

(4) However, we see no logical way of preventing this except to regulate or establish reasonable quotas on imports of foreign-made shoes that would allow such countries to enter our markets but would prevent them from taking these markets over.

(5) We completely reject the theory that this or any other American industry is expendable and if necessary should be allowed to expire rather than risk antagonizing foreign countries into boycotting goods that America produces that they purchase from America.

(6) While we do not profess to be experts in foreign trade, we do believe that foreign countries buy from us because they need the goods we produce at the price and quality we produce them for, and that they will not deviate from this sound economic practice simply because America takes reasonable and necessary steps to protect its industries and the jobs they provide.

In the light of the rapid increase in footwear imports in recent years and the threat which this trend, if it is allowed to continue unchecked, represents to the employment prospects, income and standard of living of our members, the United Shoe Workers and Boot & Shoe Workers Unions strongly urge that measures be taken to protect the American shoe worker from further injury by competition from underpaid labor in foreign countries. We sincerely believe that such measures are necessary now if the American shoe industry is not to go the way of other industries which, too late, have found themselves irreparably injured by competition from exploited foreign labor abroad.

Thank you very much.

Mr. BURKE. Thank you.

Are there any question?

Mr. FECTEAU, the committee wishes to thank you for your testimony and also we wish to express our thanks through you to Mr. John E. Mara, general president of the Boot & Shoe Workers Union. I believe that you have very clearly explained the problems of the people employed in the shoe industry and we commend you for your fine statement.

Mr. FECTEAU. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BURKE. Our next witness is Mr. Joseph F. Donohue.

Mr. Donohue, you are welcome to the committee. If you will identify yourself and your associate for the record you may proceed.

JOINT STATEMENT OF JOSEPH F. DONOHUE, NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR GROUP, AND NOEL HEMMENDINGER, IMPORTED FOOTWEAR GROUP, AMERICAN IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. DONOHUE. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, my name is Joseph Donohue. I am an attorney from New York City and I appear here in behalf of the American Importers Association, a nonprofit organization of importers. That association has two footwear groups. I represent one, and seated with me at the table is Mr. Noel Hemmendinger, attorney from Washington, D.C., who represents the other. Mr. Hemmendinger will speak to you later on the subject of the American selling price. Mr. Hemmendinger and I have filed a joint statement in behalf of our groups in the interest of a more efficient presentation.

Mr. BURKE. If you wish the entire statement will appear in the record as presented.