action was taken under the adjustment assistance provisions with respect to the 7,000 people who became unemployed. What happened?

Mr. STEWART. The first thing that happened was an escape clause remedy and that remedy has been set aside by the President and sharply modified and the Government has sent a task force around to visit each plant to discuss with the workers and management at the plants what course of action might be followed to transfer those workers who are still employed and on our payrolls from their jobs in the flat glass industry to other employment if the President removes the remaining escape clause rates in 1970, so the Government is exploring whether or not adjustment assistance would work for these workers and each time they have visited these plants the whole community has been up in arms and has met with these people to demonstrate to them the effect on the communities.

There have been two instances in which adjustment assistance under the Automobile Act, the Canadian-United States Automotive Parts Trade Agreement Act, was requested for workers in flat glass plants whose jobs were deemed to be affected by the transfer of production to Canada.

I may say in regard to our exports to Canada, which have been substantial up until now, we now expect and are experiencing a sharp decline in 1968 because the automobile companies in Canada to meet the Canadian requirement of their automobile manufacture are being forced to use Canadian glass produced by the subsidiary of Pilkington of the United Kingdom.

Adjustment assistance would not work because you cannot find a job paying \$3.60 an hour for a skilled glass worker in some other industry either in that community where he lives or elsewhere, and we believe that this is the judgment that the Government's task force may be coming to.

Mr. BETTS. So, in other words, the people are still employed and the Government is still investigating, is that it?

Mr. STEWART. That is correct.

Mr. BETTS. As usual I am very much impressed with your statement.

Mr. STEWART. Thank you, Mr. Betts.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Schneebeli.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Stewart, quite a few of our basic industries are being jeopardized in the matter of reduction in employment similar to what you outlined in the glass industry. You have had a lot of experience in this field and I've always found that you have a common-sense approach to these problems, so I am looking to you for advice.