

# Too Many Sawmills in Northwest, Sprague Tells Timber Group

Portland—(U.P.)—Former Oregon governor Charles A. Sprague told a joint Congressional group yesterday that there are too many mills operating in the Pacific Northwest in relation to the amount of timber.

Sprague said: "No amount of timber inventory stretchout will provide timber to keep all the existing mills operating on a permanent basis, and neither the federal bureau nor Congress can increase the stand of trees ripe for cutting."

### Cautions Against Stamping Out

Sprague, now publisher of the Salem Statesman, addressed a joint Congressional interior subcommittee conducting a series of federal timber policy hearings in the Northwest.

The former governor, who is chairman of the O&C advisory board, cautioned against being "stamped out" on speeding up the cut of federal timber because of pressure from locally distressed areas.

"In fact," Sprague said, "the lack of access roads now may prove our salvation a decade or two hence. . . . Let us run into an interval of great timber deficiency before the reforested acres are ready for cutting."

Sprague's views came in opposition to those expressed by Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.), first witness yesterday. Sen. Morse distributed copies of a bill he proposes to introduce into the

next Congress to provide more funds for building access roads.

**Would Provide Funds**  
The bill would provide \$50,000,000 each year through 1960 to national forests; 25 per cent of O&C receipts to the Bureau of Land Management, and \$5,000,000 annually through 1960 for public domain lands under the BLM.

Congressmen attending the hearing included Sens. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.); Henry Dworshak (R-Ida.); W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.); and Reps. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.); Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.); and Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), who was an observer.

The group has held hearings at Klamath Falls, Medford, Roseburg and Eugene in Oregon, and at Redding in northern California.

## Water Conservation Declared To Be National Problem

Portland—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Charles G. Holle, deputy chief of Army engineers, says that water conservation is no longer just a western problem. "It has become a national problem."

Gen. Holle, addressing the 22nd annual Inland Empire Waterways association meeting yesterday, said supplemental irrigation in the east has increased 400 per cent since 1950.

He said industries were moving to the river banks "not only to obtain low cost transportation but in search of adequate supplies of water for manufacturing processes."

**Floods Costly**  
Gen. Holle said Columbia river floods now are costing \$25,000,000 a year and with increasing property values they would amount to \$35,000,000 by 1975.

"It is a disturbing fact," he said, "that little of significance has been done to increase flood protection in this valley since the 1948 disaster."

Brig. Gen. Louis H. Foote, North Pacific division engineer, said revision of the "308" report on comprehensive development of the Columbia basin would take at least two years.

Robert D. Mayer, president of the Pacific American Steamship Association, spoke in opposition to user charges on inland waterways as recommended by the Hoover commission.



**CEMENTING RELATIONSHIP**—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin (right) and Communist Party Boss Nikita S. Khrushchev (second from left) are greeted on arrival in New Delhi, India by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru (left) and his daughter, Indira Gandhi. The Russians are in India on a state visit.

## Back Stairs: Camera Session Called Off

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—Back stairs at the Gettysburg White House:

President Eisenhower was to have posed for pictures on the farm Saturday, but the camera session was called off because of a steady, wet snow.

Mr. Eisenhower's physician, Dr. Howard McC. Snyder, was not afraid of having the President exposed to the chilly damp weather, but he was dead set against the risk of the President slipping and falling in the slushy conditions underfoot.

## Morse Reiterates Election Confidence

Portland—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) told the Portland Central Labor Council last night he was confident of reelection even though "I'm the No. 1 target."

Morse said "Most of the occupants of the leather bottom chairs in this state are not behind me." He added, however, that he was encouraged by the number of Republicans who have come to him around the state.

Morse renewed his attack on Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and said "responsibility for scuttling Hells Canyon rests chiefly on one man—McKay."

Morse attacked what he called a "reactionary press" in Oregon and alleged as false editorial charges that he is only for federal power. He said he would fight just as hard for private power in the proper place.

Outside the entrance to the temporary White House press room here is a large sign which says "matinee today." This does not refer to Press Secretary James C. Hagerty's afternoon press conferences. The sign is an ad for the movie house next door.

Hagerty's conferences, however, frequently take on the aspects of a show. Hordes of college students and school children frequently descend on the afternoon conferences. The younger children, particularly, stand and watch the reporters whaling away at their typewriters.

There's an apocryphal story going the rounds here that Mr. Eisenhower will have to buy more farm land if he continues to receive gifts of Angus heifers. He's received two new cattle in the week he has been here which

brings his herd to 18. The two cattle, which arrived here in the local postoffice area what once were the two general delivery windows. They've been closed, however, and general delivery mail recipients must go to another part of the building.

This as done as a matter of security and convenience to the President and his staff.

During one of Hagerty's press conferences the other day, Robert Montgomery of screen and television fame, borrowed a 35-millimeter camera from a Life magazine photographer and amused himself by snapping pictures of the reporters.

A red golf flag flies over the hole on President Eisenhower's practice putting green at the farm. The flag carries five stars commemorative of Mr. Eisenhower's former military rank.

## Navy Studying Joint Use of Hillsboro Base

Hillsboro—(U.P.)—A Navy official today said joint military civilian use of the proposed naval reserve training station at Hillsboro was being subjected to "intensive scrutiny."

John E. Meeke, of the chamber of commerce here, said a letter from Capt. James R. Davis, 13th naval district public works officer, told of the problems facing the proposed \$12,000,000 installation.

The naval officer said the southwest winds common at the airport site could be of serious concern to light, low-powered aircraft using the field. The wind would make it necessary for light craft to use a runway which would intersect the proposed new runway at almost right angles.

Capt. Davis said the Navy was "deeply concerned" about the interlocking operation of the intersecting runways and the fact most light planes would not be equipped with two-way radio and could not be controlled by the tower.

The U. S. Articles of Confederation were adopted on March 1, 1781.

## Fellowship Available For Science Teachers

Some 32 teachers of science in seven western states will be selected to receive \$200 fellowships for the 1956 West Coast Science Teachers summer conference of Oregon State college next June 17-19.

The conference is sponsored by the Future Scientists of America foundation of the National Science Teachers association, Oregon State college and the Crown Zellerbach foundation, San Francisco.

Science teachers for grades seven through 12 in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona schools are eligible for a fellowship. Application forms are available from the Future Scientists of America foundation, National Science Teachers association, 1201 16th st., NW, Washington 6, D.C.

### CZECHS TO PRINT NOVEL

Vienna—(U.P.)—Communist Czechoslovakia will publish a novel by a non-Communist American author for the first time, the Prague daily newspaper Lidova Demokracie announced today. The newspaper said Ernest Hemingway's "Old Man and the Sea" will be printed next year by the state-owned National Printing Co.

## New Jet Bomber Breaks Sound Barrier

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force has disclosed that a sleek new jet bomber capable of carrying nuclear weapons broke through the sound barrier on its maiden flight last month.

The plane, a needle-nosed Republic F105A with swept-back wings, made the test flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., last Oct. 22.

The Air Force would not reveal the expected performance of the new plane. But authorities hope it may have a top speed of 1,000 miles an hour.

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## Atomic Heating System Passes Test

Richland, Wash.—(U.P.)—An atomic energy heating system at the Hanford atomic works has passed its first real test marking an important milestone in development of peaceful atomic energy uses, Hanford scientists said today.

The scientists said last week's prolonged near zero weather gave the atomic heating system its first real challenge, but the system kept buildings where it is used at a comfortable level of warmth.

They also estimated the system would save \$59,000 a year in fuel costs at the sprawling plutonium plant. Initial investment in the system was about \$614,000, some \$444,000 more than a conventional heating plant would have cost.

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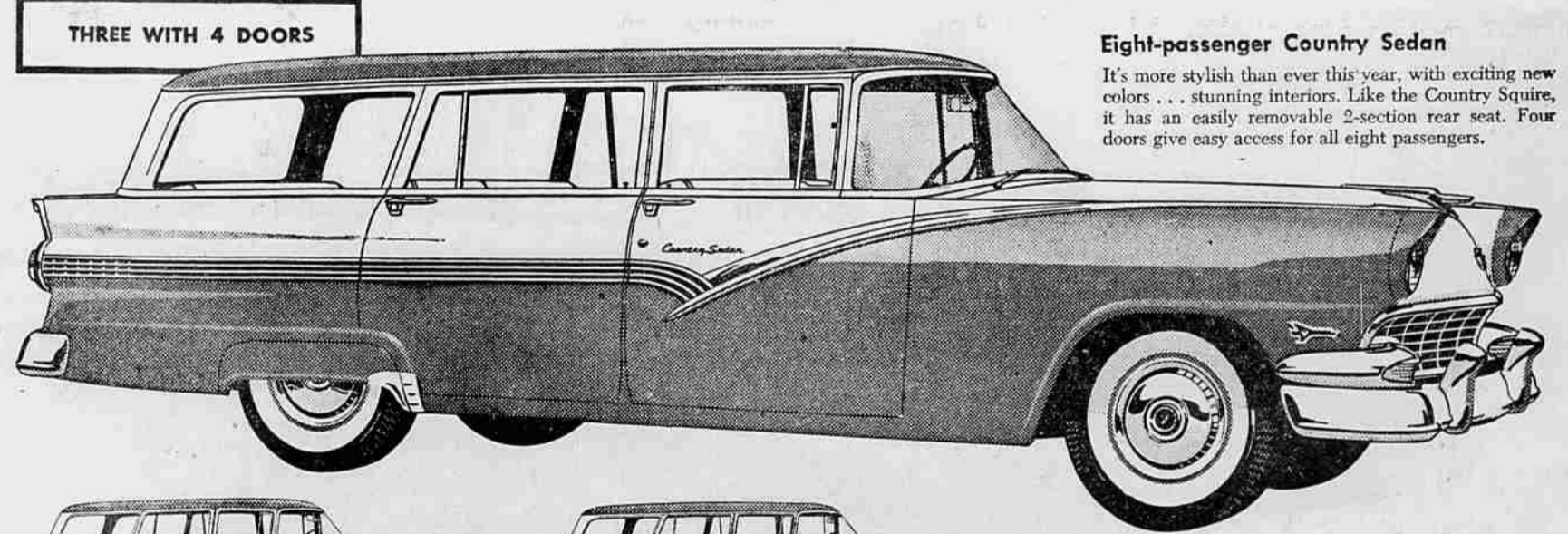
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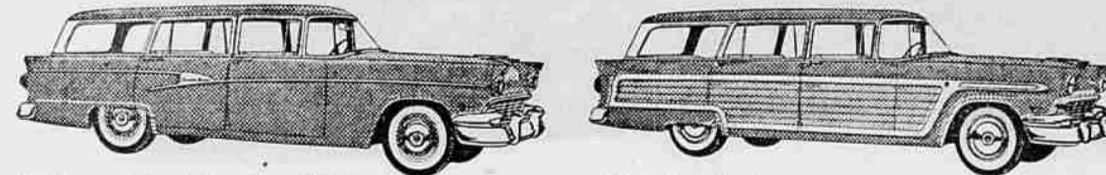
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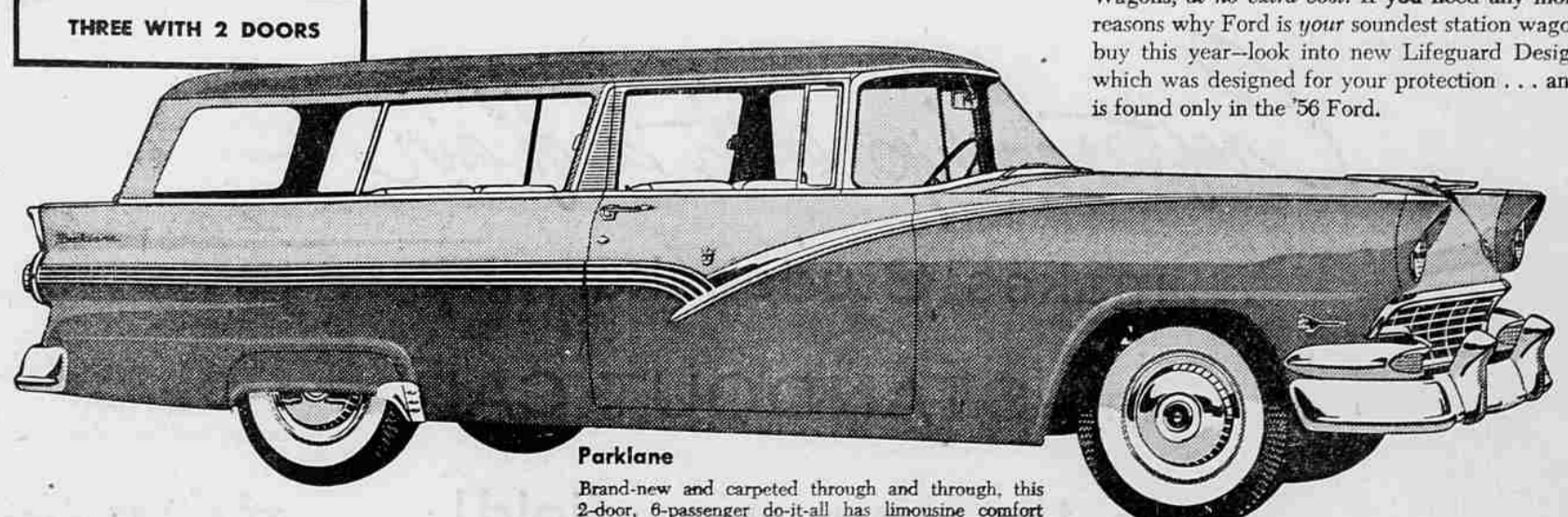


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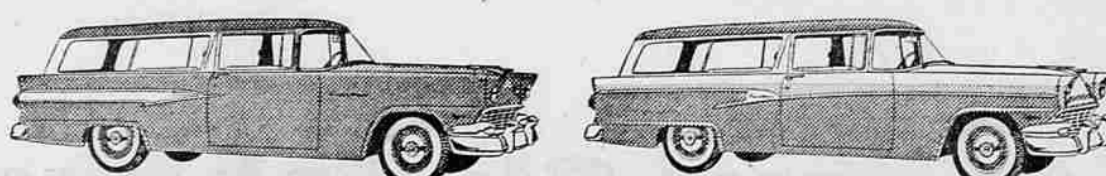
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