

10-percent surtax." They said, "We, in no sense, want you to deflate your economy. This would have strong repercussions in Europe. But, you have got to do something to tighten." I think their feeling is that if some of them could expand—France has taken some measures already—this in itself would have an important influence.

Senator PERCY. On the travel tax, I wonder whether or not the experience of the British, who have tried to restrict and have restricted the amount that British citizens can spend overseas, would not really warn us that such curbs are pretty hard to enforce. It causes the best citizens to find a way to get around it. They get pounds abroad and have been spending them for years.

Europe is full of Britons, none of whom were permitted by law to take more than 50 pounds or its equivalent out of the country, all of whom exceeded that, and yet they are there.

I wonder how many dollars we have lost since the President's announcement. Is everyone not finding some way to protect themselves, if they feel this is going to really hurt, in the long run, their goal to do business abroad, their ability to get an education? Have we not been trying to regulate and control the farmers' output for 30 years and have not yet found out how to do that? They always are able to produce more on less acreage. You cannot find enough regulations to outwit 200 million people.

I wonder whether we have not already lost far more than we would gain, just by people taking preventive measures to get around an oppressive government that tries to strike a blow at a free people. All of us who have fought to free the movement of goods, it is repugnant to have us, as the richest nation on earth, to have a restriction on the movements of people. Imagine making it unpatriotic for a clergyman to go abroad to Africa or Asia, a student or a teacher or someone to visit the homeland or the fatherland.

I really feel this has been a disastrous decision by this administration. It is a terrific blow to our prestige. We have to weigh how much these things save us, and then how much at the end they really cost us in lack of confidence in America's ability and in the dollar, I think.

I wonder whether or not you could not be a voice that within the administration could get them to withdraw what I think is an impossible requiry they are making, a mandate that I find the American people are revolting against, I think the Congress will revolt and it will do us far more damage than it is ever going to do us good.

Mr. ROTH. One part of the President's program in this area, I think, perhaps should be emphasized, because I think it has more long-range implications, and that is the encouragement of tourists to this country. Hopefully some of the money that could be collected from, say, the 5-percent tax on international tickets, which, after all, merely equates the domestic one, could be used for this. Actually, when the Katzenbach-Deming party got to Switzerland, the first thing they said was that we should increase our tourism. Obviously we were not very good at this. They were, and they would put together a technical assistance program for us.

I think this is something we can use, and I think Ambassador McKinney's study group is going to come up with some useful answers in this area, in order to bring a lot of people here who want to come.

Looking to the future, because I think this goes to the heart of your question, Americans should travel more and more, after we get over