

# Log Industry Compared By Filipino Timber Boss

By NORM CARDOZA  
The island of Mindanao in the Philippines has something in common with Klamath County. Logging is a principal occupation there and forestry is an up and coming business. The industry is so important to the island economy that the Philippine government has set up a forestry school of its own at the University of the Philippines with U.S. assistance. It also sends some of its brightest forestry prospects abroad to study foreign methods. One is Isodoro B. Siapno, forest management supervisor on Mindanao, the largest, most productive island of the archipelago. He left Klamath Falls Thursday for San Francisco, a ship and a trip home after a year of study and travel in the United States. Siapno, 37, scooted through for-

ests in Oregon and Washington to compare forestry methods with others in the U.S. and in his own country. Many techniques used here were old stuff to Siapno, such as selective cutting and insect control. But the similarity between forest management here and there ends early and abruptly. One of the most striking differences is that Philippine foresters do not have to worry about fires. Forests there are too green, the weather and humidity too damp to encourage fire. And the staple tree in the nation's 38 million acres of forest is mahogany, both of soft and hard variety. Pine and fir just don't exist. Mahogany grows big, heavy and thick on the islands. Logging outfits, big and small, go after it with tooth and tongue. Most of the larger firms, many of them financed with foreign capital, including quite a bit from the U.S., use ultra-modern methods. But dozens of small operators, including "gypos" as they are known here, log small plots with hard work and ex-U.S. "six by six" trucks—brought to the islands during the war. They yard, load and haul the logs with truckpower, using a front-mounted winch extensively. The forests there also are capable of producing all sorts of secondary products. Rubber trees, though not native to the islands, are thick on big plantations owned by U.S. firms. Other big forest crops are bananas, coffee and coconuts. Probably, forest lands there are ideally suited to other important tree crops. But Siapno is concentrating on preserving for posterity the huge mahogany forests. The wood is the islands' principal export. It goes to the U.S., Europe, the Far East and elsewhere in the world. He faces a big problem. Big property owners have found a way to use homestead laws to superb advantage. Islanders are allowed by law to carve for themselves 16 acres of farmland from the forest. They do—by the thousands—then sell to big landowners who become bigger landowners. The forest is receding. It's something like the situation that faced the U.S. more than 50 years ago when Western forest lands were opened up to homesteaders. Siapno would like to see legislation passed that would curb unscrupulous homesteading. "But," he says, "the islands are run by the politicians who want votes. They get them from homesteaders. Siapno's trip was financed jointly by the U.S. government, the Philippine government and the International Cooperation Administration. He attended forestry classes at Syracuse University for nearly a year and has only to complete a thesis to obtain a master's degree in forestry. He is anxious to return to see his school-teacher wife and three children, who live in Zamboanga, Mindanao.



A PHILIPPINE FORESTER, Isodoro B. Siapno, left, got a lot of pointers from Darrell Frewing, ranger of the Klamath District, Rogue River National Forest, this week. Siapno is on tour of forests throughout the nation after studying forestry for a year at Syracuse University, New York. He began a trip home Thursday.

## Police Ban Aide From School

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—School Board President Everett Tucker Jr. didn't get to visit Hall High School Thursday. He left his identification card at home and police wouldn't let him through. Tucker said officers told him there were no exceptions to the no-card-no-admittance rule. Identification cards were issued to students and faculty members to allow them to pass through police lines set up around the schools to prevent disorder during integration of two high schools.

## Stranded Youth Leaves Silo

COLDWATER, Mich. (AP)—Police and firemen rushed to a tall silo here. A boy, about 10, was on top. Employees said the youngster had climbed up, apparently became panic-stricken and couldn't get down. Officers climbed up. The boy was gone. He'd climbed down the other side.

RED FLAG WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia's hammer and sickle flag will be flying all over Washington next month during Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit. If normal procedure is followed, a State Department source said it is customary to display hundreds of flags of the country of an official state visitor. The flags are festooned along parade routes. Each state visit costs from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for flags.

TEST FLIGHT CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A camera-carrying Thor missile streaked over the Atlantic on a 1,700-mile test flight today. The 16-millimeter movie camera rode in a data capsule tucked in the nose cone. It was positioned to photograph the separation of the cone from the main body of the rocket and to picture the earth as the cone sped away to a height of 300 miles.

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# Labor Official Gives Views Of Work By Rackets Group

EDITOR'S NOTE: A leading labor official gives his view of the Senate Rackets Committee's work in the following dispatch. The author, Al Hayes, is president of the International Assn. of Machinists, vice president of the AFL-CIO, and chairman of the AFL-CIO Committee on Ethical Practices.

By AL HAYES  
Written for UPI  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Organized labor has learned a great deal from the McClellan committee. We have learned the extent of wrongdoing in a few labor organizations. We have learned how the disclosures by a congressional committee can be distorted out of all proportion, how they can be misused to influence public opinion, to create a climate and to generate a hysteria for vindictive and punitive legislation. Most union members feel that congressional investigating committees should properly develop information necessary to the legislative process. However, we do not believe they should be used to foster more and more government control over the free institutions of our society. To the extent that the McClellan investigation results in unfair, unjust and unnecessary governmental interference in the affairs of labor, subsequent investigations by other congressional committees in years to come may bring similar controls to other institutions. The McClellan committee has disclosed some corruption and improper practices in the labor movement. What's more, as a result of action taken by the AFL-CIO, the guilty in labor have been penalized and wrongdoing in the labor movement has been made more difficult. The McClellan committee also uncovered a good deal of wrongdoing by management, by lawyers and by labor relations consultants. However, the reporting of this phase of the committee's hearings has been more restrained and the indignation of the editorial writers, columnists and commentators more cautious and conservative. I know of nothing that has been done by management or by the lawyers to correct the abuses uncovered. Notwithstanding this lack of action, there is no outcry for legislation to reform management. One of the good results of the McClellan committee has been the alerting of rank and file union members to their responsibilities to keep their union clean and to remove those who are more devoted to personal gain than they are to the cause of trade unionism. The committee's work, I hope, has also alerted law enforcement agencies to the need for greater diligence in enforcing laws already on the statute books.

## United States Put On Spot By Minister Meet Reports

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States has been put on the spot in the United Nations by reports that the Big Four foreign ministers have agreed the next committee to negotiate on disarmament should be divided equally between Communist and Western Nations. Why, a number of members ask, has the United States agreed to East-West parity after vigorously opposing Soviet demands for it for several years? Repercussions in the U.N. followed word from Geneva and Paris that the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union had agreed to set up a 10-nation group to resume disarmament negotiations deadlocked since 1957. The proposed group would have the Western Big Three plus Italy and Canada on one side, and the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Albania on the other. U.S. and British officials insist no final decision has been reached on makeup of the group. Reliable sources say the Soviet Union at Geneva renewed its demand for parity and that the British readily agreed. They say the United States, despite some misgivings, was persuaded to go along. The U.N. Disarmament Commission has been unable to do anything for two years, since the major Western powers rejected a

## Pilot Killed In Copter Crash

NEW YORK (AP)—A Texas pilot was fatally injured Thursday when his Army helicopter hit the top of an apartment building on Governor's Island while coming in for a landing. The pilot, Warrant Officer Lester G. Bundrick, 30, Henderson, Tex., died at an Army hospital.

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