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Lumber Industry Problem Put Over To Commission

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington (Special)—The perplexing distress in the Northwest lumber industry has stimulated President Kennedy to do what every president of modern times has learned to do when no simple solution is evident—appoint a commission to study the problem.

Ever since mid-winter, when Congress reconvened, it has become increasingly apparent to Northwest lawmakers that trouble in the region's No. 1 industry was more than a collection of isolated complaints that are commonplace

in a congressman's daily routine. Lumbermen from the ocean to the continental divide were vocalizing their economic woes. After a time many of them, organized by lumber trade associations, dispatched representatives to the nation's capital to buttonhole senators, congressmen and New Frontiersmen of the Kennedy regime. It soon became too widespread a movement to give any politician hope that it would somehow go away. But there were no pat

answers to the problem which emerged from these complaints. Many lumbermen gripped about the Forest Service, saying the cost of timber was too high—much higher than the rival Canadians were paying for the stumpage they processed into lumber that was moving into eastern markets at lower prices. But the Forest Service, after a study of prices and other conditions respecting British Columbia lumber, reported that the chief reason for the difference in price of timber is that there

is spirited bidding in the Northwest, hardly any in B.C. The industry says the answer for that is to put up more timber for sale to drive down prices to a competitive level with a greater supply. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, whose department houses the Forest Service over in one far corner, has promised Northwest senators to take charge of the forestry agency in an effort to relieve some of this distress. But with investigators hot on the trail of Billie Sol Estes, the

Texas grain storage manipulator; and with Congress debating the latest farm bill, Freeman has had no spare time to consider the price of timber in the national forests. The Interstate Commerce Commission has reviewed its ruling of several years ago which outlawed the 15-day freehold on lumber shipments moving across country by rail. But it says that it can't change that order unless the industry files a complaint about it—and no one has volunteered to fight that battle. Meanwhile, the Canadian railroads continue to give lumber shippers to the north the advantage of slower moving cargo which offers advantages to both buyer and seller.

On Capitol Hill there is disparity in viewing the water shipping problem caused by the Jones act requirement that only American vessels be used for hauling cargo between American ports. The Republicans are ready to throw this law out, but they can't get a hearing on their bills; he Democrats, instead, want to broaden the maritime subsidy program to include these coastal shipping lines so that reduced rates on lumber can be changed, but they haven't got the Kennedy administration to support this idea. Sen. Maurine Neuberger has offered a compro-

mise that would open only the intercoastal trade to foreign ships, leaving the coastwise trade unchanged, to cut costs of shipping lumber to the eastern ports.

Evidence of Complexity
Finding no easy solution, the White House has created a new study commission composed of representatives of the ICC and Tariff Commission, the president's council of economic advisors, and the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Labor, Treasury and State.

This is evidence of the complex nature of an economic problem that cuts across the wide sweep of governmental responsibility—and one that lends itself to the time-honored practice of dropping into the lap of a presidential commission for further study until some answers are forthcoming.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denney. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. C.G.—Perhaps I can save my first grandchild from the awful names they've chosen.

Ruth P.—Our child is unique so we'd like him or her to have a name that's unique.

Mrs. C.G.—My daughter and her husband expect their first child this summer and, since there's not much else to talk about while waiting, we discuss names.

I feel a name affects a child all his life. I've known people who've gotten into fights over them as children and later they reduced their names to a mysterious initial. That's why I gave Ruth and my other children simple, plain, inconspicuous names.

But Ruth and Jim are poring over directories and dictionaries looking for something "odd." So far the winners are Chloe Allegra for a girl and Major Ambler for a boy.

Why burden a poor unborn baby with unnecessary problems?

Ruth P.—Well, those names aren't definite. In fact we fancied them up a bit to tease Mother. But we do believe a name should embody a little inspiration, some music and some proof of how special you consider your child among all the other children in the world.

While we know our parents loved us, Jim and I drew names so common that in school the teachers always had to call out our full names to distinguish us from a half-dozen other Ruths and Jims. The names didn't say anything. They were just words to fill in on blanks.

Unless we give our little one a name that makes him stand out and appear different, we might as well give him a number or a letter to identify him. No. We may coin a new name if we can't find one we like.

Auditions Planned For Ashland Band

Ashland—Auditions for membership in the Ashland city band will be held from 7 to 9 a.m., in Churchill hall, Southern Oregon college, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Herbert Cecil, conductor.

The Ashland band is one of the oldest musical organizations in the Rogue valley. Each year the band plays a series of Thursday evening concerts in the Butler Memorial bandshell in Lithia park, and takes part in the annual Fourth of July celebration. The concerts this year will begin Thursday, June 14, and will end Aug. 16.

Membership in the band is determined by audition. Anyone who would like to play has been asked to try-out, Cecil said.

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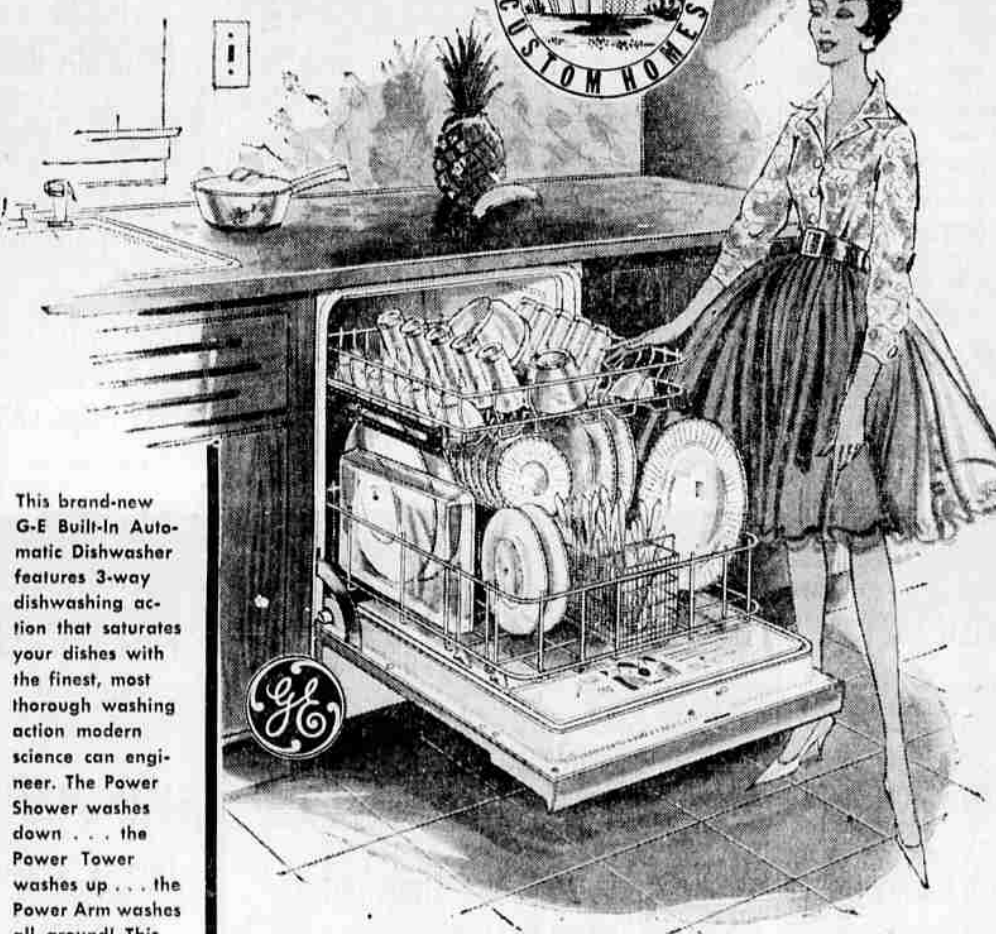
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