

had exported that themselves and that they had, in fact, imported logs from Siberia. They showed me photographs of some of the logs coming from Siberia in what we in the Northwest describe as the Davis raft.

However, they informed us also that they much preferred to deal first of all with the United States, and secondly, that our quality of logs was far superior to those logs that they could get from Siberia, and so that they would pursue importation of logs from the United States to the extent that they could.

We have also pointed out in this brief that they have very successfully implemented those intentions, and they have continued to increase their importation of logs from our Pacific Northwest. So we have become concerned, and for a number of years we of the lumber and sawmill workers in the Pacific Northwest stood all alone in voicing our concern over this continuation of export, and from time to time the climate has accelerated, let us say, and more people have become interested in it or exhibited an interest in it, but as we have also pointed out in the brief, we went every route we have known to go. We have conferred with practically every Federal agency concerned in this on local levels, regional levels, the national levels. We have even gone the so-called GATT route, and we have got no relief.

This appears to be the climax, and this is why we are most hopeful that from these hearings here, which have been most comprehensive and have brought together opinions and statements from any people of industry and other sources that has never been had before, that we think when this transcript is finally made, that there will be the most comprehensive hearing that has ever been held on this subject of log export from the Pacific Northwest.

We are also hopeful that this committee will be able to make some conclusions and some recommendations as we have pointed out that will bring about some solving of this problem.

We cannot pactly blame the Japanese entirely for doing what they have done in the way of seeking our log supply.

Frankly, I think the Japanese have played a good thing too far. But I think our industry and our Government are mainly responsible for letting them go to that point. I think our Government has been somewhat indifferent to the subject, and have not been fully cognizant of the impact that this will have on the economy of our Northwest.

I think within our own industry, that in the past years that this has been going on, that it has become kind of a "me, too" thing. While this one started exporting logs, the other one said, "Well, if you are going to, I am going to, too," and the thing has spiraled to an unbelievable point that nobody ever anticipated that it would ever reach the proportions that it has reached today.

Certainly I think that we are a few years late for the best point at which to call a halt to this, but somewhere along the line we must call a halt. And since we can't turn back the clock, I think we have to stop now at a reasonable point, and we have suggested that a moratorium now be placed on it for a limited period of time while we seek a more thorough study, in the hopes that we can arrive amicably, hopefully with the Japanese at a reasonable point of export of our natural resources.

We are very concerned with this as far as my people are concerned out West, because we have suffered a loss of a lot of jobs through the