

FCC Bans Price Fixing Agreements for Plywood

Washington, Nov. 7 (AP)—The federal trade commission issued two orders today prohibiting price fixing agreements among producers and distributors of Douglas fir plywood products and Douglas fir doors.

The order on plywood products was directed against the Douglas Fir Plywood association, the Douglas Fir Plywood Information bureau, 15 corporations, and Wallace E. Difford of Seattle, former managing director of the association.

The commission held that the corporations, with the cooperation of the association and the information bureau, conspired over a six year period, 1935-1941, to restrain and suppress competition by agreeing to fix and maintain the prices, terms and discounts.

The order on doors names the Fir Door Institute of Tacoma, Wash., eight corporations and Difford, former manager of the door institute as well as heads of the plywood association.

The commission held that the respondents conspired to fix prices, terms and discounts on Douglas fir doors and, by agreement, quoted prices on a delivered basis only, the quotations including freight charges computed from Tacoma regardless of the origin of shipment or the actual freight rates. The price fixing agreement extended over a period of about four years from January, 1938, to November, 1941, the commission said.

In Tacoma, O. Harry Schrader, Jr., now managing director of the Plywood association, termed the plywood case "ancient history."

Plywood sales promotion today is both legal and successful, Schrader said in a statement.

"There is no conspiracy and there will be none," he said.

"Activities of the association are strictly promotion—strictly in accord with the letter and the intent of the law."

Noting that the commission order names only 15 companies out of 51 firms now manufacturing fir plywood, Schrader said the industry, "though believing that the charges are ancient and obsolete, agreed to entry of the order solely to dispose of the case and avoid long drawn-out hearings."

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In an interview the general added this post may reach a permanent complement of 32,000 men—the approximate present strength.

General Wedemeyer, on a tour of Pacific northwest defense installations, termed Fort Lewis "the army's best training center," and said it would continue to be used for that purpose.

The west coast army commander asserted the presence of Chinese communist troops in Korea "places a very grave emphasis on the entire Korean situation."

The Chinese soldier, he warned, is a formidable foe. Wedemeyer was wartime chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

"He needs but little food and equipment and is the toughest fighter in the world," he said.

He added the Chinese government probably ordered the Red units into Korea to protect hydroelectric plants on the Yalu river near the Manchurian border. The plants serve Manchurian industries.

The general and his party will visit the Hanford atomic installation during the northwest tour. He was welcomed here by Brig. Gen. Leroy H. Watson, commanding general of Fort Lewis.

Boys School Escapee Arrested at Ashland

Homer Ray Deadman didn't know until after his arrest, that \$10,500 worth of negotiable government bonds were in the automobile he had stolen.

Young Deadman, 17, escapee from Woodburn Boys school, was arrested Monday night in Klamath Falls by state police and charged with forgery and automobile theft.

Police said he was driving a car that had been stolen in Ashland and that he had several forged checks in his possession.

Car Supply Group Seeks Railroad Suit

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Claiming to represent about 100 shippers of all commodities, the committee announced last

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