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Redwood Memorial For Dag

News and Views, a publication issued monthly primarily as a house organ for the Division of Beaches and Parks, features an article copied from The New York Times, which is of great interest and importance to this state of California.

It concerns a 200 - acre stand of giant redwood trees which has been proposed as a memorial to Dag Hammarskjold. Its supporters call the proposal fitting because the late secretary - general of the United Nations "was a man of world - wide political stature and interests, just as the redwood is international in origin and lofty in character."

The suggestion was made by the Save the Redwood League, which has been working for 43 years to preserve the representative examples of the remaining redwood forests of California.

Officers of the league said that representatives of other conservation organizations, such as the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy, had approved the idea, which is in the exploratory stage. Backers of the proposal hope that the memorial would be an official one of the United Nations, with financial support from the world organization. They are also considering the possibility of contributions from member nations and private sources.

The redwood, now found almost exclusively in California, was spread widely in the Northern Hemisphere millions of years ago. A stand of the coast redwoods at Pepperwood Flats, about 250 miles north of San Francisco, is the one proposed by the league for a Hammarskjold memorial. Now owned by the Pacific Lumber Co. at Scotia, the stand is described by Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, president of the league, as "the finest unit on the Redwood Highway not in public ownership."

The virgin stand includes some trees 300 feet high and some up to 2,000 years old. It is marked for logging by the company unless it is disposed of to the public before the scheduled construction of a freeway to be built around the redwood area. No price has been put on the tract, but a league member and spokesman said it "might run considerably over \$1,000,000."

Norman Livermore Jr., treasurer of Pacific Lumber, said that the Pepperwood Flat stand of redwoods comprises

"a long, narrow strip that gives the motorist a superlative view for a long time."

In the same issue of News and Views there is a photostatic copy of the resolution the State Division of Beaches and Parks has presented to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman in appreciation and acknowledgement of the historic items and artifacts to properly interpret California's heritage - the Holman collection of early California Indian artifacts and objects considered one of the outstanding collections of its type in existence. The collection will greatly enhance the historic interpretation of the Monterey area.

The second floor of the Old Pacific Building at Calle Principal and Scott street is being put in order at this time and the collection will soon be moved in and properly displayed for the admiration of guests.