

STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR LAWRENCE NEWS SERVICE, APRIL 2, 1958.

Cheap foreign imports are still a serious threat to the existence of the American textile industry.

The voluntary quota arrangement, under which Japan is limiting her exports to the United States, does not provide sufficient protection for the American textile industry.

Voluntary quotas can be abrogated at any time, or they can be evaded. The plywood industry has had experience with voluntary quotas, and it has now lost 55 per cent of its domestic market to foreign competitors.

Besides imports coming here from Japan, the
~~Imports~~ of textile goods from India and Hong Kong are making new inroads in the American textile market.

Administrative remedies are not enough. Congress should enact legislative quotas to limit the imports of textiles and plywoods to amounts that will permit American industries to survive and grow. I am not against the reciprocal trade agreements program per se, but we must not sacrifice our domestic industries and jobs on the altar of so-called reciprocal trade.