

# Permanent Timber Supply Aim of O and C Management

Editor's Note: Here is the second of two articles on the sustained yield program for a permanent timber supply and its relation especially to the O & C Revested Lands Administration. The first article dealt largely with the history of the O & C lands and the second discusses recent developments and problems.

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In requiring that the O & C lands be managed so as to provide a permanent timber supply the law provides "The annual productive capacity for such lands shall be determined and declared as promptly as possible after the passage of this act, but until such determination and declaration are made the average annual cut therefrom shall not exceed one-half billion feet board measure; provided, that timber from said lands in an amount not less than one-half billion feet board measure, or not less than the annual sustained yield capacity when the same has been determined and declared, shall be sold annually or so much thereof as can be sold at reasonable prices on a normal market."

If the secretary of the interior determines that such action will facilitate sustained-yield management, he may subdivide such re-

vested lands into sustained-yield forest units, the boundary lines of which shall be so established that a forest unit will provide, insofar as practicable, a permanent source of raw materials for the support of dependent communities and local industries of the region; but until such subdivision is made the land shall be treated as a single unit in applying the principle of sustained yield; provided, that before the boundary lines of such forest units are established, the department, after published notice thereof, shall hold a hearing thereon in the vicinity of such lands open to attendance of state and local officers, representatives of dependent industries, residents, and other persons interested in the use of such lands. Due consideration shall be given to established lumbering operations in subdividing such lands when necessary to protect the economic stability of dependent communities. Timber sales from a forest unit shall be limited to the productive capacity of such unit and the secretary is authorized, in his discretion, to reject any bids which may interfere with the sustained-yield management plan of any unit.

Section 2: The secretary of the interior is authorized, in his discretion, to make cooperative agreements with other federal or state forest administrative agencies or with private forest owners or operators for the coordinated administration, with respect to time, rate, method of cutting, and sustained yield, of forest units comprising parts of revested or reconveyed lands, together with lands in private ownership or under the administration of other public agencies, when by such agreements he may be aided in accomplishing the purposes hereinbefore mentioned.

Section 3: The secretary of the interior is authorized to classify, either on application or otherwise, and restore to homestead entry, or purchase under the provisions of section 14 of the Act of June 28, 1934, (48 Stat. 1296), any of such revested or reconveyed land which, in his judgment, is more suitable for agricultural use than for afforestation, stream flow protection, recreation or other public purposes.

Any of said lands heretofore classified as agricultural may be reclassified as timber lands, if found, upon examination, to be more suitable for the production

of trees than agricultural use, such reclassified timber lands to be managed for permanent forest production as herein provided.

**Fund Distribution**  
Title II of the law provides for the annual distribution of the funds received from the sale of timber and other revenue as follows:

That on and after March 1, 1938, all moneys deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the special fund designated the "Oregon and California Land Grant Fund" shall be distributed annually as follows:

(a) Fifty per centum to the counties in which the lands revested under the Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), are situated, to be payable on or after June 30, 1938, and each year thereafter to each of said counties in the proportion that the total assessed value of the Oregon and California grant lands in each of said counties for the year 1915 bears to the total assessed value of all of said lands in the State of Oregon for said year, such moneys to be used as other county funds.

(b) Twenty-five per centum to said counties as money in lieu of taxes accrued or which shall accrue to them prior to March 1, 1938, under the provisions of the Act of July 13, 1926 (44 Stat. 915), and which taxes are unpaid on said date, such moneys to be paid to said counties severally by the secretary of the treasury of the United States, upon certification by the secretary of the interior, until such tax indebtedness as shall have accrued prior to March 1, 1938, is extinguished.

### To General Fund

From and after payment of the above accrued taxes said 25 per centum shall be accredited annually to the general fund in the Treasury of the United States until all reimbursable charges against the Oregon and California Land Grant Fund owing to the general fund in the treasury have been paid; provided, that if for any year after the extinguishment of the tax indebtedness accruing to the counties prior to March 1, 1938, under the provisions of Forty-fourth Statutes, page 915, the total amount payable under subsection (a) of this title is less than 78 per centum of the aggregate amount of tax claims which accrued to said counties under said act for the year 1934, there shall be additionally payable for such year such portion of said 25 per centum (but not in excess of three-fifths of said 25 per centum), as may be necessary to make up the deficiency. When the general fund in the treasury has been fully reimbursed for the expenditures which were made charges against the Oregon and California Land Grant Fund said 25 per centum shall be paid annually, on or after June 30, to the several counties in the manner provided in subsection (a) hereof.

### (c) Twenty-five per centum to be available for the administration of this act, in such annual amounts as the Congress shall from time to time determine. Any part of such per centum not used for administrative purposes shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury of the United States; provided, that moneys covered into the treasury in such manner shall be used to satisfy the reimbursable charges against the Oregon and California Land Grant Fund mentioned in subsection (b) so long as any such charges shall exist.

### Increase in Sawmills

When the O & C Law was enacted in 1937, Lane County had fewer than 100 sawmills with an annual lumber production less than five hundred million feet, board measure. During the past few years the number of sawmills has increased over 100 per cent, with an annual increase in lumber production of over 150 per cent. In addition to the vast forest resources of Lane County has increased several hundred million feet, board measure, annually, to supply logs to local plywood plants and for shipment of Lane County logs to destinations outside the local marketing area.

Our present outstanding post-war requirement is housing. The volume of lumber needed to meet this national requirement is comparable to our recent war requirements. The West Coast lumber industry can meet the major portion of this national requirement for housing material if the forest resources of Washington and Oregon, both public and private, are fully utilized.

The industry in these two states has existing lumber production capacity far in excess of privately owned raw material. To help fill this void it is highly essential that mature timber in our national forests be made fully and completely available to private operations through government construction of access roads so

that selected areas of mature and decadent timber may be utilized. Information from reliable sources indicates that such harvesting would yield ninety five billion feet from federal holdings alone.

### Permanent Production

If Oregon is to have a permanent source of timber supply (necessary to insure the economic stability of local communities and industries, and to meet the trend of market demand) it is imperative that private timber owners, the U. S. Forest Service and the O & C Land Administration concurrently manage forest lands for permanent forest production. Neither the U. S. Forest Service or the O & C Lands Administration, or large non-operating private owners, can sit by while the timber owners deplete their timber resources to meet consumer demand for forest products. All timber land (federal and private) must be harvested under such management as will provide current production requirements on the basis of permanent supply of raw material.

### 20th Century HVA-N-Plan

In Lane County, presently the largest lumber producing county in Washington and Oregon, the placing of O & C and private timber on a sustained yield basis under cooperative forest management will not decrease present "war-time" production over one-third, and employment over one-fourth. Volume of production and employment will be comparable to normal prewar days.

A large portion of the present mills and lumber brokers in Lane County were conceived and born as "war opportunists" immediately prior to and during the last war. Many of them are hanging on during the present period of postwar conversion—in the hope of being able to obtain timber and/or logs sufficient to carry them on the "grave train" through this era of artificial prosperity and "Roman holidays."

### Normal Conditions

With the advent of normal conditions—with the balancing of supply and demand—with mill competition in the lumber consuming markets—history will repeat itself—with many such operations "folding their tents and silently passing in the night." Reduction in lumber production and employment is inevitable, whether from such natural occurring economic causes or from inauguration of cooperative forest sustained yield management under the provisions of the O & C Law. Loss of production and employment will be comparable in either event.

What is true in Lane County will apply to a greater or lesser degree throughout all other sections of western Oregon.

While there will be a leveling off when sustained yielding comes into full effect, nevertheless permanent employment will grow through development of plants producing finished products from wood and wood waste. This is not only the natural but necessary trend and such industries will use many times as many workers in proportion to volume than do sawmills.

## Two Negroes Die in Break

COLUMBIA, Tenn., March 1.—(AP)—Columbia remained under undeclared martial law today although officials predicted no trouble ahead aftermath from an attempted jail break in which two Negroes were killed yesterday.

Tennessee Safety Commissioner Lynn Bomar said the two men were shot as they seized a gun in a try for freedom, just a few minutes before they were to have been released on bond.

Pole had been questioning the pair in connection with a flare-up of trouble here early this week between whites and Negroes in which 10 persons, including seven officers, were wounded by gunfire.

The Negroes, William Gordon and James Johnson, were among some 100 Negroes who had been jailed on technical charges of "attempted murder."

They had been brought to the sheriff's office in the jail for questioning. Officials had finished talking to them and they were being taken back to their cells prior to release.

Sheriff J. J. Underwood said Gordon suddenly seized a gun from the floor and opened fire, wounding Deputy Sheriff R. T. Darnell.

The gun was one of more than 400 weapons stacked in the office which had been confiscated here in a house-to-house firearms check.

Other police, hearing the firing, dashed in and shot Gordon and Johnson. They died en route to a hospital.

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## Byrnes Takes Firm Stand

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al of allied troops from Austria—but without success.

Meanwhile there is growing concern among many officials as to Soviet intentions in Manchuria in view of recent reports that Red Army forces there show signs of staying on indefinitely.

The Manchurian situation is not considered by many authorities here to be critical at the moment, but private comment is underscored by Byrnes warning that "we do not want to stumble and stagger into a situation where no power intends war, but no power will be able to avert war."

### Speech in Outline

The main points of the speech which diplomatic officials stressed as of great importance in the development of a more vigorous American leadership in world affairs were these:

1. The United States intends to live up fully to the principles of the United Nations Charter and to use all its influence to see that other nations do the same.

2. To that end the United States must be mightily armed until such time as reduction of armaments along all the powerful nations becomes possible. By disarming alone, Byrnes said, the United States would weaken its position and upset the power balance of the world, thus endangering peace.

3. The United States believes that no nation has a right to keep its troops in an independent country unless that country wants them there. It also believes that troops should be withdrawn as quickly as possible from "small and impoverished states"—presumably meaning the ex-enemy satellite countries of eastern Europe.

4. There is no danger of war as long as each nation lives up to the obligations of the United Nations Charter to employ forces except to prevent aggression. When any other country does use force or the threat of force in violation of the charter "we cannot stand aloof," Byrnes said.

5. The big powers may hold special conferences among themselves to solve their own problems. This statement by the secretary was interpreted by some persons here as designed to open the way again for more big-three meetings if President Truman, Premier Stalin or Prime Minister Attlee think they would do any good.

6. No nation has the right to "help itself" to property in conquered or liberated territory until its share has been fixed by allied agreement. The Russians are reported by many sources to have carried away much industrial material from Manchuria since the end of the Japanese war as well as to have stripped eastern Germany and other occupied portions of eastern Europe.

Byrnes did not specifically mention Russia at many points in his speech. When he did so toward the end of his talk it was to state a desire for Soviet-American friendship.

But then he added: "We must make plain that the United States intends to defend the (United Nations) Charter."

Officials said, however, there was no doubt that much of the blunt declaration was designed to serve notice on Moscow that the United States expects Russia as well as every other member nation to live up to the letter and spirit of the United Nations obligations.

## Dean Lawrence Funeral Arrangements Pending

Funeral arrangements for Ernest F. Lawrence, dean of the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts since 1932, are being made in Portland and have not yet been announced here.

Dean Lawrence was stricken suddenly late Wednesday at the Faculty Club on the campus and died while being rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital. He was an architect and educator of nationwide reputation, and campus and civic leaders have expressed shock and regret at his death.

## Governor's Party in Red Box Applauds 'Ten Nights' Showing

The Very Little Theatre folks had Gov. Earl Snell and his party as guests Thursday night at a sell-out performance of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." They put the Salem visitors in a special red box at the county fairgrounds "operahouse" and turned a spotlight on him when he rose to be introduced.

Long before the show started the lobby around the box-office was crowded with Eugeneans waiting to pick up any tickets that weren't called for. Theater attendants said the overflow crowd was there only partly because the governor was in the audience. They said demand for tickets has been larger than supply ever since the show started its run last Saturday.

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Truman, Hoover Conf  
On Food Situation  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Truman conferred 20 minutes today with the president Hoover on the food situation.

The former president and world war food administrators declined to discuss their talk, emerged from the conference told reporters he would something to say on the food situation later in the day.

Mr. Hoover is one of 13 persons who will participate in a House conference at noon today to inaugurate an American conservation program to prevent starvation abroad.

The grey-haired Hoover entered the White House with Lawrence R. Hoover, his secretary, and Mr. Truman's office immediately Later Agriculture Secretary Johnson joined them.

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