

onstrated in 1962 when, as a result of increased tariffs imposed by the United States on flat glass products and on carpets in a matter of days retaliatory measures were taken by the European Common Market countries against American chemical and plastic products.

These measures and countermeasures were prophetic indications of the futility of protectionism.

V. It is essential that the liberalism demanded of the United States in the Trade Expansion Act of 1968 be fully matched by this country's economic partners.

The Belgian-American Chamber of Commerce shares the concern of the administration and of this committee with any devices used by any nation to circumvent the free flow of international commerce by the placing of major nontariff barriers in the path of free trade. The chamber wishes to express its opposition to such barriers whether they be legal or illegal under our international agreements.

In conclusion the Belgian-American Chamber of Commerce in the United States, Inc., on behalf of its members urges most respectfully that this committee recommend the proposed Trade Expansion Act of 1968. It is the chamber's firm belief that the adoption of the act will be another major step forward in reaching greater international prosperity and understanding.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. We thank you, sir, for bringing to us your statement. You have along with your remarks some statistics that I think should be in the record dealing with U.S. exports to Belgium and Luxembourg and U.S. imports from Belgium and Luxembourg.

Also would you like to have in the record the membership of your group?

Mr. GOTTSCHALK. Yes; I would, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. And also the American firms which have subsidiaries in Belgium.

Mr. GOTTSCHALK. Yes, indeed, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection that material will appear in the record at this point.

(The information referred to follows:)

APPENDIX I

THE BELGIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE UNITED STATES, INC., NEW YORK, N.Y.

MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

ACEC Electric Corporation, New York, N.Y.
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Alltransport, Inc., New York, N.Y.
(The) American Express Co., Inc., New York, N.Y.
American International Underwriters Corporation, New York, N.Y.
American Petrofina, Inc., New York, N.Y.
American Union Transport, Inc., New York, N.Y.
Amerlux Steel Products Corporation, New York, N.Y.
Amsterdam Overseas Corporation, New York, N.Y.
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