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STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN ANSWER TO QUERY BY  
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QUESTION: Japanese exports of cotton cloth to the United States in May, 1958, amounted to 10,652,000 square yards, as compared with only 5,562,000 square yards in 1957. Do you have any explanation or comment?

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Japanese exports of cotton cloth to the United States this year are running substantially higher than their exports for the same months in 1957. One very good reason for this is that the Japanese quota program was not instituted until January, 1957, and there was a period of relatively light export activity while Japanese manufacturers adjusted their output to the quota restrictions. Thus, in January, 1957, Japanese exports of cotton cloth to the United States amounted to slightly more than 4,000,000 square yards. In December, approximately 14,000,000 square yards were exported to this country from Japan.

In 1957, Japanese exports of cotton cloth to this country totalled 85,196,000 square yards. This year, in all likelihood, Japanese exports will come very close to the 113,000,000 square yards permitted under the quota program.

These increasing Japanese exports have seriously damaged vital segments of the American textile industry, with no relief in sight. The Senate Textile Study Subcommittee, of which I am a member, has begun its investigation of the textile industry, and has already taken cognizance of the damaging effects of foreign competition. I believe that we will be able to recommend constructive steps to Congress to provide some measure of the relief that is necessary.