

logs to Japan, or would you let Japanese buyers come into our public land forest auctions, and if they can bid up the price that results in the hammer knocking the log down to them, let them buy it without restrictions?

Dr. GRAVES. In my view it doesn't make very much sense to export raw materials to others that we are in dire need of ourselves. The gradual increase in true unilateral freedom of world trade will of course provide certain balances. We will be importing more woods from the Scandinavian countries and hardwoods from the tropical countries. I think the stress of the concern here has to do with softwood resources, and the pinch is pointing very clearly at the productive resources of our Pacific Northwest. I think that a very comprehensive look must be taken at what the outlook is, and to husband our resources in accordance with whatever parameters of policies our Government feels is appropriate.

Senator MORSE. In carrying out our obligations to husband our resources, and looking ahead to the needs of the future generations of Americans, these forest lands being a great natural resource, do you think as a matter of public policy, we would be carrying out our trusteeship obligations to future generations of Americans, to allow any logs to be taken out of our Federal forests for export abroad, unless there is first a finding that those are excess logs not only as to present needs but foreseeable future needs?

Dr. GRAVES. One could easily take that position, yes.

Senator MORSE. Could you take it?

Dr. GRAVES. I think I would, yes, provided we were fully utilizing the resources, and were not in a position of having substantial volumes of material remaining unused, and tending to go to waste because of unrealistic public forest management policy. In other words, I tend to view the export opportunity somewhat in the light of an opportunity for increasing management potential to our resource, in a sense as I mentioned getting our house in order.

Senator MORSE. The next think the committee has to face up to, whether or not this country is justified in exporting those logs when Japan buys the primary processed lumber from Canada and from Alaska. No logs are sold from Alaska because the Forest Service won't sell them any logs, and in Canada, because their restrictions are so great that any logs are sold, so the testimony runs, the logs sold are reject or low-quality logs and do not in any way impair the lumber economy of Canada. This is the other facet of this problem. You must have some views as a professional forester on that.

Do you think it is unreasonable for your government to take the position that even if you are going to ship wood products out of our country, you must limit those shipments to lumber products in some form at least of finishing that will provide jobs for our people that are let out of jobs now, if the testimony is accurate, because mills have closed down as a result of the export of logs?

This brings up an important public policy. If you refuse to ship the logs and Japan needed the lumber, she would either have to get it from us or get her logs elsewhere. Some of us hold the point of view that if she doesn't want to get the lumber here, she can buy the logs elsewhere, because we still would be maintaining a bank of log supply to be drawn upon by generations to come.