

Mr. GALLAGHER. It takes approximately 10 years to bring an orchard into production.

Mr. UTT. Ten years?

Mr. GALLAGHER. Ten years.

Mr. UTT. Which means that if the assault that is now being made on the olive market in America is successful they are not going to start an olive grove very quickly again and it will destroy an industry practically forever and it would be possible under this cartel system that they have and the supports on exports for Spain to completely capture the American olive market, would it not?

Mr. GALLAGHER. This is true.

Mr. UTT. Thank you.

Mr. HERLONG. Any further questions? Mr. Betts.

Mr. BETTS. I have no questions, Mr. Gallagher, but I am pleased that you are here and have given this statement to us. There are two olive bottling plants in our district. The case you make is with reference to the bottling industry, and not the processing because the processing is done in Spain, is that correct?

Mr. GALLAGHER. That is right.

Mr. BETTS. And the only problem is that of shipping olives in bottles from Spain for sale in the American market in competition with olives bottled in this country.

Mr. GALLAGHER. That is correct.

Mr. BETTS. Thank you.

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Broyhill.

Mr. BROYHILL. How does the importing of the green olive injure the growers of ripe olives in California? Or does the amount of tariff affect only the bottle industry of California?

Mr. GALLAGHER. Potentially. Let me turn this question over.

Mr. BROYHILL. It is a different type of olive, isn't it, used for different purposes?

Mr. PATTERSON. What is actually happening to the bottlers of the green olives today perhaps can be described as the potential threat to the ripe olives which the California industry is dependent upon almost entirely for their economic well being.

Mr. BROYHILL. Would the consumer eat more green olives rather than ripe olives?

Mr. PATTERSON. No, but our concern is that the policies the Spanish Government is now embarked upon to encourage industrialization of plants, they have plenty of olives there they can make into ripe olives and package them and send them in here and do the same thing to the California olive industry that is already happening, and we have a big investment in orchards and the whole economic structure out there.

Mr. BROYHILL. Thank you.

Mr. PATTERSON. We are in trouble.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you very much for your appearance before the committee. We appreciate it.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you very much.

Mr. HERLONG. I recognize the gentleman from California, Mr. Utt.

Mr. UTT. Our next witness is Mr. Ed Crane from Santa Ana, Calif. He represents the chili industry in the State of California, having a large plant in my district, and this group represents about 90 percent