

WASHINGTON REPORT

TRADE BILL PASSES

Trade policy legislation approved by the House of Representatives last Thursday afternoon climaxes months of study and debate. One of the bill's most important provisions is on textile and apparel imports. I strongly support this entire bill because we urgently need new directions in the nation's trade policies.

Our country has invited a vast flow of foreign imports into our domestic market. This was done in the belief that our commitment to free trade would cause other nations to lower their barriers that have kept out American-made products. It was a gamble that has failed and it is

time we recognize the serious damage that is occurring to American industries and to the people who depend upon these industries for their living. The bill passed by the House looks at this problem and makes a balanced judgment which says, in effect, that we want to trade freely and fairly, that we seek fair access to foreign markets, that our marketplace is open, but that we cannot permit our domestic industries to be destroyed in a systematic attack such as has taken place in the case of textiles and apparel.

There are many Americans who are emotionally locked to the concept of free trade. They are perfectly willing to overlook the fact that our relatively open markets are not reciprocated in the policies followed by our prosperous friends abroad. Certainly, this attitude was strongly expressed in the debate last week and I am glad that it did not prevail when the final vote was taken.

In spite of charges to the contrary, this bill will not change the fact that the United States has the lowest average level of trade restrictions of any major industrialized country in the world. However, the balance that this new legislation provides will strengthen the hand of the President as he negotiates voluntary trade restrictions with foreign countries. For two years, President Nixon has attempted to negotiate such an agreement concerning the growth of Japanese textile imports. The Japanese have refused, in my opinion, because it has been in their best interest to refuse. This experience has demonstrated that the President must have a stronger law to back up his representations at the negotiating table. It is time that we assert our national interest without turning our backs on fair trading practices. I would predict that once this legislation is enacted, the Japanese will negotiate a textile and apparel agreement very quickly.

One of the most strongly stated arguments against the legislation claimed that restrictions on imports would touch off an international trade war with immediate reprisals against American products abroad. It does not take long to see that in any trade war, Japan and Western Europe have a great deal more to lose than to gain. Japan certainly does not buy any products from us now that she can obtain elsewhere. On the other hand, the United States buys about one-third of Japan's manufactured goods. As for Western Europe, the Common Market countries have frozen out U. S. agricultural products for years and have shown no intention to relax their barriers against farm produce.

Another reckless charge contended that if this bill were passed, American consumers would

Mrs. Hord, 45, Dies Thursday At Home Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Mae Hord, 45, of 400 Mangrove Ave., were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. from Mull's Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. John Edwards, the Rev. Sam Snyder and the Rev. George Willis officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hord, daughter of Mrs. Ossie Bivens Thompson of Shelby and the late William Wesley Thompson, died at her home at 9:30 p.m. Thursday from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Coroner Ollie Harris.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph B. Hord; two sons, Joseph Dennis and Larry William Hord of Kings Mountain, one daughter, Mrs. Harold T. Mashburn of Shelby; three brothers, Eugene Thompson of Cherryville, Vernon Thompson of Jonesville, S. C., and Glenn Thompson of Shelby; four sisters, Mrs. Dwight Higgs, Mrs. Genald Newton and Mrs. Clifford McCombs, all of Shelby, and Mrs. John Porter of Hickory; and five grandchildren.

have to pay more for textile and apparel products. This assumption is apparently based upon the belief that imports would be banned from the American market. Cotton textile imports are already controlled through negotiated agreements and prices of these products have not risen any more than the prices of synthetics and woolsens for which we have sought a similar arrangement. At the same time, we must look to a method for dealing with similar difficulties suffered by other U. S. industries. This is the minimum thrust that a trade bill today should take and I feel that the present measure would restore a rational approach to our trade problems.

The road ahead for the trade policy legislation will not be easy. Predictions about what the Senate will do to the bill are not encouraging and the White House is expressing dissatisfaction. Certainly, this fight will continue and I intend to devote my full energies to overcoming the objections to the bill so that it can become law. Only then will we be facing the realities of international commerce today. Oversimplified arguments using the thinking of the 1930's are wholly inadequate in today's sophisticated world of non-tariff barriers and national trade offenses. Hopefully, this bill will provide some of the new tools we need.

Sgt. Byers Team Winners Fairchild Trophy

ORLANDO, Fla. — U. S. Air Force Sergeant Herbert E. Byers and his 93rd Bomb Wing team from Castle AFB, Calif., are the winners of the coveted Fairchild Trophy in the 1970 Strategic Air Command (SAC) combat competition just concluded at McCoy AFB, Fla.

Sergeant Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Namon H. Byers of 1700 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain, was a crew chief on the maintenance team which kept the B-52 Stratofortress bomber in top shape for the winning crew.

The sergeant's team compiled a total of 1,325 points of a possible 1,650 on B-52 and KC-135 Stratotanker missions during the four-day competition. The B-52 crew was judged on one bombing mission and a single navigation flight, while the KC-135 crew scored on one navigation mission.

The B-52 crew received 630 of a maximum 800 points on the bombing mission and 277 of a possible 350 points on the navigation flight, while the KC-135 crew registered 418 of a maximum 500 points on the single navigation mission.

"Bombing targets" for the bombers were located near Wheatley, Ark., and Arcadia, La., and accuracy of simulated bomb releases was computed by mobile radar scoring units.

Fifty-five SAC aircraft and crews, along with three Royal Air Force (Great Britain) teams, competed in the "world series of bombing and navigation." SAC's newest bomber — the General

Alonzo G. Kale Rites Conducted

Alonzo Gains Kale, 53, of Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, died Saturday morning at the Kings Mountain Hospital after an extended illness.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Verdie Canipe Kale; three stepsons, Lloyd Butler of Gastonia and Guy and Claude Butler of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Lillie B. Grady of Kings Mountain; one step-daughter, Mrs. Boyce Henson of Kings Mountain; one brother, Paul Kale of Forest City; two half-brothers, P. C. and Willard Crofts of Forest City and one sister, Mrs. Lottie Gibson of Cherryville.

Kale was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God at 3 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Charles Robbins, the Rev. Carol Lawless, and the Rev. Gene Grigg officiating. Burial was in the Oak View Cemetery.

DR. AUSLEY'S TOPIC

Dr. Paul K. Ausley will address his congregation at First Presbyterian Church at the 11 o'clock services Sunday on "Belief In Our Scriptures".

Dynamkos FB-111 — made its debut in the competition.

The Fairchild Trophy, established by Hughes Aircraft Company, is named in honor of the late General Muir S. Fairchild, former Vice Chief of Staff for Air. Sergeant Byers is a 1966 graduate of Compact High School. His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Elliott, Rt. 2, Kings Mountain.

Warning Given On Pesticides

RALEIGH — Pesticide formulators have been asked not to combine certain highly toxic pesticides with other economic poisons. The action was taken by the North Carolina Board of Agriculture at a recent meeting.

"All too often a certain pesticide is needed but is unavailable except in a mixture with another very toxic product," said North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham. "For example, when endosulfan

is required to control bud worms the grower usually has to buy a combination with parathion. Parathion is an exceedingly toxic and controversial chemical. It was the Board's feeling that the farmer should not be exposed to parathion unnecessarily.

"The Board does not have the authority to refuse registration of such mixtures but we felt the pesticide formulators might respond for this voluntary restraint," Graham said.

Any combination economic poisons presently on retail shelves may be sold. The effective date of the Board's request is December 31, 1970.

Sgt. Haynes NCO School Graduate

DOVER, Del. — Sergeant Stanley M. Haynes, whose wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Mrs. Prussley of Bessmer City, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Dover AFB, Del.

He attended Garinger high school, Charlotte.

Sergeant Haynes, who was

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