Lounging Chairs Raise Redwood Enthusiasts Ire

EUREKA, Calif. - The patio lounge you may be sitting on plays a major role in a best-ed debate between conserva-tionists and the lumber industry over the proper use of the monolith redwoods. It is east it is easy to get emotional about the redwoods but it is not easy to decide what shall be-come of them. So many people have tried to decide, however, that the debate has assumed the decorum of Saturday night in a orum of Saturday night in a

that the debate has assumed the decorum of saturday night in a logging camp."

"Timber!" cry partisans of all sides as they dive into the first. But to the lumber industry, timber means board feet and patio furmiture. To the conservationists.—"those deep breathers" to their critics—timber is a tree made by God, ment by man.

Somewhere between these extremes is the campaign to create a national redwood park, as park that will preserve enough redwoods for ages to come, yet leave enough for the timber industry of today.

Pew, really, ac opposed to such a park, But only the park of the park whipping to and fro like a two-man saw to no decision.

AND MEANWHILE the trees

The coast redwood--sequola sempervirens, siways green-is the world's tallest tree, it is not even the biggest or old-est tree in California, its cou-

est tree in Caitornia, its cousin, the Sierra sequota, is bestier and the bristleccue plue can
live wire as long—4,500 years.
But en masse in Long—1,500 have
singular resistance tolernites,
casy and five; low shrinkage
and clear grain.
"As lumber, the coast
redwoods were too good to
live," said John Murr, founder
of the Sierra Citab, a leading
conservationist organization.
Trus, So the trees fail...
There were perhaps two
million acres of coast redwoods
when Russian settlers began
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BUT THEN came the post-war housing boom, And the trees

Private industry currently takes about 900 million board feet a year-around 15,000 acres.-from its 850,000 acres. Industry reseeds, and most of its foresters think it will be able to balance its harvest with new growth at the present cut level --if no more land is 'lost' to

--If no more land is "lost" to the parks.

The matter is central to the park debate.

John Miles, a redwood for-estry consultant, says "the pre-sent privately owned growth index is acquate to the part of the

CONSERVATIONISTS par-ticularly the Sierra Club, dis-pute this. They say the com-panies will "cut out and get CONSERVATIONISTS

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out" and therefore their arguments about losing further land are specious. They don't need the land to stay in business because they don't intend

ness because they don't niven to anyway.

In rebuttal, industry notes that Georgia-Pacific Corp, and the Simpson Lungber Co, have spent over 570 fibilition in new retwood pulp binate in the part of the control of the

will enable them to get more wood from the same acreage.

"For my money," says an official of the National Park Service, "the companies arent spending this kind of dough just to go out of business."

The world, if it had to, could survive without redwood lumber. But without redwood lumber, But without redwood in the survive with the survive without redwood in the survive with the su

In coal group called Citizens for a Redwood Park, "It could take years to find out what that chapter might have meant,"
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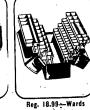


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