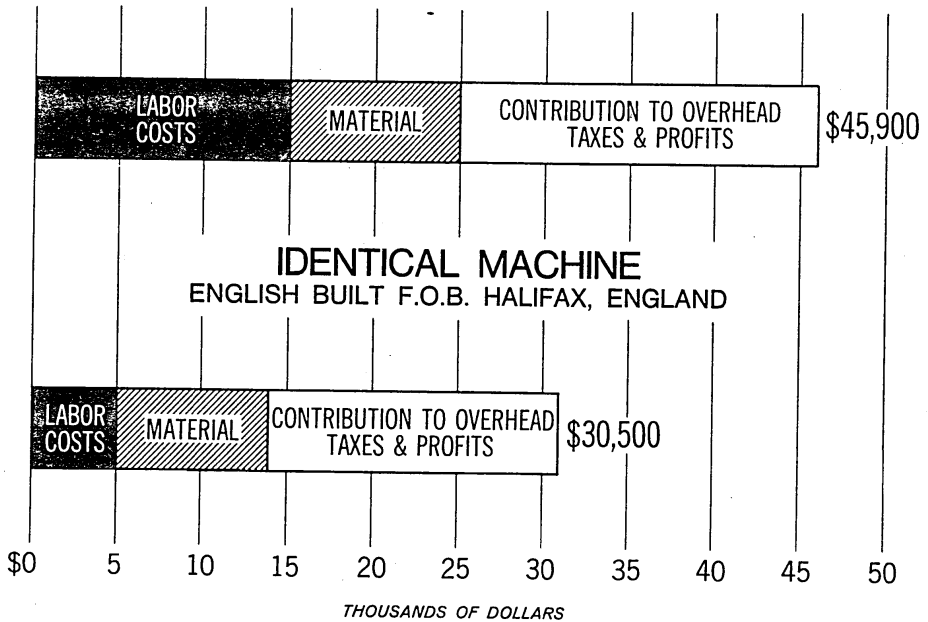


PRICE OF SINGLE SPINDLE AUTOMATIC CHUCKING MACHINE

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Comparison of Cost and Prices of Identical U.S. - and English-Built Single Spindle Automatic Chucking Machine



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Mr. BURKE. Thank you. You may proceed.

STATEMENT OF DANIEL W. LeBLOND

Mr. LeBLOND. I will proceed, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Daniel W. LeBlond. I am president and general manager of the R. K. LeBlond Machine Tool Co. of Cincinnati employing approximately 1,100 people in its lathe operations, which is its principal business.

I am grateful for the opportunity to appear on behalf of my company and in support of the position of the machine tool industry.

The point of my statement is to emphasize that the manufacture of our product involves a high labor content and that labor rates in this country are noncompetitive with foreign labor rates, and I wish to comment on the trend which has developed in the importation of lathes and the effect of this trend on the industrial and defense position of the United States.

The engine lathe is a basic tool of manufacturing, universally necessary in all industry. This product represents our largest product line.

Without indicating company names, the following are typical users of our Regal engine lathe:

An aircraft-aerospace builder in New England—more than 60 lathes.

A jet engine subcontract shop in New England—more than 50 lathes.

A manufacturer of hydraulic components for aircraft builders on the west coast—more than 20 lathes.

An Atomic Energy Commission plant in the Western States—more than 70 lathes.