

In the first appendix to the printed record of these hearings, when it is printed, the Chair directs that the text of this memorandum of questions be reproduced in full, followed by all of the answers that any witnesses or others voluntarily submit. I think it will be most convenient if we have the questions and the answers all together in one place, so we shall set aside an appendix to the record, which, however, will be printed in and immediately follow the hearings record, as the repository for these questions and answers.¹

Senator MORSE. Our first witness this morning will be Mr. Ray E. Johnson, timber manager, West Tacoma Newsprint Co.

Mr. Johnson, I want to thank you very much for cooperating with the committee by being willing to let your testimony go over from yesterday afternoon to this morning. We appreciate it very much. We are delighted to have you. You may come to the witness chair. Please proceed in your own way.

STATEMENT OF RAY E. JOHNSON, TIMBER MANAGER, WEST TACOMA NEWSPRINT CO., STEILACOOM, WASH.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First I do want to say that I did not at all mind not appearing until this morning. We from Washington State very sincerely appreciate the attention that is being given to this problem at this time. You gentlemen from Oregon are certainly delving into it in depth. We in Washington, as you know, have about two-thirds of the problem. I will proceed with my prepared statement at this point.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Ray E. Johnson, manager of the timber department for West Tacoma Newsprint Co. located at Steilacoom, Wash. I am a professional forester and have been associated with this company for 14 of its 21 years of operation in its timber program. I am a director of the Industrial Forestry Association and currently I am serving as chairman of its public timber sale committee.

The committee's examination of the log-export problem is most timely. The situation is urgent due to uncertainty of negotiations with the Japanese and deterioration in many segments of the Northwest forest-products economy.

Late in 1961 our company, with others, in statements to the Subcommittee on Forests of the House Agriculture Committee, expressed deep concern as to long-term implications of the rise to over 330 million board feet of log exports to Japan during that year. Today, 6 years later, predictions made then have come to pass with the export in 1967 of over some 600 million board feet of Federal timber alone from Washington, Oregon, and California. These circumstances have arisen by failure of timely and long overdue Government administrative restrictive actions.

West Tacoma Newsprint Co. operates a 120,000-ton-annual-production newsprint mill with domestic newspapers as its customers. It employs over 300 in mill operations and provides employment for over 100 more in the logging industry.

The company originally was 100 percent dependent upon open market log sources. Over the period since 1952 it has gradually

¹ NOTE.—See app. I, in part 3 of these hearings.