Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

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TRADE EXPANSION LEGISLATION

What appears to be the only major Administra and session of the 84th Congress, the Trade lory in the Expansion Act of 1962 (HR 11970) has passed the House and is now before the Schute Finance Committee. Observers

is now before the Senate Finance Committee. Observers feel it will pass early next month.

Mike Massoka returned to Washington from the Seattle JACL Convention in time to present his testimony endorsing the legislation for a group of businessmen.

JACL as an organization, has preferred to stay clear out this question. On the other hand, JACLers as individuals have shown interest in improving understanding and cooperatiop between U.S. and Japan (including trade) as the most effective means of assuring power and prosperity in the Pacific area.

We shall not spell out the various proposals presented by Masacka on Aug. 6, but we would like to recall a funda-mental principle of foreign trade before we continue to delve into the testimony. Foreign trade can be bead des-cribed as the suchange of goods between nations. Trade in same articles—like diamonds and other pres-ions stoned—is readily explained by the fact that a com-munity could not enjoy them except through trade. But the problem becomes complete when commodities produced at home are nevertheless brought in regularly from other countries or communities.

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The United States could produce all the sugar it needs
instead of only a part, but by calling upon resources and
industry of others communities, sugar may be obtained at,
lower cost than sould be incirred in its producion at home.
Thus, each country looks for the things it needs to those
parts of the world where each commodity, is produced most
cheaply and conversely finds the rest of the world calling upon
it for those particular goods it produces at lowest conThis principle is known as the "law of comparative advantages" in economics.

Foreign trade, then, grables each country to devote
its resources and energies to the lines of production for
which's it, best adapted as evidenced by its ability to produce at low cost.

In the testimony before the Senate committee, Masaoka felt this trade expansion program was urgently needed
now for 11 provide the President with the minimum weapons.

20 successfully wage economic war against the Sino-Soviet
challenge everywhere on earth. (2) accelerate, the lagging
economic growth of our country, thereby strengthening
American leadership of the free enterprise system, and (3)
encourge a mutually helpful, two-way flow of trade and
commerce among the tree world community of nations, recognizing that importis, are equally as important as exports
to our nation's welfare and, accordingly, should not be subject to restrictive penalties and practices on our part.
Raising the question of how the program might be interpreted and implemented. Maszoka expressed concern with
the Administration asking for guthority to reduce tariff iso
as not to miss out business with the European Common Market) and inspiring multilateral agreements to restrict imports at the same time such is set Geneva pact to restrict
and control the free world trade in cotton textiles.

"It trade expansion is to-become the avowed policy and
practice of our Government." Masaoka declared, "we respectfully suggest that it ought to provide equal opportunities and
benefits for all free nations of the earth, without discrimination or preference. This, we believe, should be the real objective and principle of the Trade Expansion Act."

In the trade war against the Sino-Soviet bloc, Masaoka reminded the Senate committee that there are no alternative weapons except of our efficiency in production. We cannot afford to be second to the Sino-Soviet conspiracy in either military preparadoess or in commercial success. For the latter, the woold marketplace is the battleground. Masaoka conceded a few industries involved in this trade war may fall. He found it noteworthy that "insually the industries that complain most about the alleged low wages in foreign countries are among the lowest paying in the United States." Conversely, the Secretary of Commerce has pointed out that among our most successful exporting industries are those that poy the highest wages. By exposing all industries to import competition in a free enterprise system, the answer to which industry or segment thereof, might fail can be found in its ability to survive in a free materiac, which is the "hallmark of efficiency and productivity".

From the standpoint of our mation, Masaoka believes that the sooner, these uneconomic industries are exposed and allowed to pass away, the sooner will their participants be enabled to seek more efficient and productive industries for the better use of their time and skills. While this may appear artishess, "in pile kind of exchoners war in which we are participating, we cannot subsidire at public expense the inefficient, the inapproprise, the out-of-date, the incompatible."

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