

At Alaska Wood Products, the force of 50 workers is scheduled for expansion this year as that firm goes onto a second shift. Plans also call for addition of a plywood veneer plant which would provide veneer for shipment to the lower 48. AWP's plant and facilities is worth approximately \$2 million.

Lumber processing provides Wrangell with a stable, year around industry. It is complemented by fishing and sea food processing. Both of these industries, however, are seasonal in nature.

The reasoning behind the change in ruling is hard for residents of this community to grasp. At present, almost 100 percent of all the number shipped from Wrangell is sent to Japan. How changing the type of product being shipped would mean an increase in the balance of payments picture is very difficult to understand.

It would mean the death of Southeastern Alaska's primary year around business.

And it would mean financial disaster to this community.

With few exceptions, the residents of Wrangell are 100 per cent behind you in your opposition to this change. We feel the balance of payments within our community and state are our primary interest. We feel we have been doing our part for several years as one of the few areas that has been able to export goods and at the same time provide local jobs and economic growth with the same industry.

It is our feeling that without such an industry, Southeastern Alaska would become economically depressed to such a degree as to become a financial burden to all levels of government.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. BRADLEY, *President.*

[Telegrams]

JUNEAU, ALASKA, *January 15, 1968.*

Senator WAYNE MORSE,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

I wish to express my extreme opposition to the proposal to allow sale of raw timber from national forest lands. Such an action would seriously debilitate the economy of southeastern Alaska and adversely affect the entire State. I strongly urge you to oppose this move.

KATHLEEN JELESKI.

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, *January 14, 1968.*

Senator WAYNE MORSE,
Chairman, Subcommittee, Retailing, Distribution, and Marketing, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

Urge you oppose round log export from Alaska.
Letter follows.

SECRETARY, LOCAL 62.
INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMANS & WAREHOUSEMAN'S UNION.

PETERSBURG, ALASKA,
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
January 12, 1968.

Hon. WAYNE MORSE,
*U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SIR: Your attention is called to the Federal proposal for unrestricted round log export from the State of Alaska.

The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce continues to support the primary manufacture regulations that are in effect in the State of Alaska at the present time, and vigorously opposes any change in these regulations for the following reasons:

- (1) Existing processing plants and their employees would be placed in severe jeopardy.
- (2) Any additional expansion of processing facilities would be ruled out.
- (3) Wood processing plants are becoming a major factor in the economy of Alaskan towns and their loss would be a severe blow to the economy of Alaska.