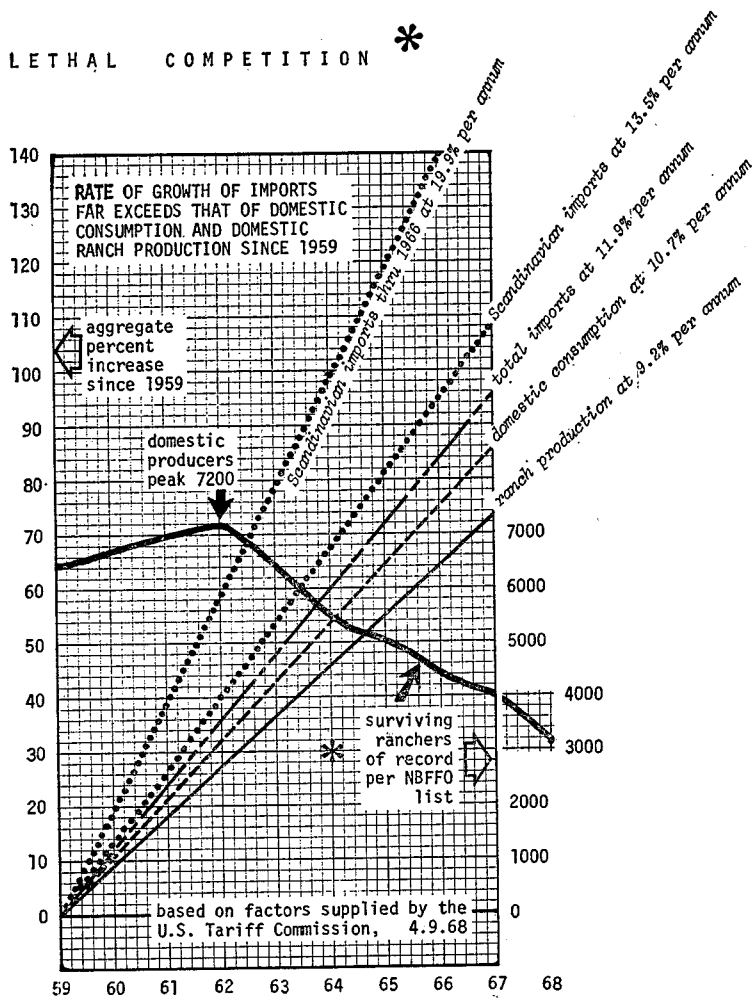


LETHAL COMPETITION *



* **LETHAL COMPETITION** - Of the 7200 domestic producers listed in the peak year of 1962 with the National Board, 3159 were surviving as of this past February, six years later, a loss of 56 percent. More than 4000 mink ranches dropped out at an average annual rate of 9.36 percent, a fall-out of 673 ranches for each of the years since 1962. Over 1000 ranchers pelted out in the last six months.

FIGURE 2