

BLM Director Believes Marketing Area Restrictions Have Outlived Usefulness

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Washington—Director Edward Woolley of the bureau of land management indicated to a congressional committee last week that he thinks perhaps BLM's marketing area restrictions on O&C lands have outlived their usefulness.

Chief Richard E. McArdle of the Forest Service went a step further and told the same committee his agency is studying the feasibility of making

timber in each national forest working circle available to all bidders, regardless of the location of their mills.

The restrictions imposed upon lumber companies against bidding outside their own marketing area, particularly on the O&C lands, has led to rising criticism of the marketing area idea. BLM temporarily waived these restrictions in the Smith river drainage area, located in the South Coast marketing area, to open salvage sales there to companies whose mills are outside the area—a demand voiced mainly by Lane county mills last fall due to their inability to get sufficient O&C timber in their

own area.

Original Purposes
Woolley and McArdle agreed that marketing areas were not necessary to administer the forests on sustained-yield basis. But Woolley pointed out one of their original purposes was to maintain the economic stability of communities dependent upon timber.

McArdle said that since 1944, when Congress authorized the Forest Service to establish sustained-yield units, only five have been set up.

Since 1944 "logging conditions have changed considerably. Long hauls today are a common thing . . . Under present competition for national-forest timber, it has been increasingly more difficult

to justify the establishment of sustained-yield units because the advantages to the particular community or communities proposing such units are found to be outweighed by the disadvantages which would result to other communities which also depend upon timber from the proposed unit," McArdle said.

More Stringent Standards
He said his agency is now considering "more stringent standards" for the establishment of such units, and whether "timber can contribute more to maintain a healthy, progressive and competitive condition in the forest products industries if the full sustained-yield cutting capacity available in each national forest working circle is made available by the usual competitive procedures."

Woolley did not spell out his attitude in detail, but said he agreed that lumber economics had changed in the past decade. "I agree with Mr. McArdle that you don't have to have marketing areas to have sustained yield," Woolley told the committee.

The testimony was taken by the joint Senate-House group which held hearings last November in Medford and other lumber centers of the Pacific Northwest.

Three Republican members centered their questioning of the two forestry officials on the issue

of whether combining BLM and Forest Service would eliminate duplication and cut government costs.

McArdle said that "probably" the advantages of such a move would outweigh the disadvantages.

Woolley said he didn't think it necessary to put both agencies under single management to gain peak efficiency. He said he agreed with an earlier suggestion of McArdle that we "coordinate our management more closely."

Cooperation Better
McArdle had said that inter-agency cooperation is now better "than it has ever been" at both the top level and in the field. He said he wanted to "take advantage of this era of good will" to invite BLM and the Bureau of Indian Affairs timber officials into a new inter-agency committee on timber sale procedures that would seek to promote greater uniformity in the field.

At the request of Rep. Charles Jonas (R-N.C.), the committee requested both officials to compile a listing of all its forestry officials, their functions and their salaries, to help determine whether there is duplication that is costing the taxpayers.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) pointed out that under the regime of Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, a proposed merger of the two agencies under the Interior Department was "very strongly opposed" by "public opinion in the region from all political faiths."

Reps. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.) and William E. Minshall (R-O.) supported Jonas in his request for a probe into whether a merger wouldn't be financially desirable.

Sponsor Wants Political Spending Bill To Cover Primary Elections

Washington — (U.P.) — Senator Thomas C. Hennings said today he will fight to make any new law governing campaign contributions and spending for federal office cover primaries as well as general elections.

The Missouri Democrat charged that a group of Democratic and Republican senators from "one party" states appear to be joining forces in an attempt to rewrite his "honest

elections" bill, which is now pending in the Senate. He said they want to eliminate primaries from the bill's requirement.

Aimed at Bi-Partisan Bill
Hennings' statement apparently was aimed at a bipartisan elections bill which Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) and Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) have been

drawing up. Johnson and Knowland joined forces behind the idea of an election reform measure in the wake of the furor over campaign contributions offered during recent controversy over the natural gas bill.

"This reform is needed quite as much in that third of the states which are now under one-party rule as in the other two-thirds," he said.

Text Not Made Public
Johnston declined to make public the text of his elections bill, pending consultation with Knowland and other GOP leaders. Informed sources disclosed, however, that the measure would:

Require that every individual or campaign committee, spending or receiving more than \$100, report full financial particulars to the clerk of the House, the secretary of the Senate and the nearest federal district court. Those agencies would be required to set up facilities for more effective publicity on the reports.

Permit every individual who files an income tax return to claim up to \$100 as a tax-free campaign contribution, thus stimulating small gifts and de-emphasizing the stress on large ones.

Labor Plans Record Budget To Support Political Candidates

Washington—(U.P.)—COPE figures to get increasing political attention in the next nine months as an organization hoping to raise and spend \$3,000,000 for labor supported candidates in the 1956 campaign.

The word stands for Committee on Political Education, political arm of the AFL-CIO and heir to the separate AFL and CIO political organizations maintained before the labor merger last year.

Anxious for Spotlight
Senate Republicans already are anxious to turn a bright floodlight on labor political activity in the projected investigation of "illegal and improper" efforts to influence members of and candidates for the Senate.

At the recent AFL-CIO Council meeting at Miami, Fla., President George Meany said COPE will have a record budget this year. While he gave no figure, the budget goal is reported in labor circles here to be \$3,000,000. Half of the sum would go to the national organization and half to state and local units.

Labor political organizations have regularly sought contributions of \$1 from each member of

affiliated unions in campaign years but have collected from only a fraction of the members.

Several large unions have their own independent political committees.

Two Charges
GOP critics of union political activity have made two general charges: 1. That the money raised from members is in fact not contributed voluntarily but under coercion, and 2. That dues money from union treasuries has been spent to help political candidates in violation of the Taft-Hartley law.

Police Throw Book At Subdued Motorist
Flint, Mich.—(U.P.)—An enraged motorist subdued Glenn Guerin and held him for police when Guerin hit his car after already damaging three others.

Police charged Guerin with being drunk in a public place, driving without a license, suspicion of felonious assault, suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon, suspicion of being a fugitive, leaving the scene of a property-damage accident and driving under the influence of liquor.

Portland Traction Files Court Suit

Salem —(U.P.)—The Portland Traction Company has filed suit in Marion county Circuit Court, asking that the recent decision of Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel ordering the company to provide more adequate interurban service be set aside.

The company has two interurban lines, one to Oregon City and the other to Bellrose. Several months ago the company curtailed service on the two lines and the Marion county court held that the traction company was within its rights in reducing service on the lines.

Last week Heltzel ordered the company to reinstate the fuller service. An appeal from the earlier ruling is pending with the Supreme Court.

State Employees Group To Have Own Building

Salem —(U.P.)—James Daniels, executive secretary of the Oregon State Employees Association, said today the group expects to have its own building, complete with meeting rooms and office space, "within the next year or so."

The state-wide organization headquarters here has about 6,000 members. Its goal is to secure for state employees wage and working conditions comparable to private industry.

President of the association is Eugene Schmidt of Astoria.

Record milk production for a cow during a single year is nearly eight times the national average of 5,500 pounds.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday other days 5:30 previous day.

Letter Purports Ford Solicited Campaign Funds

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators today offered "a letter purporting to come from the office of Henry Ford II," as "documentation" of earlier charges that Ford Motor Co. asked its dealers to contribute to President Eisenhower's 1952 campaign.

Chairman A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.) of a Senate Commerce subcommittee investigating auto industry practices, revealed the letter yesterday. He said it urged Ford dealers to contribute to the GOP cause.

Urged Solicitation
The letter, which referred to the 1952 campaign, advised the dealer to whom it was addressed to meet with other Ford dealers in his area and arrange to solicit their campaign contributions, Monroney said. Monroney did not disclose the name of the dealer nor the city where he is in business. Monroney said the subcommittee would investigate to see if the Ford request amounted to "pressure" or "duress."

Further Probe Seen
If the contributions themselves need further scrutiny, he said, the information will be turned over to a special blue-ribbon Senate committee set up last week to investigate lobbying, campaign contributions and possible improper attempts to influence the Senate.

Monroney's committee earlier had heard Milton Ratner, a former Chicago Ford dealer, testify that a fellow dealer told him Ford wanted its Chicago dealers to kick in \$50,000 for Mr. Eisenhower's 1952 campaign. Ratner refused.

Portland Man Stabbed To Death in Hotel Room

Portland—(U.P.)—A 43-year-old man was stabbed to death in a hotel room here last night. The victim was identified as Arlo Rhoten.

Held in connection with the stabbing was Thomas J. Henderson, 52. Police said Rhoten had been stabbed with a pocketknife. Two men and a woman were held as material witnesses.

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