

The International Union of Electrical Workers, which represents workers in some electronic plants, also recently recognized in its testimony before the Trade Information Committee that,³

"The major problem area [in foreign trade in electronic products] is the large growth of imports, chiefly from Japan in the fields of small radio receivers, small TV receivers, cheap tape recorders and a number of components. In addition, imports of these products are growing in some of the low wage areas of the Far East, such as Hong Kong, Formosa, Korea, etc." (p. 21)

The IUE also correctly identified runaway American plants as one cause of this major problem. It stated -

"Unfortunately, what has been happening is that many American companies have been moving from country to country in search of places where they can get the cheapest wage rates. As a matter of fact, a great many of the products that come into this country sold under the names of our large corporations are made abroad and the consumer does not know that." (p. 22)

Nevertheless, the IUE opposed enactment of the electronic products import quota bill. Instead, it proposed that "our government initiate a conference of nations principally involved in trade in electronics to work out harmonious solutions." The President of the IUE stated that he will be going to Japan this month where he intends to discuss these problems.

Unfortunately, the IUE executive appears not to have had called to his attention the fact that the principal purpose of the

³ Statement of Paul Jennings, President, before the Trade Information Committee, Office of Special Representative, April 11, 1968, pp. 21, 22.