

criteria for eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance be made more realistic and equitable."

The second reason why it was necessary to write special adjustment assistance provisions into the Automotive Products Trade Act was that the Automotive Products Agreement is quite different from the kind of trade agreement which the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 was designed to cover. The Trade Expansion Act provided for benefits only if injury to workers or firms was due to increased imports. But as UAW Vice President Woodcock has pointed out the injuries covered by the adjustment assistance provisions of the Automotive Products Trade Act might be due to causes other than increased imports. In 1965, Vice President Woodcock said to this committee:

"This agreement is expected to lead to a substantial reintegration of automotive production as between Canada and the United States. In consequence, workers and firms may be injured, not only through an increase in imports to the United States, but through a decrease in the export of certain products when Canadian production is commenced, or by reallocation of operations within this country or between the United States and Canada as a direct result of the operation of the agreement. Such situations would not come under the provisions of the Trade Expansion Act at all."

That UAW Vice President Woodcock was right is borne out in the testimony of Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz before this Committee on June 4 of this year. Secretary Wirtz not only asked for changes in the adjustment assistance provisions of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 as indicated above, he also asked for a three-year extension of the adjustment assistance provisions of the Automotive Products Trade Act. President Wirtz states here very clearly that the full implementation of the agreement will take some time. This makes sense. The companies have invested millions of dollars in production facilities prior to the agreement which they won't close down merely in the interest of integration. But as facilities are replaced or expanded and as new facilities are built they will be built in accordance with an integrated plan, the completion of which might take many years.