

Mr. KINTNER. Mr. Byrnes, the chamber has not independently studied this problem. It is interested I can tell you as a matter of general policy in eliminating all restrictions which affect international trade.

Mr. BYRNES. Here is a clear restriction. In addition to the discriminatory rates, the British duties are applied against the goods and the freight—that is c.i.f. so the discrimination has a double-barreled impact.

Mr. KINTNER. I think your point is well taken, Mr. Byrnes, and I am prepared to recommend to the chamber that it consider this matter and make its views known to the Maritime Commission.

Mr. BYRNES. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions?

Again we thank you, Mr. Kintner.

Mr. KINTNER. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clay, if you will identify yourself again for our record we will appreciate it. We remember your previous appearances.

STATEMENT OF HENRY J. CLAY, NETHERLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE UNITED STATES, INC.

Mr. CLAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Henry J. Clay. I am a member of the law firm of Abberley, Kooiman, Amon, Marcellino & Clay of the city of New York. We are counsel to the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the United States, Inc.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clay, if it becomes necessary for you to omit parts of your statement in order to comply with our situation your entire statement will be placed in the record.

Mr. CLAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a prepared statement and I would like to submit this for the purposes of the record. I would like to summarize one or two points if I may.

The CHAIRMAN. It will be included.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Chairman, the trade between the Netherlands and the United States is extremely important to this country. Similar to the situation related to you by Mr. Kintner who represented the United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the United States is a chamber which represents some 800 firms or corporations, primarily American that are interested in the trade between the United States and Holland.

Holland, as you know, is a gallant little nation of some 12 million people who was one of the beneficiaries of the U.S. assistance in Europe to assist in the recovery of nations that were ravaged by World War II.

It is primarily a trading nation. Through its ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam you have the gateway to northwestern Europe.

It services a vast commercial community which uses the Rhine River and through these two ports some 200 million Europeans are affected.

Holland is a free trade nation. It supports the flow of free trade into that country. It has benefited substantially from the Kennedy round agreements and from GATT and will continue to benefit in the forthcoming round. Holland imports from the United States, 1967 figures, \$1,238 million of products, which is about 4 percent of the total