

provides 'tided over' allowances for workers. These allowances run as high as 100 percent of wages plus other forms of assistance, including supplementation of reduced wages received on new jobs. Workers may continue to receive assistance from the Community for up to two years.

The United States Government has also recognized the principle that actions in the national interest entail an obligation to protect individuals harmed by that action. In November, 1964, for example, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara

sheer coincidence if the communities to which jobs were moved from Canada were the same as the communities from which jobs have moved to Canada.

The question is often asked, why not rely on the assistance provisions of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962? Why was it necessary to write special assistance provisions into the Automotive Products Trade Act.

There are two good reasons for this. First, the adjustment assistance provisions of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 have been a complete failure. If autoworkers had been forced to rely on that Act for protection they would have had no protection whatsoever.

Under the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 assistance cannot be provided until the Tariff Commission has made a determination that injury has been suffered. To date there have been 26 requests for such determinations—6 of them initiated by workers, 8 by individual firms, and 12 by representatives of industry groups. In not a single one of these 26 cases has the Tariff Commission made a favorable determination.

Secretary of Labor Wirtz has recognized this failure. When he testified before this Committee on June 4, 1968, Secretary Wirtz said with respect to the adjustment assistance provisions of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962:

"These provisions have not had the effect intended by the legislation and anticipated by American workers and firms. In practice the tests have proven to be too rigorous and too complicated. Under the Trade Act of 1962 not one petition has been approved to date. The bill now before you proposes that the