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STATEMENT BY REP. JOHN E. FOGARTY OF RHODE ISLAND:

The President's recommendations on tariff and foreign trade will not solve the problems of thousands of unemployed workers in Rhode Island. The recommendations, like the discredited proposals of the Randall Commission, call on the people of New England to bear an unfair share of the sacrifice to be made in achieving the nebulous goal of "continuously expanding world markets."

Actually the proposals would not expand world markets. They would simply open up a greater share of the U. S. market to foreign products.

This is a dismal reward for jobless Rhode Island workers and their families.

Our people are much more concerned with the closed factories and growing unemployment caused by cheap-labor imports that are taking away domestic markets for New England lace, rubber footwear, jewelry, textiles, and other products.

Instead of reducing tariffs still further and thus reducing the protection that U. S. industries so badly need, the job before Congress is to find ways of giving our vital domestic industries more effective protection.

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