

# Lumber Industry Nearing Goal Of Producing Power From Waste To Run Mills

SEATTLE (AP) — The lumber industry's hope of generating enough power from waste wood to run its sawmills is close to realization, two Oregon forest products men said Wednesday.

A new sawmill-fed gas turbine engine, with combustion efficiency ranging from 92 to 99 per cent, was described by George H. Atherton and Stanley E. Corder of Corvallis, Ore., at closing sessions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' spring session.

The heat release, based on grate area, the two reported, is about three times as high as that attained in most sawmill installations producing steam from hogged fuel. Based on furnace volume,

the heat release rate is about 15 times as great as that usually attained in most boiler installations using wood fuel.

The two men are mechanical engineers with the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory at Corvallis.

The experimental installation, they said, consists of an aircraft turbo-propeller set up as an open-cycle gas turbine. The turbine temperature and speed were controlled by varying the under-grate air supply, rather than fuel.

The fuel used in all tests was Douglas fir sawdust as received from the mill, with an average moisture content of approximately 40 per cent.

Studies by the laboratory, the two reported, show that Oregon sawmills produce a much greater volume of wood waste fuel in the manufacture of lumber than would be required to supply the mills' power requirements.

Pointing out that one area in Oregon had, within a 30-mile radius, a long range fuel potential of 850 units (200 cubic feet per unit) of unused waste wood per day, the engineers said:

"If the sawmills operate eight hours per day five days per week, this represents a waste of 25,000 horsepower continuously."

The idea behind the laboratory's project, the engineers said, originated in a contest for student papers sponsored by the society two years ago.

# Williams Has Favor Of State

SEATTLE (AP) — Walter Williams, seeking to test his strength among state Republican leaders because of his alignment with the Eisenhower cause, has the strong support of nearly two-thirds of the state's county GOP chairmen.

Williams is Washington state chairman for the GOP and is also national head of the Eisenhower campaign.

The county chairmen, however, do not have the power to elect or remove a state chairman—the office is decided strictly by a vote of the 78-member State Central Committee. The committee's executive board will meet here April 4, at Williams' call, to make its decision.

The county chairmen's approval was disclosed late Tuesday in a letter to Williams which 23 of the 29 chairmen signed. Williams, in New York, issued the call for the executive board meeting earlier in the day even as Mrs. Marion Schulte, Spokane, state vice chairman, was polling the GOP executive committee to force such a conference.

Williams has just taken over the chairmanship of the National Citizens' Committee for Eisenhower.

"We believe that the remarkable work you have done for the Republican party in the time you have been chairman has been overlooked or ignored," the county chairmen's letter said.

"Your selfless service, intelligent, untiring work and inspired leadership have strengthened our party more than many persons thought possible."

The letter made no mention of a national candidate for the Presidency.

# Bullet Used As Evidence

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — A bullet and a confession were entered as evidence Tuesday in the murder trial of two McMinnville, Ore., brothers charged with shooting Shoe Repairman Felix Molini.

Perry Johnson, of the California Bureau of Criminology, identified a bullet taken from Molini's body as having been fired from a .32 Walther pistol found in a car belonging to Richard and Robert Jones. Both have pleaded innocent and Richard has added a insanity plea.

Del Norte County Sheriff Charles Glover testified that 28-year-old Richard confessed it was he who shot Molini when the shoe repairman resisted during a holdup of his shop Jan. 26.

Glover said the confession came two days after the brothers were picked up at a Brookings, Ore., roadblock.

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# Tunnel Blast Death Toll Gains

CASERTA, Italy (AP) — The toll from Tuesday's tunnel blast near here rose to 39 dead and 40 injured as the grim work of recovering and identifying bodies continued.

Only 20 of the mangled bodies, thus far have been identified by relatives of the victims.

A store of dynamite exploded midway in the three-mile hydro-electric tunnel. Most of the injured were reported not in a serious condition.

The Philadelphia Athletics will play 23 spring exhibition games. Nine of them will be against American League teams and nine against National League outfits.

# Police Grab Opium Cache

PORTLAND (AP) — Opium worth some \$100,000 at retail was seized here Tuesday after police reported a San Francisco man tried to pass it in a gift-wrapped package to a Portlander.

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# Wage Scrap Cools Down As Steel, Union Officers Return To Negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitter wage scrap among high administration officials over wage policy simmered down Wednesday as steel firms and the CIO Steelworkers returned to negotiations.

A strike of more than 650,000 workers in the vital steel industry is threatened for April 8, only two weeks away. Officials urged both sides to work for a speedy settlement to avert a walkout.

Negotiations get under way Wednesday in Pittsburgh between the union and U.S. Steel Corp. and Jones & Laughlin Steel, two of the largest producers. Talks with other major firms start Thursday.

The administration row centered around Defense Mobilization Boss Charles E. Wilson. He touched it off by labeling Wage Stabilization Board proposals for settling the steel wage issue "a serious threat" to inflation control.

Wilson later sought to ease the situation by issuing a statement saying that, while he hadn't changed his mind, the WSB plan was "appropriate as a basis for trying to work out a settlement."

WSB Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger seemed satisfied. He had cut short a western speaking tour to fly back to Washington for what looked like a showdown fight between the WSB and Wilson that only President Truman could settle.

Left unanswered however, were the two big questions: (1) Were the WSB's settlement recommendations actually out of line? (2) Would the steel companies have to get price boosts, as they claimed, to pay the higher wages?

It appeared beyond question that whatever is done about the steel row, it will have a vast influence on the drafting of legislation to

extend present economic controls, and the ultimate Congressional debate. The present controls law expires June 30.

Chairman Maybank (D-S. C.), of the Senate Banking Committee said Monday that Big Steel wage and price boosts might result in kicking out all controls.

But after talking with Wilson Tuesday, Maybank announced his committee would start drafting new legislation right away. He predicted, a bill with controls just about matching those now in effect.

# Whisky Deals Money Makers

WASHINGTON (AP) — There was big money in wartime whisky deals for those with the right connections, testimony suggested Tuesday at a congressional investigation.

Hyman Harvey Klein, for example, told how he and three others put in \$4,000 and in 30 months took out 20 million dollars. It was pretty much a book-keeping transaction with Latin American corporations set up with the \$4,000 to sell whisky produced in Canada by United Distillers, Ltd. of Vancouver. B. C. It turned out that the whisky was sold in the United States with the Latin American corporation buying it for \$2.05 a case in Canada and selling it for \$19.05.

Klein said when the operation closed, he, his brother, I. J. Klein

of Vancouver; A. L. McLennan and George Morgan also Canadians, took out five million dollars each from the profits.

Norgan in addition to his distillery interests owns the Portland Pacific Coast League baseball team.

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