



BODIES INSPECTED - North Korean army troops. Two North Koreans were also captured by the ROK troops. Communist North Korean troops, left, and Allied forces right, watch as surgeons examine the bodies. (UPI)

The Lumber Problem

Timbermen Fear Trend of Mill Closures To Continue

Editor's note: The Western lumber industry has suffered mill closures, job loss and loss of markets during the past two years. Lumbermen have blamed Canadian imports, high costs, and U.S. timber policies. This is the last of three dispatches analyzing the problem and the outlook for the future.

By JAMES DOYLE
Portland - (UPI) - There is a feeling of foreboding in the lumbering towns.

In many parts of the Western states, when a lumber mill closes, a town dies. For many small communities, lumber is the only year-around payroll.

This foreboding was voiced recently before congressmen and the president.

Lumbermen fear that a trend of mill closures will continue in the face of high costs of production and shipping, and Canadian competition for U.S. markets.

The big lumber unions have tried to ease the blow. The International Woodworkers of America rescinded its demand for a wage hike this year.

Lumbermen express the familiar complaint that the administration is not favorable to business. Yet, they admit that the administration is caught in a three-way bind.

Quota Asked
The industry has asked that a quota be imposed on Canadian imports which have taken 15 per cent of the U.S. market. They say they can live with 10 per cent of the market in Canadian hands, but no more.

But neither the Canadian government nor the U.S. government has shown any indication this would be done.

Many lumber state congressmen have pressed for action. But the urgency is not unanimously felt. Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.) has said, "I'm really not in sympathy with quotas."

The softwood lumber industry is a \$250 million industry in Canada in its balance of payments crisis. And good neighbor though she is, Canada remains a job-stealing threat to the Pacific Northwest.

In the U.S., many senators and representatives must return to home states this November to face lumber-conscious voters.

Canada has an equally tough problem.

The government of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker needs support for the austerity program it instituted a week after suffering a huge

drop in its parliamentary majority last June.

The home market-import squeeze of the lumber industry has progressed to the negotiation stage. But any positive results were negated by statements of businessmen on both sides of the border on the eve of the talks which began Aug. 28. It has been maintained that any effort to limit import of Canadian lumber would impair friendship between the countries.

At the same time, the situation is being watched for any light it may cast on President Kennedy's drive for more authority to cut tariff and expand international trade.

Kennedy has proposed six points to aid the industry. One of the points—amendment of the Jones Act to lower the cost of intercoastal shipping—is believed to be nearly impossible in the face of overwhelming opposition. Of the other five, only the question of import quotas remains a sensitive one.

The others cover additional funds for forest development, increase in allowable cuts, establishment of preference for American products in lumber purchase by the defense department, and freer loan applications.

As to negotiations with Canada, lumbermen remain pessimistic.

"While this is a step in the right direction," said Mortimer Doyle of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, "the solution to our immediate problem is not at hand."

He referred to the imposition of an import quota as a "clear cut mandate."

The matter of tariffs is complicated by the President's request for a freer trade policy. Lumbermen say this will only intensify their problem. As the situation is now, the lumber industry cannot hope to penetrate European markets.

Even if it could compete with Canada, it cannot hope to compete with Russia and Sweden. A wider door to U.S. markets would add European imports to Canadian imports, lumbermen contend. They ask, how many ways can the pie be cut?

There is fear that the issue—if it hasn't already—will be a political football and become so hot with each pass that no one will score.

With this in mind, lumbermen expect little positive action this year. And the "feeling of foreboding" is entrenched.

Slogan Contest Set By DAV Chapter

A contest for a slogan to be used as a theme for Veterans Day activities is being conducted by the Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans among members of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary at White City, chapter officers have announced.

The slogan is to be on a "nation to nation" level and is to declare antipathy to Communism, without radical references which would infer accusation of fellow citizens, officers pointed out.

The contest will close Sept. 30. Judges will be members of the VA personnel at the domiciliary.

Four slogans will be selected by the judges for which

Farm Organizations Bend Efforts for Political Friends

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's major farm organizations are officially non-partisan, or bi-partisan in presidential and congressional politics.

This doesn't mean, however, that farm leaders take a completely hands-off attitude around election time rolls around. There already are signs that a number of farm leaders will be actively trying

prizes will be awarded by the DAV. Members of the Veterans Allied Council then will decide which of the four to adopt for the Veterans Day theme.

to help their friends win seats in Congress this fall.

One signal of this kind

Address Plates Used
came recently from Illinois from the head of the Illinois Agricultural Association, the largest state unit of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The IAA recently used some of its address plates to address envelopes used in the campaign of Republican Congressman Paul Findley. The Republican was running against Democratic Congressman Peter Mack in a district which has been merged by re-apportionment.

Mack asked the Illinois farm group why it was helping his Republican opponent. In reply, he got a letter from the IAA president, William J. Kuhfuss.

The letter told Mack that the farm bureau unit needed to support congressmen who followed its policy line in their votes. The letter added, "We feel, also, that we need to replace those congressmen who turned a deaf ear to the concerns of farmers."

The National Farmers Union also has indicated an interest in this fall's congressional races.

The Farmers Union, via a statement this week, said Congress should have acted this year to approve the Kennedy Administration's programs of supply management for farm products.

To Continue Efforts

The Farmers Union statement went on to say the organization would continue to use all its resources to get this kind of legislation written into law. And the statement wound up with this sentence: "Farmers Union members are acutely aware that this struggle begins at home with the kind of people we send to Congress."

The number of congressional districts in which farm votes are decisive has been reduced by re-apportionment. But in areas where farm voting is a major factor, farm leaders will be trying to persuade their friends to vote on agricultural issues.

Bank Executor Of Indian's Estate

Portland - (UPI) - The Oregon Bank has been named executor for the estate of Harold Franklin Thornton, a Rogue River Indian who became wealthy when a court decided

10 years ago he and another Indian had been duped in sale of their government grant land near Gold Beach.

Thornton, who died July 23, left an estate of about \$400,000. He and Jasper Grant, who now lives in Los Angeles, had sold their property for \$135,000. It ultimately was valued at \$1,175,000.

Wallace Turner, then a reporter for the Oregonian, won the American Newspaper Guild Heywood Brown award for his work on the case.

Thornton's will specified his estate was to be divided equally among his children, except one son who was left \$500, and a woman who has since died.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE LATE FRED ALLEN, one of the canniest and best-loved personalities in all show business, spotted the drift in television early in the game. "The only performers who will last in this medium," he predicted accurately, "will be the 'pointers.' Pointers never do anything themselves. They merely stand in the center of the stage, point to another performer, and announce, 'See that fellow? He's going to do the darnedest trick you ever saw!' Then the other fellow comes out and does the trick. A week later, the pointer is back gesturing at somebody else, but the fellow who did the great trick has already given his all and is out in the cold. TV can eliminate pointers if times get tough enough. They can teach dogs to do the same routine simply by smearing meat on the actors'."



A law school professor was warning a first-year class what to expect on the final examination. "It will be at least twenty pages long and you'll need about five hours to answer everything properly." When the class looked stunned, he added, continuing, "Don't worry. You'll all be in the same boat."

"Yeah," groaned a young man in the last row. "The Titanic!"

Old Mrs. Vandermeer held a cookie up before her overfed miniature poodle and commanded, "Speak! Speak!"

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