

Congressmen Urge Action on Lumber Price Ceilings

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Congressmen asked OPA today for quick action on price ceilings affecting lumber prices.

The agency was asked to rule Saturday on applications for price ceilings on western redwood and Douglas fir, and "shook" which is used for making light boxes.

The senators and congressmen, with Senator Chavez (D-N.M.) as chairman, listened throughout Monday to lumber price testimony from industry representatives and from officials of government reconstruction agencies.

The lumbermen said flatly that price increases must be granted if more lumber is to be produced for the housing program.

Kenneth Smith, of the California Redwood association, explained there are strikes at nine mills, representing 85 per cent of the redwood industry, over wage issues. Unless they can get higher prices, "there is no incentive for them to get the strike over," he testified.

Quick Decision

A quick decision on the price ceilings was recommended by Senator McFarland (R-Ariz.), who said that "indecision" on the part of OPA "is detrimental to the industry."

Frederick C. Holder, an official of the industrial materials division of OPA, replied that most cases of delay on the part of OPA in making decisions of that kind arise from lack of information submitted by industries involved.

"That is one of OPA's stock answers," McFarland shot back.

Lyle C. Watts, chief of the forest service, told the committee that additional areas of timber can be opened up for lumbering if congress provides funds to build access roads in the forests.

He predicted that "it will be a long time before we produce enough lumber to meet the demand."

Angell Urges Housing Head to Get Going

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Angell today he again had urged Wilson Wyatt, housing administrator to "cut red tape" and get private building started.

Angell said he had taken up the question before with Wyatt the only answer he got was discouraging with no assurance that bottlenecks will be cut aside and the maze of red tape cut so builders can proceed.

No houses will be built for veterans unless Administrator Wyatt takes drastic action making it possible to secure priority and immediate authority to begin construction," Angell said.

Angell cited the predicament one builder in his district who had applied to the federal housing authority for a priority to construct homes and that the Portland FHA office was a month behind in handling such applications.

Lumber companies are three weeks behind in filling orders so will take him another two weeks to get started.

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A Christmas Tree From The Girl Scouts



Climaxing the 34th anniversary of Girl Scouts and Girl Scout week, a white fir was planted on the courthouse lawn Sunday in a fitting ceremony attended by members of the organization and those interested in Scouting. The tree was planted at an advantageous spot and will be used in seasons to come as a living Christmas tree. On the ground, left to right, Mary Anne Preston and Patty Teale; standing, County Judge U. E. Reeder, Florence McConahey, executive director of Girl Scouts; Mrs. L. A. Murphy, Mrs. James Pinniger and Henry Perkins.

Swedish Film Actor Socked On Jaw At Hollywood Party

HOLLYWOOD, March 19 (AP)—Friends of Kurt Kreuger, Swedish movie actor, related today how he was slugged on the jaw at a party last night at the home of I. I. Rubin, a wealthy furrier.

Those at the party said Kreuger met Fatima Ipar, sister of millionaire Turkish Journalist Ali M. Ipar, who is in Hollywood on motion picture business, and was talking to her when her escort, an unidentified coast guard officer, became involved with him in an argument.

Guests said the officer took Fatima home but returned to the party and struck Kreuger before all hands present lent a hand in throwing him out, without any serious damage resulting all around.

Kreuger has played several nazi officer roles in war movies.

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 19 (AP)—A rat trap, complete with an electrocution chamber and an electric door, was demonstrated at a sectional meeting of the National Association of Sanitariums, Inc.

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DROWNS
TROUTDALE, March 19 (AP)—Two-year-old John Christianson drowned yesterday when he tumbled into Beaver creek which runs through the family property here.

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