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Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith reprint of an article published in yesterday's issue of the Oil, Paint & Drug Reporter, which seems to us of sufficient importance to bring to your particular notice, as it might otherwise be overlooked.

It appears that Congress has under contemplation the abolishment of the countervailing duty on petroleum products, as provided by section 626 of the tariff act, which reads:

"Provided that if there be imported into the United States crude petroleum or the products of crude petroleum produced in any country which imposes a duty on petroleum, or its products, exported from the United States there shall in such cases be levied, paid and collected a duty upon said crude petroleum, or its products, so imported, a duty equal to the duty imposed by such country."

The result of this, as we view it, would be to open up the markets of the United States to a flood of Russian oil, which could only be stayed by a heavy cut in the price paid by domestic refiners to the crude oil producers. This would not only seriously affect the refining interests but it would deal a tremendous blow to crude oil producers in all fields.

We would be glad to have your views concerning this move either privately, or for publication, as you may desire, and should you decide to go to Washington to take up the matter with the Ways and Means Committee we would be glad to send you a letter of introduction to our Washington correspondent, and to request him to show you every courtesy while in that city.

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ith kind regards, and the compliments of the season, we remain,

Yours very truly,

OIL, PAINT & DRUG REPORTER,

H. S. Huntley

Business Manager.

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