

Incidentally, in this instance I think we did a miserable job—by “we” I mean our labor leaders, and our coal industry—in the manner in which the coal miners lost their jobs. There were no programs for training and retraining, but there is no question about what the net result has been.

The telephone people say, “If we were to provide the telephone services that are provided in our society today, which is possible through the dial system, if we were doing that through the old switch-board system we would be employing every woman in the United States”. So I hope that the testimony of the various industries that are pointing out their problems, and I know they have some real ones, will direct their attention to this employment factor in a little different way.

Yours is an emotional appeal and it is proper appeal if it is soundly based, but it certainly isn't in light of your own figures you gave me.

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Curtis, I respectfully suggest that to look at the total increase in employment of any industry from 1959 to 1968, and to note that there was an increase and then to draw the conclusion there therefore can be no problems——

Mr. CURTIS. I didn't draw that conclusion. Did I draw that conclusion? I said there are problems.

Mr. STEWART. That is the inference that I got.

Mr. CURTIS. Well, I said they are not of the nature that you describe as being lost jobs.

Mr. STEWART. Well, merely allow me to complete my statement.

Mr. CURTIS. I just want you to quote me accurately.

Mr. STEWART. I apologize if I appeared to misquote you, sir. We have not in this testimony complained about the increase in imports from 1959. We have come before you at a moment of time when the rate of increase in imports from 1964 to 1967 has risen so exceptionally and the market penetration has risen to such levels that now companies in the industry are experiencing a loss of jobs due to imports, and it seems to us that it is always appropriate for the Congress to consider the present situation and the composition of forces that influence this.

Mr. CURTIS. There is no question that we will consider the present situation but, Mr. Stewart, the reason I asked you for figures for 20 years ago was that you were pointing out the impact of imports of 20 years ago. That was the point, so I wanted to see the figures for 20 years ago and you didn't have them.

I wasn't the one that picked 1959 out. You couldn't give me the figures for 1948 and I said, well, give me whatever you can. You had directed your complaint to this committee with respect to imports by going back 20 years.

Mr. STEWART. Not so, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS. I think my cross examination was very much in context with what you are saying.

Mr. STEWART. I had no objection to it. I was attempting to respond to a question that had been asked by Mr. Collier or one of your other colleagues of the prior witness that was not answered.

Mr. CURTIS. I am trying to look at these issues in the proper light and I know you are, and I want to close my interrogation again on a note of compliment. If only others would do as well as you do in digging into the details and the facts we would have this dialog moving