

No Special Favors Are Wanted

The American textile industry is the most efficient in the world. The U. S. industry is the most diversified; it has access to the largest sources of raw material; it has the most capable management. The industry spends hundreds of millions annually on modernization.

Yet, this vital industry is being weakened, and some segments of it destroyed, by the ever-increasing flood of imports. These goods are made by foreign mills that buy American cotton eight cents a pound cheaper than U. S. mills can buy it and have it processed by employees who make as little as one-tenth of an American textile worker's earnings.

The U. S. has probably the lowest tariff structure of any country. With the possible exception of Canada, the U. S. market is the easiest to enter and the most inviting in all the world.

The American textile industry realizes the absolute necessity of a high level of international trade. It realizes it must carry its full share of that load — which means carrying its share of imports.

The industry wants no special favors, no special tax relief; no subsidies. It asks only for the privilege of competing in its home market on just reasonably equal terms.

But, is it fair when our government's policies place the industry in a completely impossible competitive position and then force it to carry substantially in excess of its share of imports, without the slightest indication of where the limit will be? How on earth can any responsible business plan for the future under such a handicap?

Top Weavers, Fixers Include New Names

Several new names appear on the Towel Mill's list of "top" quality weavers and loomfixers, indicating keen competition for the designation as leading operators.

For the purpose of encouraging quality and efficiency in the weave room, the Towel Mill each week singles out for recognition those weavers and fixers with the best quality records. The names of the leading operators are posted on the weave room bulletin board and published in *The Mill Whistle*.

The "Weavers of the Week" are those with the lowest per cent of seconds with respect to the standards for the various loom groups.

The "top" loomfixers are determined through a combination of low seconds and high loom efficiency on the sections for which they are responsible.

Top quality weavers and fixers for the most periods of record are listed below.

Weavers—W/E October 9

Dobby Terry Billie Hubbard
Jacquard Terry David Riggs
Draper & Cam Paul Clifton
Warren Shartzter

Fixers—W/E October 9

Dobby Terry James Campbell
Jacquard Terry Carlton Rakes
Draper & Cam Linwood Williams

Weavers—W/E October 2

Dobby Terry Kern Thornton
Jacquard Terry Tonsie Cruise
Draper & Cam Paul Clifton
Warren Shartzter

Fixers—W/E October 2

Dobby Terry Albert Joyce
Jacquard Terry Eugene Joyce
Draper & Cam Linwood Williams

Tariff Quiz

The following quiz under the heading, "What's Your Tariff I. Q.?", prepared by DuPont's Dyes & Chemical Division, has had wide distribution. Check one of the answers to each question and then turn to page six for correct answers.

- Since 1934, American tariffs have been reduced —
(25%) (50%) (75%)
- U. S. tariffs average —
(5%) (10%) (25%)
- How do average British tariffs compare with those of the United States?
(Half) (Equal) (Double)
(Sixfold)
- What percentage of our imports are admitted duty free?
(25%+) (50%+) (75%+)
- Among the thirty-six leading trading nations of the world, how many have higher tariffs than the U. S.?
(None) (12) (28) (35)
- What is your estimate of the value of Japanese imports into the U. S. in 1959?
(\$100 Million) (\$500 Million)
(\$1 Billion)
- What would you guess is the U. S. tariff on foreign cars sold in this country?
(8.5%) (20%) (30%)
- What is the British tariff on American cars going into that country?
(8.5%) (20%) (30%)
- Approximately what per cent of the watches sold in this country do you think are imported?
(25%) (50%) (75%) (100%)
- Average hourly earnings in manufacturing in the U. S. exceed average hourly European earnings by —
(50%) (100%) (300%) (400%)

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Fieldcrest Mills extends congratulations to the following employees since our last issue, have observed their anniversary of continuous service with the company.

Forty Years
William Henry Kirks She
John W. Merriman

Thirty Years
James J. Stegall Bed
Edmond J. Adkins Automatic
Addie P. Young She

Twenty-Five Years
Hilda M. Joyce Blea
Mary W. Shelton She
M. Elaine Walker Blea
Raymond C. Carter Bed
Lillian C. Kestner She
Mildred G. Doss Kar
Evelyn M. Dunn Bl
Inez P. Hodges Bl
Carrie J. Howell Bl
Pete Hairston Central
Charlie Moyer Bl

Twenty Years
Floyd A. Voss Kar
Minnie A. Smith Kar
Mabel H. Woodall Bl
Myrtle W. Wright Kar
Myrtle K. Harris She
Lucy M. Rakes She
Mary W. Roach She
S. B. Spears She
Gertie H. Shaw She

Fifteen Years
Clyde H. Hall Bl
Elmer Wade Kar
Josephine A. Dix Bedspread
Woodrow W. LaPrad Bl
Phyllis B. Petty Leaksville
Lucy W. Clarke Leaksville
Elizabeth B. Crouch Blea
Earley C. Kimball .. Bedspread
Ethel C. Frazier She
Lemuel H. Hopkins She
Mamie S. Horsley Bedspread
Louis E. Outland ... Bedspread
James A. Wray Bl
James B. Allen Central
Clarence W. Boyd She
Ralph D. Mayes She

Ten Years
Elizabeth W. Hankins . Automatic
Leona L. Jefferson She
Joe Kallam She