

China timber won't ease world shortage

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The lack of diplomatic recognition between the United States and China and the scarcity of "hard currency" in that nation are two major hurdles blocking sales of U.S. wood products to China, Jim Weaver, Oregon's fourth district congressman, said Friday.

The Democrat, who made his remarks at an afternoon press conference, outlined the purposes of his recent trip to China and said

Who will pay to dial 911

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A 911 telephone system that would connect all of Lane County's 28 emergency services to a single number could be installed if someone could be found to foot the bill.

Jerry Guddat, Eugene Customers Services manager for Pacific Northwest Bell, says his company has the technology for such a system, requiring a central location where calls are transferred to the proper agency depending on the nature and location of the emergency.

Bell Telephone also supports the system says Bill Leonard, owner of Eugene's ambulance service, (Medical Services Inc.) because he says "the majority of money needed for the system would be paid to the telephone company for holding and transferring calls between districts."

A survey study done a couple years ago said \$500,000 would be needed yearly to run the system.

Besides funding, implementation in Lane County would require cooperation between all fire districts, ambulance services, police agencies, and hospitals in the county.

Pierce Brooks, Eugene Police chief, says, "Of course we support 911, but it is a policy decision and must start in the city council and county commissioners' meetings."

The Eugene City Council probably won't discuss the idea soon, because "police work plans don't call for it," according to Charles Henry, Eugene City Manager. The plan needs thorough study before legislative bodies can act on it, according to Henry. He thinks the study should "start with police and fire chief associations."

The Association of Public Communications officers (ARPCO) is discussing the emergency phone system. Its members act as administrative liaison between the federal Communications Commission and its agency.

Lt. Howard Kurshner, communications officer for the Lane County Sheriff and member of APCO's "911 committee" says "APCO will be instrumental to implementation of 911, because the members are electronics experts for their agencies."

Members include representatives from police and fire departments around the state and private companies like Bell Telephone and RCA.

The California Legislature has passed a law that requires the 911 emergency telephone number to be used throughout the state. "That's writing on the wall for Oregon," Kurshner said.

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he wanted to discover if China could possibly become a source for supplying logs to Japan, which would relieve the burden on the United States.

But, he said, China is "woefully deficient of wood," and wood products. He mapped out China's lack of timber from area to area, adding that in some spots, the only woods to be seen was the thin lining of hardwood trees on streets, roads and canals. He said in some reforestation areas, the situation is "pathetic."

China is unable to become a source of timber, Weaver said, because "they literally plant every inch of soil to crops." The Chinese utilize as much land as possible for growing vegetables and grain. In addition, mechanization procedures are not major factors in crop harvesting. In fact, he said, most of the fertilization is done by hand.

Weaver said he doubted that China will "have any real timber for 50 years."

Because China does very little

importing or exporting, Weaver said a scarce amount of hard currency exists in the country which hampers its ability to take part in worldwide trade.

Weaver said Chinese officials told him they were not interested in importing grain from the United States until diplomatic recognition is established. That should also mean the United States wouldn't export timber to China unless the relations were established, Weaver added.

Weaver favors forming diplomatic ties with China.

"We ought to recognize a country with 900 million people," he said. Such recognition would "sell us a helluva lot more grain over there."

According to Weaver one factor that will emerge from China in the years to come is oil. He said some areas have been barely explored for oil yet.

Weaver said even though Japan is a timber-short country,



Congressman Jim Weaver: China deficient in timber

he would favor banning exports of timber from the United States. He said keeping raw timber in America would reduce the possibility of shortages in United States

and Oregon mills. But, he added, Japan could not turn to China for wood products because that nation is incapable of providing them.

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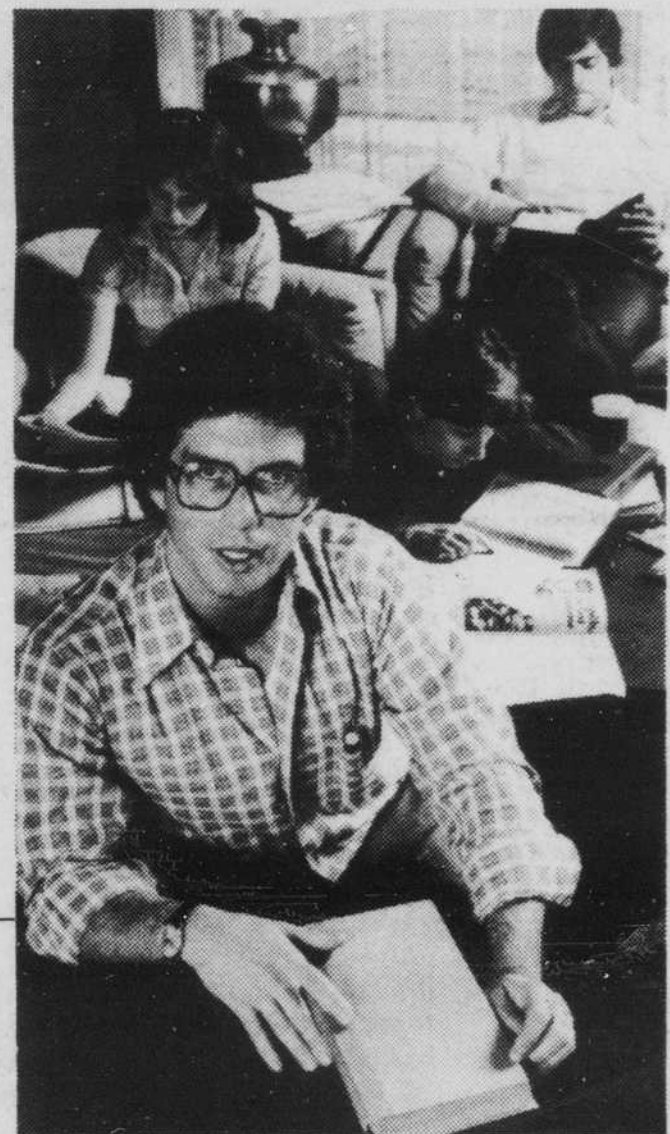
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