



AMONG THE 370 outstanding young journalists from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana who attended the annual Northwest Catholic High School Press Conference Oct. 17 and 18 at Gonzaga University, Spokane, was the above group from Sacred Heart academy, Klamath Falls. Pictured (l to r) are Mary Ann Guidi, Barbara Howard, Jerry Jarvis and Mary Egan.

Scientists Seek Easier Immigration

WASHINGTON (U)—Spokesmen for several score professional societies and a government agency have urged that Congress make it easier for foreign scientists and scholars to attend conferences in this country.

Probably 50 per cent of those seeking to come here for short visits run into difficulties or delays, said Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation.

Howard A. Meyerhoff, administrative secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that as a result with "becoming atrophied to the point where the national welfare and national security will suffer."

Meyerhoff and Waterman, appearing before the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization yesterday, proposed several revisions of the new McCarran-Walter Immigration Act to let down some of the bars which stirred a recent protest from a group of atomic scientists.

The new law, which becomes effective Dec. 24, was denounced by opponents in Congress as an anti-alien "exclusion measure."

One suggestion advanced at yesterday's hearing was that scholarly visitors be exempted from extensive security checks, questionnaires and other administrative procedures to which immigrants are subjected.

Prof. Sidney Painter of Johns Hopkins University, speaking for the American Council of Learned Societies, proposed that American passport and immigration officials accept statements from foreign universities and research institutions vouching for scientists and scholars.

Waterman estimated that the number of scientific visitors to this country each year is probably less than 3,000.

"But the scientists who do come here are important to our scientific strength out of all proportion to their number, for they consist, generally speaking, of the best scientific minds of the free world outside this country," he said, adding:

"Radar, the atomic bomb, jet aircraft and penicillin were perfected in the United States on the basis of discoveries and research in foreign countries to which we were given ready access."

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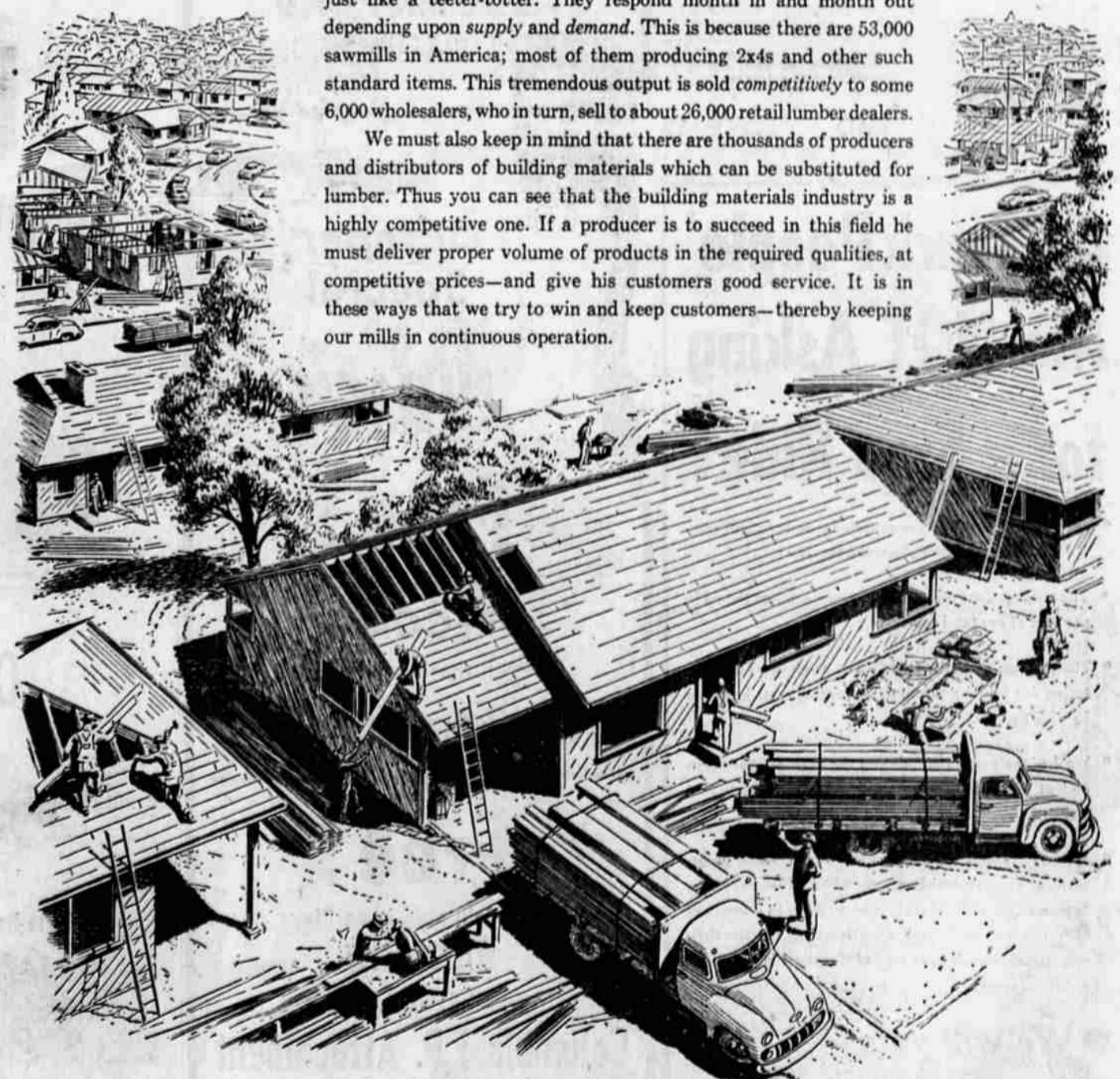
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