

Free Trade or Not?

to the Editor:

The Monsanto Chemical Company rejects complete tariff abolition and makes a case demanding a hearing. Yet we must achieve freedom or lose "Protection" is a denial of economic freedom upon which the survival of Western civilization and achievement of world peace depend.

Henry Ford II, and other business men, feel subsidies will work better than "across the board" tariffs. They can be specific and fit to each individual case, and they need support "infant industries" of the \$1,000,000,000 class.

"Free trade" has just about universal approval from all economists, some having their "exceptions" in special cases. But have they touched on the "root" of the matter? Why is "free trade" like a pendulum of a clock? Up, down, up, down? Why, when we had "free trade" for four, six, eight or more years didn't it stick? Why was the "free trade" paralytic washed out by votes in favor of the higher tariff walls? Why think another go-around will stick?

What so happens that "free trade" is but a segment of a global problem. The basic problem is untaxed production and free trade. To make this good thing stick takes a catalytic agency in the economy to convert it as "Krilium" conditions soils that need it. We lack the "know how" and the "tools" for it; we use the "artificial" ingredient, in part. Why don't we win? The masses do not understand.

"Free trade" will, of itself, require more or less effort. We have had many inventions and

streamlined production designs to give like results. Yet our problems are more crucial than ever. If technological progress could solve our problems ours would be solved. But something is missing—an essential ingredient. People are afraid of progress—say it puts men out of work. But this need not be the case.

Religion has served better than two world wars, Korea, the growth of Communism and endless labor and racial strife indicates; they have reached millions with a desire to end these troubles. But even those with "desire" fail; economic "know how" is required to back up the "ideals." Religious idealism carries with it no economic "know how." The trail leads there, and it's all fouled up.

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