

Amperex Electronic Corporation is opposed to any legislation which would hamper international trade, for the following reasons :

1. International trade creates industry for the United States. Amperex in the early 1950's embarked on a program of importing European components, creating a market and establishing manufacturing facilities for these products to serve this market place. Its growth from a small factory in Brooklyn to its present seven locations is concrete evidence of imported products creating jobs and opportunities for local citizens as well as serving industry as a component supplier.

2. International trade makes available to the United States the research and development from abroad which assists our domestic industry in staying at the forefront of industrial progress. Amperex has introduced products from the research laboratories of Free Europe which have assisted our customers in maintaining their leadership in their particular field and has served industry by making available the most advanced technologies. Two outstanding examples are now being manufactured in our electro-optical device factory in Slatersville, Rhode Island. These are the Plumbicon Camera Pickup Tube now used by all manufacturers of Studio Quality Color T.V. Cameras. Another is the Image Intensifier X-Ray Tube which is used by all manufacturers of radiological instruments.

3. The balance of trade is outstandingly favorable to the Electronics Industry. Statistics have already been presented to this Committee showing the favorable balance of trade in the total Electronics Industry, Industrial and Military Equipment and Components. Only in the consumer products area do imports exceed exports.

4. Low priced consumer electronics products serve a market place which cannot be served by domestic industry because of our higher costs of manufacture. Millions of low income citizens of our country are exposed to entertainment and educational opportunities that would be unavailable to them because of price if they were not supplied from overseas production.

5. Domestic industry is stimulated and afforded the opportunity to expand in local markets which were developed initially by low priced imported products.

6. The export market provides a fertile field for expansion of our domestic economy by supplying foreign market places. Restrictive action on our part would most certainly provide retaliatory measures by nations in our important overseas markets.

7. The robust health and growth of the United States Electronic Industry certainly attests to the fact that we can thrive in restriction free world trade.

We strongly recommend that the Ways and Means Committee not taken any action which would endanger the position of the United States Electronic Industry and its position in the World Market Place.

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Resolution passed at the General Membership Meeting of the Tube Division, Electronic Industries Association, June 5, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois, inserted in this record by Frank L. Randall, Jr., President, Amperex Electronic Corporation.

"Whereas: It is an unassailable economic fact that free and equal International Trade is desirable and ;

"Whereas: Import quotas, dumping and other non-tariff barriers are restrictive and tend to stifle International Trade,

"Therefore, be it resolved: The Tube Division of the Electronic Industries Association is opposed to dumping, non-tariff barriers, and the establishment of import quotas or any restrictive devices and supports all effort to eliminate import quotas and other measures which restrict imports, as presently imposed by other nations and ;

"Be it further resolved: The Tube Division of the Electronic Industries Association reserves judgment on the use of restrictive devices as a defensive measure against nations who employ import quotas or other restrictive devices as a deterrent to International Trade and ;

"Be it further resolved: The Tube Division of the Electronic Industries Association supports equity in foreign trade and that it is the proper function of this organization, all Member Firms and the Federal Government to actively promote and work to assure the establishment and maintenance of such equity in foreign trade."