

A First Order Of Business

In his "State of the Union" message to Congress, President Lyndon B. Johnson told members of both the House and Senate, "The most damaging thing you can do to any business man in America is keep him in doubt".

That comment should be underscored a dozen times as Congress is called upon to resolve the two-price cotton inequity which faces the American textile industry.

The industry has carried the burden of two-price cotton for seven years, paying at the present time \$42.50 per bale more for its American-grown cotton supplies than foreign mills pay. If there are any who doubt the heavy weight of such a burden, let it be pointed out quickly that raw material accounts for more than 50 per cent of the cost of manufacturing textiles, and that there is a direct relationship between the cost of raw cotton and the price of cotton textiles.

Added to this, however, is a perfect example of "doubt", which President Johnson described as damaging in his State of the Union message.

For 16 months, the textile industry has been handicapped by uncertainty, waiting for Congress to do something about two-price cotton. A drastically amended version of the Cooley Cotton Bill has passed the House, but it is still awaiting Senate action.

During these 16 months of damaging doubt, the entire market structure for cotton textile products has been seriously disrupted. Confidence in cotton as a raw material is waning constantly.

It would speak well for the Congress to take President Johnson's admonition to heart, and to make it a first order of business to remove every particle of damaging doubt from the cotton price structure.

On The Job At Fieldcrest



Percy C. Pharis is a dryer operator in the Beck Dye Department at the Finishing Mill. He performs an important work contributing to quality in our piece dyed blankets. The drying operation follows dyeing and extracting and precedes napping.

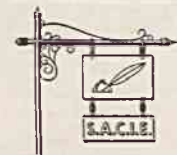
Mr. Pharis has to be familiar with the various styles of blankets and know what is required for the proper processing of each style. He must exercise care in drying the material to the correct width and in applying the right softener so that the blankets will have the proper

napped finish. He also inspects the material for any defects and prepares the necessary tickets.

Anyone observing him at his duties receives the impression that he knows his job well and takes pride in doing good work.

Mr. Pharis was born at Spray and began his career with the company in the Weave Room at the old Rhode Island Mill. He has worked in several Fieldcrest plants and was a weaver and loomfixer at the Synthetic Fabrics Mill for many years.

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... Yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord. —PSALMS 144:15

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