

Mr. BYRNES. Have they given you any indication as to why there has been this delay?

Mr. ACKERT. They just tell me that it takes a long period of time to turn around and go into an investigation, and just for a matter of information, Mr. Byrnes, in January of this year, the Canadians have now taken out of their monthly report all wholesale prices of fishery products, and it seems quite a coincidence that as of January 1, 1968, the withholding of appraisement notice came out of the Bureau of Customs.

This could be a coincidence.

Mr. BYRNES. There should be little difficulty in finding out how these fish are being sold in Canada. Canada is not so far away that these facts cannot be determined.

We certainly know what is being offered here. That is the basic determination as to whether there is dumping. Then, after that, there is the matter of jurisdiction. This is one case where I can't see why they are having so much trouble finding the facts.

Mr. ACKERT. When I compiled this report, I didn't have much trouble. I just went to the Canadian Monthly Statistical Report.

Mr. BYRNES. Is that a Government or industry report?

Mr. ACKERT. It is a Government report.

Mr. BYRNES. Now they have discontinued it?

Mr. ACKERT. They have discontinued putting wholesale prices in. I am sure that, as I say, it may be coincidence.

Mr. BYRNES. It may be. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BURKE. Of course, one of your real problems, I think, in the fishing industry, is that old vessels are being used, which are in need of a real modernization program, and with cooperation by the Federal Government.

I know Congressman Keith has been a leader, with other members of the Massachusetts delegation, in recognizing that old fishing vessels need to be replaced. We realize that this industry is being let down to a great extent, and many of us are trying to prevail upon the Government to take a realistic view of the problems of the fishing industry, because if we don't, the Japanese and Russians will soon control all the fishing areas of the world, to our detriment.

I want to compliment both of you gentlemen for your testimony, and also commend my colleague, Congressman Keith, for his alertness to this problem, and thank you for your testimony.

Mr. KEITH. Thank you,

I think the record should show that a modernization is not the only answer. We have done quite a bit through the subsidy, and we have modernized our vessels, because that is one of the requirements of the subsidy.

Mr. BURKE. That is correct.

Mr. KEITH. Captain Ackert is going to take a new giant trawler out to sea very shortly, be the captain, and try some new techniques that may be the answer to some of the industry's problems. But even with the subsidy, and even with the most modern vessels, there is still a problem of foreign dumping, and it is a very serious one to our industry.

Mr. BURKE. You are correct in your statement. I think that we have to take a realistic view of this.