

Mr. BURKE. Our next witness will be Mr. William C. Campbell.

Will you suspend just a moment, until we allow this gentleman to make a statement. I misunderstood.

#### STATEMENT OF EDWARD LIPKOWITZ

Mr. LIPKOWITZ. My name is Edward Lipkowitz. I am chairman of the Imported Footwear Group, American Importers' Association.

We are against any quotas on all footwear, especially vinyl because they are sold mostly to the poor people, and do not affect too many of the manufacturers of this country.

Furthermore, all footwear manufacturers have been making good profits in the last few years. Look at their financial statements, look at the stockmarket prices, on all shoe companies, right up to now. There is a labor shortage in practically all shoe factories.

I know if there were no imports on shoes, prices would be much higher, and the same goes for sneakers, and I feel that sneakers and basketball shoes, would not only be at much higher prices, but on a quota basis from manufacturers in this country.

The big sneaker demand was started by the Japanese promotions.

As far as the ASP is concerned, that is absolutely ridiculous. I feel that ASP should be removed, and the sneaker and basketball duty should be no higher than 20 percent, and no compound rate should be enacted.

On machine-made sneakers, the duty should be five percent at the most, because on machine-made sneakers, like in the desma process, injection molded process, and other like processes, they do not require much labor, and these sneakers and basketball shoes coming in from any of the Far Eastern countries, their prices are almost as high as in the States.

When you have to add ocean freight, city freight, insurance, LC's, forwarders charges, it will add up to the same or higher than in this country. Putting a 58 percent minimum duty on handmade sneakers in this is way out of line.

Thank you.

Mr. BURKE. Thank you.

(The following statements were received, for the record, by the committee:)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, D.C., June 28, 1968.

MR. JOHN M. MARTIN,  
Chief Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means,  
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. MARTIN: The British Embassy, by note No. 169 dated June 28, has requested the Department of State to transmit to the Committee on Ways and Means statements prepared by British manufacturing and trade associations in conjunction with the current hearings on trade policy.

A copy of the British note, as well as copies of the statements, are enclosed for appropriate use by the Committee and other interested parties.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Special Trade Activities and Commercial Treaties Division.