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(Headline from the Los Angeles Times)

“2005's Trade Gap Tops \$725 Billion”

This is a \$725 Billion LIE

There is no trade GAP

We traded 725 billion dollars worth of our productive wealth to other countries to balance the account. I assure you we did not get the products from the rest of the world for free. We traded our factories, our farms, our businesses and our skills for products made in other countries.

We traded the cotton farm instead of the cotton. The garment factory instead of the garments. The cow instead of the milk and cheese. In other words we trade all of the things that produce products instead of the products.

We are also trading millions of jobs instead of the products made by our own workers. This is economic suicide! Africa practiced this same idiotic insanity in the 17th and 18th centuries and look at the plight of Africa today. Congress should immediately stop this lie that there is a Trade Gap with an export tax of at least 99 percent imposed on our factories, farms, and forests, that are being traded for cheap oil and cheap plastic junk.

We need free trade for the products that America can produce with American labor. We should not be trading the basic wealth of America to China and other nations, especially for items that we can produce at home.

Suicide is supposed to be against the law and Congress is turning a blind eye to this self inflicted murder of the United States.

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Kenneth L. Russell, Professor of Education, Emeritus, Sam Houston State University Huntsville, Texas; was born on a farm near Chilhowee, Missouri on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911.

He is founder of The Educational Video Network, Inc, also known as Educational Filmstrips, and producer of best selling titles such as “Understanding Money and Inflation” and “Parliamentary Procedure in Action” used in classrooms across the US and around the world.

Russell, 94, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of University Professors, Who's Who in American Education, President of Alpha Gamma Sigma, University of Missouri, 1933-34. Famous the world over for his publications on Economics, Government, and Parliamentary Procedure, and showing no signs of slowing down, it is obvious that Russell has no intentions of “retiring”.

Russell and his lovely bride of 70 years, Marjorie, have three children. Together Kenneth and Marjorie co-founded the Universal Ethician Church and the Ethician Family Cemetery with their son George and his wife Sue.