

International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union

AFFILIATED LOCALS

ASTORIA—18 and 50
 LONGVIEW, WN.—21 and 43
 NEWPORT—53
 NORTH BEND—12
 PORTLAND—8, 40 and 92
 VANCOUVER, WN.—4

COLUMBIA RIVER



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RE: LOG EXPORTS

The Honorable Wayne Morse, Chairman
 Senate Small Business Subcommittee
 Senate Office Building
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator and Members of the Committee:

We have previously covered this subject with you. But in view of the publicity given adverse testimony and the fact that the deadline for filing supplementary statements is fast approaching, I am obligated to reiterate views and facts you may already have had presented to you, namely that the economy of tidewater communities located in Oregon and Washington are almost or in some cases entirely dependent upon the log shipments to Japan. I would call this vital cargo in maritime states.

There is no question at all that the handling of this vital commodity has been a major source of income to our own members, as well as to loggers, tug boatmen, boommen and truckers, and indirectly of the greatest benefit to small businesses in Coos Bay, Astoria and Portland, many Washington ports, including Tacoma, and is of potential value to the Oregon port of Newport, where expenditure and planning has gone into the development of facilities for log loading.

Al Hartung, past president of the International Woodworkers of America, in his testimony before your committee, emphasized that the tight money situation has decimated the lumber industry's prime outlet -- building construction. It does not seem fair to imperil existing payrolls when factors other than the exports have been listed as causative to the lumber industry slump.

I have always felt that any curtailment or an embargo relating to foreign commerce is contrary to the best interests of a great trading nation, especially when we are today acknowledged as one of the leading manufacturing countries, as well as having other products, in addition to logs, in an unprocessed state which it is necessary for us to export. Just recently (on January 19) a trade team, including two Portland members, left Seattle on a wheat export promotion mission to Japan, Korea, the