

Hoffman Says Combining Forestry Functions Will Be 'Bureaucracy'

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A Republican congressman who participated in a congressional investigation of federal timber sales policies thinks consolidation of all forestry functions under one government agency would create "just another bureaucracy."

Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.) said there is no doubt but what there is waste, overlapping and duplication under the present setup, as reported last week by a joint committee on federal timber in backing up its recommendation that all forestry functions be turned over to the U. S. forest service.

"Centralization is alright," declared Hoffman, "but not if you are going to make a political machine out of it."

Congressman Hoffman was one of the committee members who traveled through the Pacific Northwest last fall during the hearings that were held on timber sales policies of the forest service, bureau of land management and Indian bureau. He said he thought the reasons for conducting the investigation were "fine."

"But the committee muffed its opportunity," Hoffman said in an interview, "and we wasted the taxpayers' money."

Hoffman said it was fine to study the problems of marketing area restrictions, timber inventory, the amount of annual allowable cut and salvage sales, and the need for access roads.

"But who did they send out there — a Philadelphia lawyer (Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.)), Sen. (Richard L.) Neuberger (D-Ore.), who talks a lot about timber and is a good writer but doesn't know anything about it," Hoffman went on.

"The striking thing is that neither Chudoff nor I know a damn thing about timber," said Hoffman.

"Then they got a committee staff that set out to prove that public ownership is best," continued Hoffman. He said he was referring specifically to Arthur Perlman, staff director of the public works and resources subcommittee of House Government Operations committee, and James A. Lanigan, subcommittee "Perlman and Lanigan believe in socialization," charged the outspoken Michigan law-

maker, who is regarded as a conservative Republican.

Hoffman is the ranking Republican member of the Government Operations committee and would become its chairman if Republicans gain control of the House once more.

"If Republicans win the election," he said, "the committee will go back and give the people a chance to present their views."

He said he thought the committee hearings in the Northwest last year were rigged, mentioning the fact that two Republican congressmen from the area — Reps. Hurrell Ellsworth (R-Ore.) and Russell V. Mack (R-Wash.) — were not permitted to sit in on the hearings and cross-examine witnesses.

"Probably nobody in Congress knows more about timber

than those two fellows," Hoffman added.

Hoffman declined to take issue with the recommendations of the majority on the committee, explaining that he simply thought the work of the committee had not been adequate to permit making such recommendations.

Committee aides indicated that Hoffman was the only dissenter on the joint Senate-House committee which conducted the timber probe. Hoffman said he had prepared a written report which had not come from the government printing office yet, but would be circulated later.

Oregon Treasury Surplus \$28,000,000

Salem — (U.P.) — The state of Oregon will close the books on this biennium with a surplus of approximately \$28,000,000, Gov. Elmo Smith said yesterday.

After conferring with the State Tax Commission, the governor said that tax revenues would provide a margin of about 7 per cent over expenditures for the two year period ending June 30, 1957.

"The healthy condition of the state treasury again assures taxpayers that no state property tax levy will be necessary for the coming year," the State Tax commission reported.

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Albacore Tuna Seen Off Coast of Oregon

Astoria — (U.P.) — Albacore tuna, not seen in coastal waters of Oregon and Washington since the 1940s, have appeared in small numbers about 300 miles west of here, according to the local office of the Oregon Fish Commission.

Two craft searching the Pacific for albacore reported that 45 of the fish have been caught in an area generally 270 to 300 miles off the coast from Willapa bay to off Cascade head. The boats were due here tomorrow to refuel.

THE SMITHS

Nashville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A Mrs. A. V. Newman attended a "Smith" wedding. The bride and bridegroom were both Smiths.

Stockton Becomes Link In Ore Shipments

Stockton, Calif. — Port of Stockton this week joined as the middle link in a production chain that will carry nickel ore from Riddle, Ore., to Santa Rosalia, Mexico.

The ore is the first nickel to be shipped through the Port's bulk handling facility. It originated at the Hanna Coal and Ore Company in Douglas county in southwest Oregon — and will be carried by ship from Stockton to the smelting plants of Compañia Minera Santa Rosalia.

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Forest Industries Add Billion to State

Portland — The forest industries of Oregon are adding more than \$1 billion annually to the state's wealth, according to C. A. Gillett, managing director of American Forest Products Industries, Washington, D.C.

Gillett, whose organization is national sponsor of the tree farm program of private timberland management and the Keep America Green forest fire prevention campaign, said the department of commerce's recent census of manufacturers shows forest industries of the state in 1954 added nearly \$662 million in value through manufacture, paid out \$359 million in payrolls and spent \$53 million in capital improvements.

The \$662 million value added through manufacture represented an increase of 60 per cent since 1947, Gillett said.

Oregon's forest industries, the report shows, employ more than 86,000 persons. Forest industries are those which manufacture lumber, furniture and fixtures, pulp, paper and other paper and wood products.

Holdup Man Hits Girl, Escapes With Receipts

Portland — (U.P.) — A holdup man struck a 19-year-old girl in the forehead with a revolver and escaped with \$80 from a studio here yesterday, police reported.

Donna Turman told police she was dazed by the blow and did not see the man leave. The man was described as young, about six feet tall and weighing about 160 pounds.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Moscow — Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, venturing out as a pundit on American politics, on his doubts Adlai Stevenson will win the forthcoming presidential election: "I'll be very surprised if he is elected."

Rome — Mrs. Helen Subbach, 27, who fled to Rome with her infant son from an Arabian nightmare marriage with a Moslem in Iraq, on a woman's status among Arabs: "A woman is so much dirt on the floor."

New York — Adlai Stevenson on Averell Harriman's contention that he (Harriman) is an expression of the tradition of presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman: "I should like to ask the governor who Mrs. Roosevelt is supporting." She supports Stevenson.

Moscow — A cab driver on the government decree banning horn-blowing: "Our hospitals will be full of pedestrians and our jails full of drivers."

Alexandria — Egyptian President Abdel Gamal Nasser on his country's determination to hold on to the recently seized Suez Canal: "Egypt will fight to the last drop of blood to retain this ownership."

Washington — President Eisenhower on Vice President Nixon as still his choice to retain the second position on the Republican ticket this fall: "I see no reason to draw such a conclusion . . . but you may."

Washington — Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, President Eisenhower's physician, on the Chief Executive's health after a checkup Wednesday: "I think he will be able to do as much as he would have without this (leitit) attack."

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