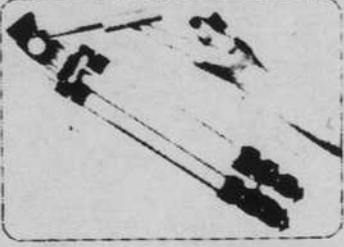


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As mills falter

Weaver criticizes timber policy

Mismanagement and poor planning along with the soaring cost of timber may have contributed to the expected closure of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. mill in Westfir, and several others like it in the same financial plight, according to Oregon Fourth District Congressman Jim Weaver.

Speaking at a Tuesday news conference in Eugene, Weaver pointed to the overcutting of private timber lands as a possible reason for the closures of several small lumber mills in the state.

"The reason lumber mills are closing in southwest Oregon and elsewhere is because we have over-cut private timber lands," Weaver said. "We must not do this to the national forests. We must have stability in jobs, stability in lumber supplies and stability in commerce, so we don't start closing more of these lumber mills in rural Oregon."

Weaver, in Oregon over Congress' Fourth of July recess to begin investigative hearings on the 1974 National Resource Planning Act (RPA), explained that he will try to give Congress-

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sional direction to the plans under consideration for national forests.

"In the past our national forests have been seen as just a single use system," Weaver said. "But what I'm going to do is try to answer the question 'what do we want to use national forests for?' I think the national forests are the best multiple use system there is."

Weaver, chairman of the Congressional Forests Subcommittee, plans to use four forests, the Willamette National Forest, the Panhandle National Forest in Idaho, the Ouachita Forest in Arkansas and the Allegheny Forest in Pennsylvania, as microcosms to develop needs and goals for national forests.

Through his forest subcommittee, Weaver increased the National Forest Service budget by \$250 million to provide nearly 30,000 new forestry jobs, finance planning programs for the forests and establish a forestry extension service to help small timber owners develop and manage their land.

Weaver will begin investigative hearings in Roseburg Friday on inadequately reforested timber lands in southern Oregon. He also held four town meetings in Harrisburg, Brownsville, Sweet

Home and Lebanon Tuesday.

In other areas, Weaver commended Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield for leading the Senate fight against the newly developed neutron bomb and said he plans to do the same in the House of Representatives. "If we continue to make weapons like this," Weaver said, "we have no where to go except complete devastation."

Calling the cancellation of the B-1 bomber program a "great victory," Weaver said Pres. Carter's stature with Congress has greatly improved because of his stance.

"Yes, I was surprised," he explained. "I was afraid Carter had become part of the establishment there in Washington, but his decision shows that he is still his own man."

Because of the B-1 cancellation, Weaver is more confident of defeating the breeder reactor proposal when it comes to a debate in the House next week. "It will probably never work," he said. "We're much closer to developing cheap commercial solar energy anyway, so why spend billions of dollars on something we won't need?"

Working on his only national issue this session, Weaver intends to introduce an amendment to a farm bill to establish a national grain reserve. With the help of a religious organization called Bread For the World, Weaver instituted the grain reserve to keep United States farmers from going bankrupt; which they are, he said.

The reserve, 35 million metric tons of grain, or nearly a billion bushels of wheat, corn, barley and others, would be stored for five year intervals and sold on the world market when crops are low or demand increases.

Weaver is also proposing the establishment of a grain cartel which would sell United States grain for the same price as foreign oil. "The reason our balance of payments is in the red," Weaver explained, "is because we're buying expensive oil and selling cheap grain." The proposed cartel would put the United States in the black, he said.



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U.S. Congressman Jim Weaver, representing Oregon's fourth district, attacked federal management of timber during a Tuesday press conference.

He claims several Oregon lumber mills are closing due to poor planning. Weaver will be investigating national forest policy during the congressional session.

'Open Aire Faire' slated

The First Annual "Open Aire Faire" will take place this Saturday and Sunday at Wilsada Park in Carver, Oregon. The two day affair will incorporate a combination of the Renaissance (both musical and in action), wandering minstrels, mimes, arts and crafts and Bluegrass-Country music.

Headlining the faire is the David Bromberg Band. Other musicians include Cam Newton, Wheatfield, The Skyboys and Dr. Corns Bluegrass Remedy. The Family Circus Theatre, Society of Creative Anachronism, and an In-

ternational Food Faire will also be included in the festivities.

Wilsada Park is located in a flat wilderness area, consisting of large pine and fir trees with a winding creek and a swimming hole. Parking will be free and supervised by traffic control and security.

Admission for this Double Tee event is \$3 per day for adults and \$1 for children 12 years old and under. Tickets are available here in Eugene at Everybody's Records.

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Alcoholism program set

Reba Charles and Lorraine Potter will answer questions on alcoholism and discuss alternatives in sentencing juvenile offenders who are involved with alcohol at the Community Alcohol Education Program Tuesday, July 12. The free program is designed for the general public and coordinated by the Lane County Council on Alcoholism. It is presented every Tuesday

at 7:30 p.m. This week it will be at Central Presbyterian Church.

The education program of the Council on Alcoholism is available to schools, civic groups and the like on request, with speakers and discussion leaders, films, pamphlets and other resource materials. A typical classroom presentation will be demonstrated Tuesday.

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