

Abdel Rahiem Mekki, Minister of Agriculture, and Jim Fisher, Education Director of the Oregon State Forestry Department, depart for tour of logging industry. (above)



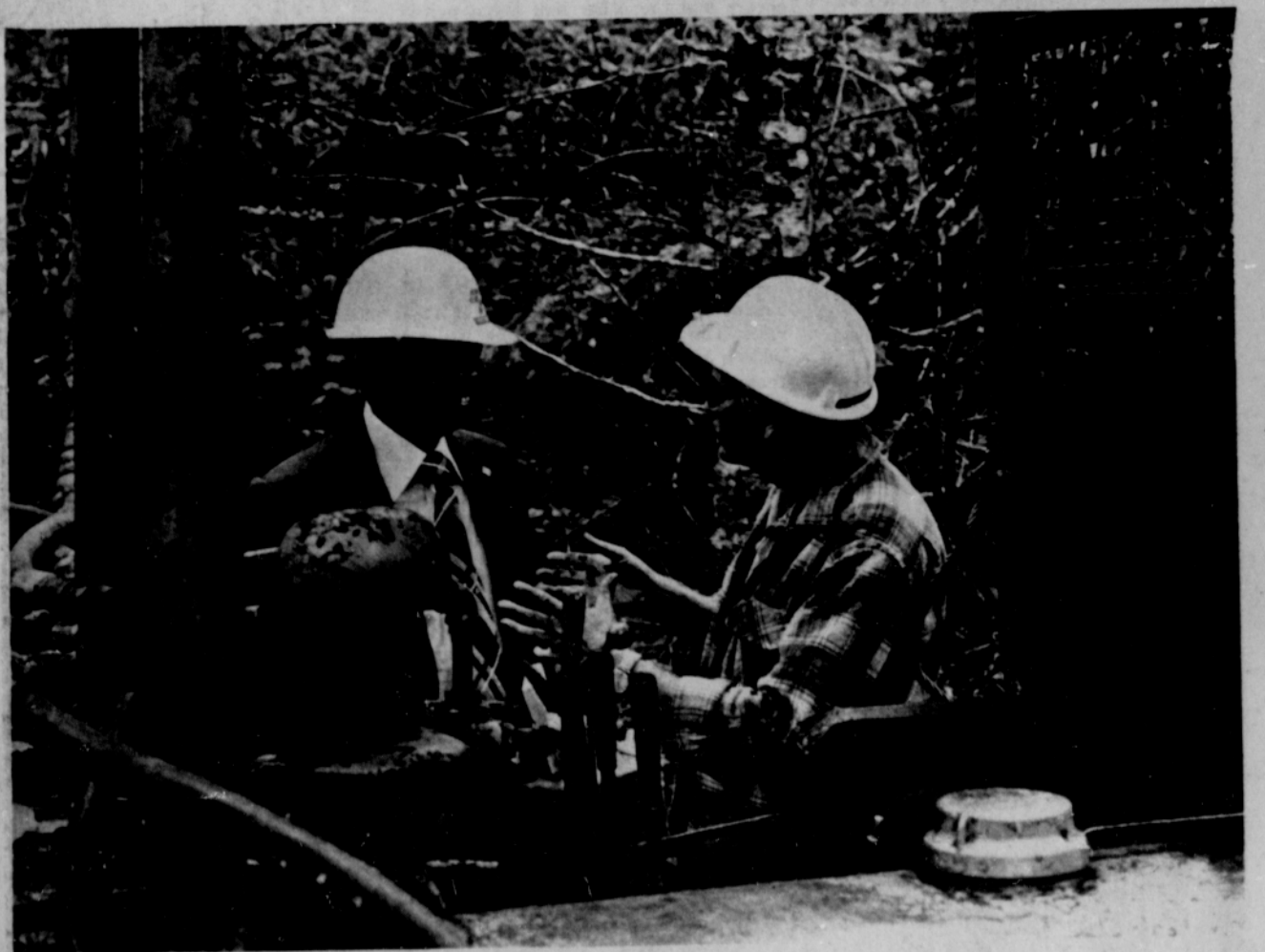
Mekki and Earl Ellis of Crown Zellerbach discuss forestry methods.



Mekki puts on a hard hat to tour Crown Zellerbach tree farm.



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Sudanese leaders visit Oregon

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agreement could be reached. He pointed out that one million displaced persons returned to the country, the first time that refugees have returned to their own country voluntarily.

Nimeiri came to power in 1969 through revolution, after years of instability and civil war. The Sudan had gained independence from Britain in 1956. After Nimeiri took control, an organization was

formed which represents all segments of the people. This organization, the Sudanese Socialist Union, nominated Nimeiri for president and he was elected to a six year term in 1971.

The constitutional government also includes a People's Assembly of 250 members, 25 appointed by the president and 225 elected. Legislative action can be enacted over a presidential veto with a

two-thirds vote.

The Sudan's interest in Oregon is in the areas of agriculture and forestry. While in Portland, the Ministers of Agriculture and Transportation toured nearby facilities to view the latest methods in forestry and road-building. Two Oregon companies providing consulting services for the Sudan are CH2M Hill and Campbell-Yost-Grube.