

● **Farmers Ass'n**

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producer to air their grievance or to seek relief from imports. The AFBF was instrumental in having the "escape clause" included in the 1962 Trade Act

Another protective device for tobacco growers, inserted into the 1962 Trade Act by the AFBF, stipulates that the tariff Commission recommendations, not acted upon by the President, must be explained to Congress by the President,

and then Congress is free to legislate. Under the original bill, tobacco growers, for example, could testify, the tariff Commission could recommend, and if the President did not act no action would be forthcoming

"Probably the best known AFBF action", said Hess, "relating to the present trade act, is the market protection provision making it possible for the President to raise tariffs on imports where loss of US markets has occurred because of a foreign country

raising the tariff on US products".

The so-called "Chicken War" was made possible by the 1962 AFBF market protection amendment. Under this amendment, the US is raising import duties on brandy, trucks, and starches from Europe in retaliation for the damage done to US poultrymen because of loss of markets

Zero Tariff Unlikely

Rohrer, upon returning from Washington, emphasized that Lancaster tobacco growers

can be assured that the tariff levy will not be cut to zero as some county tobacco leaders contend.

"Examination of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act clearly shows", said Rohrer, "that zero tariffs can be considered only upon request of the industry. In our case, this is not even a probability".

Foreign Trade Essential
Testifying before the Trade

Information Committee on December 20, 1963 the AFBF pointed out that exports represent a significant part of the total market for our agricultural products — one acre of every five cropland acres harvested produces for exports. Also, many supplies, necessary for agricultural production in the United States are imported

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