

Mr. CULKIN. General, what would be the approximate cost of that pipe line from Carrabelle to Jacksonville?

General REYBOLD. We estimate, in round figures, \$10,000,000, covering the pipe line and necessary storage facilities and pumping accessories.

Mr. CULKIN. The necessity in the Northeast, as you understand, is very great at this time. We are told that coal will be 8,000,000 tons short in the Northeast this year, and oil for heating, of course, will be greatly reduced—something like two-thirds of the normal supply. So the solution must be forthcoming promptly.

General REYBOLD. One would judge so; yes, sir.

Mr. PETERSON. General, I have been turning over this proposition of how you are going to get this oil up from Jacksonville just by that pipe line. I notice this morning a statement from the Governor of Florida to the President in which he states that there are barges loaded with oil all along the Gulf coast of Florida today which cannot be unloaded because there is no place to store the oil, and that there is plenty of oil down in Florida and Georgia, in my section of the country, but there is no oil up in this section. Now, a pipe line is just going to take this oil across the land to Jacksonville, and unless you have some way to get it on up north from there, what have you done?

General REYBOLD. It is wholly dependent upon floating craft—barges and towboats—to get it up there.

Mr. PETERSON. Have you that floating craft available now?

General REYBOLD. We have it to some extent.

Mr. PETERSON. Are you using it to the fullest capacity now?

General REYBOLD. There is none to be hauled from down there.

Mr. PETERSON. All right. Why don't you get a bunch of these tank cars across to Jacksonville, just a few miles, and use the facilities you have now to bring it up to this section of the country?

General REYBOLD. If you can find the tank cars, it is a fine proposition.

Mr. PETERSON. But you do have ample facilities from Jacksonville north, if you can get the oil to Jacksonville?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir. We have a 12-foot waterway from there to Trenton.

Mr. PETERSON. But you have got to have barges and towboats?

General REYBOLD. We have got to get them together; that is absolutely correct. There must be barges and towboats.

Mr. PETERSON. You have not enough of them now?

General REYBOLD. I would say not.

Mr. PETERSON. How long would it take to build a sufficient number of those boats?

General REYBOLD. I could not tell you that; but I do know this: As soon as you build a barge or towboat you can put it into use immediately.

Mr. PETERSON. How long will it take to build those barges and towboats, under present conditions?

General REYBOLD. It is all dependent again, of course, Mr. Peterson, on priorities even for building wooden barges. You have seen a good deal of discussion about that in the newspapers.