

DIGEST OF INFORMAL STATEMENTS MADE ON JULY 5 AT
PORTLAND, OREGON BY SAWMILL OPERATORS, PLYWOOD
MANUFACTURERS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND LABOR
UNION OFFICIALS TO UNITED STATES SENATOR
WAYNE L. MORSE

Mr. Joseph McCracken welcomed Senator Morse and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to let the Senator hear the facts from representatives of several of the localities that are concerned over log exports to Japan. Mr. McCracken said that each man in turn around the table would have the opportunity to tell Senator Morse the details of the situation in his own locality and Senator Morse was to feel free to interrupt at any time with questions, comments or discussion. In short -- complete informality.

Mr. Stan Rose, stated that: he operates the Exeter Lumber Company at Longview, Washington, where he uses about 60 million feet of logs per year; he is operating today only because "six good Americans" are willing to sell logs to him for less than they can get from the Japanese. Mr. Rose pointed to Mr. Will Ritchie, of Aberdeen Plywood Company, who is selling to Mr. Rose the smaller sawlogs that Aberdeen Plywood Company gets mixed in with the peelers and peelable sawlogs in the standing timber that Aberdeen Plywood Company purchases. These sawlogs are sold to Mr. Rose at from \$5 to \$10 per thousand below the prices that the Japanese are offering to Mr. Ritchie for the same sawlogs. When the management of Aberdeen Plywood Company or its stockholders become concerned at this situation, Mr. Rose will be forced to reduce his production and employment. When the other five suppliers arrive at the same situation, Mr. Rose will be forced to close his mill. Mr. Rose said that he is grateful for the Americanism of men like Mr. Ritchie because substantially every other small sawmill in Longview is now closed and its workers unemployed because of the heavy export of logs from this area to Japan. Mr. Rose said that the Japanese purchase program has already raised the log market in Longview at least \$5 which puts the rest of the small, local sawmills well over their break-even point.

Mr. Rose stated that it is ironic that the Northwest Senators worked so hard to open the timber on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest only to see it flow to make jobs in Japan and end jobs in the United States. Mr. Rose also stated that a Mr. James Rodgers of Aborigine Lumber Company at