Western Timber Owners, Forest Service Offer U. S. Top Example Of Cooperation

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Despite arguments that rage from time to time over conservation practices, the western timber owners get along pretty well with the Forest service.

The service helps schools, fight bugs, tree diseases and fires, build roads, guards water supplies and does a lot of things about which little is said and only an occasional controversy develops.

Cooperation is the keynote of Federal Forestry operations. Assistant Forester R. E. McArdle says he doubts there is any other business where cooperation is so typical of operations.

A glance at a forest map explains that statement. Federal state and private ownerships checkerboard the area. A federal forest, for instance, will contain many isolated tracts of both state or county and private lands. If there is to be any disease infestations or even cutting, all ownerships must cooperate.

McArdle says the forest service has about 1,700 formal cooperative agreements of one kind or another. But, he added, these represent only a small part of the federal cooperative activities.

Besides fire fighting, the most spectacular of its activities, and the other more obvious phases of its work, the Forest service participates with non-federal owners and with other agencies in hundreds of ways.

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Its regional offices, for instance, are often a major adjunct of a state forestry school. It will aid in providing studies, statistical material and money for publication of bulletins and manuals for the timber owner's use. It will contribute toward an aerial mapping project or help develop a recreation area.

Most of its activities are based on nothing more than an exchange of correspondence, or even oral agreements.

About 261,000,000 acres of the 461,000,000 acres of commercial timber land remaining in the United States are in the hands of "small" owners—5,000 acres or less—much of the Forest service work is with individuals, rather than with companies or corporations.

In the west, for instance, "small" holdings amount to 21,000,000 acres, "medium holdings—5,000 to 50,000 acres — to 5,000,000 acres and "large" holdings—over 5,000,000 acres—to 12,00,000 acres.

Oregon's 9,978,000 acres in private hands have 34,824 owners and, of these, only 115 own more than 5,000 acres and the average ownership is 287 acres.

Arizona has 41,000 acres of timberland, divided among 504 owners, none holding more than 5,000 acres. California has 8,283 acres, 18,184 small owners; Colorado, 1,799,000 acres and 4,638 small owners; Idaho, 2,788,000 acres and 10,090 small owners; Montana, 3,937,000 acres and 8,145 small owners; Nevada, 74,000 acres and 198 small owners; Utah, 132,000 acres and 824 small owners; Washington, 9,779,000 acres and 174,000 small owners; Wyoming, 404,000 acres and 2,102 small owners.

Two Setbacks Handed Defense In Bridges Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The defense suffered a double setback as the Harry Bridges perjury trial resumed Monday.

With the jury absent, Federal Judge George B. Harris said he was filing a memorandum opinion overruling defense objections to the testimony of John Schomaker, former Palo Alto veterans hospital employe.

Schomaker, considered a main prosecution witness, testified last week he had held communist party positions in the 1930s.

Bridges is on trial for denying he was or had been a member of the communist party when he received his naturalization papers in 1945.

The defense objections last week were based on the fact that the U. S. supreme court had ruled Bridges was not a communist in June, 1945. The defense held testimony concerning Bridges prior to that time was not pertinent because of the supreme court's decision.

When Judge Harris said he was filing the memorandum opinion, Defense Attorney Vincent Hallinan jumped to his feet and said:

"I would like to make an objection before your honor files that opinion because on Saturday I filed an affidavit and certificate asking that you be disqualified from acting further in these proceedings."

Hallinan said he thought that matter should be disposed of first.

Harris replied:

"Mr. Hallinan, I have read your affidavit and accompanying documents. It is the opinion of this court that the affidavit was not filed timely . . . also that there is no showing made that there was a good cause why it wasn't filed in the specified time."

(The law provides you must file such an affidavit 10 days before a trial starts if you want to disqualify a judge or else show good cause why you didn't.)

Hallinan asked if he would be allowed to have the ruling on his disqualification affidavit come first. Judge Harris said "no" and allowed Schomaker to be placed on the stand.

On trial with Bridges are two other CIO longshore officials, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt. They are being tried on charges of conspiracy.

In an affidavit filed Saturday with the disqualifying motion, Bridges charged Judge Harris "expressed bias and prejudice against the defendants."

Bridges said in the affidavit:

"Judge Harris has engaged in consistent and repetitive criticisms of the theory of the defense . . . and of the counsel employed by the defendants."

Offices In Portland Building Jimmied Open

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Another downtown office building was rifled Sunday.

At least ten offices of the Fenton building were broken into before a janitor sounded an alarm at the Bank of California next door. A charwoman had discovered evidence of the prowlers.

The amount of loot could not be determined until the office occupants made a check. The Salvation Army, the Bank of California personnel office, the AFL Commercial Telegraphers union, were among the offices jimmied open.

AUTO TRAPS KITTEN

OAKLAND, Calif. —(AP)— The kind of noises Ike Sum's car was making, it took more than an automobile mechanic to fix it.

A police, Don Holley by name, tried his hand at it. And promptly got bitten.

The noise and the biting both came from a half-grown kitten, tightly wedged between fan and radiator. Holley rescued the unappreciative cat — somewhat worse from wear—and Sum drove off, his engine purring softly.

Hands Off China Policy Asked By United States

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The United States demanded Monday that the United Nations appeal to all countries—including Russia—to keep hands off China and let the Chinese settle their own problems.

The American proposal was laid before the 59-nation political committee of the General Assembly by U.S. Ambassador-at-large Philip C. Jessup. It did not mention Russia by name but Jessup spoke at length on Nationalist China's charges of Soviet interference.

Jessup expressed regret at the decision of Soviet foreign minister Vishinsky not to participate in the debate on China's charges against Russia.

Vishinsky himself continued to boycott the discussions, leaving only low-ranking members of the Soviet delegation at the table.

The American proposal is much more mildly worded than a resolution introduced by China Saturday calling on all countries to refrain from recognizing the Communist regime of Mao Tze-Tung based at Peiping.

The U.S. resolution contained a worldwide appeal:

1. To respect the political independence of China.

2. To respect the right of the people of China now and in the future to choose freely their political institutions and to maintain a government independent of foregin control.

3. To respect existing treaties relating to China.

4. To refrain from (a) seeking to acquire a sphere of influence or to create foreign controlled regimes within the territory of China, and (b) seeking to obtain special rights or privileges within China.

Basis of most modern radio receiving sets, including television, is a circuit invented by Major Edwin H. Armstrong, known as the superheterodyne.

Dallas Love Burglar Identifies Himself

DALLAS —(AP)— A handsome, 25-year-old office worker has definitely identified himself as Dallas' notorious "love burglar" —a man who for many months raped and molested women while looting homes, City Detective E. L. Munday said.

Munday gave the man's name as Fred Felix Adair, Jr.

Adair has signed written statements, witnessed by newspapermen, involving two rapes and one case in which a woman was choked during a burglary, the detective stated.

C. V. Sanders, another city detective, said four women victims identified Adair as the boudoir bandit.

Second Charge Is Placed Against Newberg Teacher

NEWBERG —(AP)— A second charge is on file against a Newberg high school teacher already accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor boy.

Richard M. Motley was held in jail at McMinnville with bond set at $10,000 — $5000 on the delinquency charge and $5,000 on the new charge of threatening to kill.

Robert L. Cooney, state policeman, who signed the complaint in the new charge, said Motley had threatened to kill the boy involved in the case if the boy talked.