

Mr. RANKIN. That, added to the Wyoming oil, makes about 100,000 barrels, which, with 650,000 barrels in California, would be 750,000 barrels.

Is that sufficient for the requirements of the west coast in the present situation?

Mr. ALLEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. RANKIN. So it will not be necessary to pipe any of this oil, or to transport this oil from Texas, Oklahoma, or Louisiana to the west coast.

Mr. ALLEN. Not immediately.

Mr. RANKIN. About how much oil is produced in the east Texas field? When you refer to the east Texas field I presume you mean that area around Longview.

Mr. ALLEN. That east Texas field is the greatest oil field in this country, with the greatest amount of reserves and the greatest—

Mr. RANKIN. How much production has it?

Mr. ALLEN. That production—I would like to say first they cannot produce every day because of the lack of outlet. The railroad commission of Texas assigns each well a certain amount and then gives it a number of producing days.

During the course of the month of May I believe the east Texas field will average throughout the month something like 300,000 barrels a day.

Mr. RANKIN. That is something like the production in Louisiana. The Louisiana production, I believe, is 341,000 barrels a day.

Mr. ALLEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SMITH. Your rationing program goes into effect in Oregon and Washington on June 1 of this year?

Mr. ALLEN. There again I would have to plead ignorance. Our office is not in charge of the rationing program, you understand.

Mr. SMITH. I was wondering what steps were being taken to relieve that situation.

Mr. ALLEN. The actual steps being taken are the building up and filling of all stocks available in Washington and Oregon. As you probably know, they were seriously depleted a month or so ago to a point where important industries at Seattle had only a 1 or 2 days' supply.

It has been necessary, and deemed so, to completely fill that storage for petroleum products in that area, and the present transportation facilities are being pressed to the utmost to do that.

It is expected that there may be some material realization of that program within the next month or so, unless a wholly unprecedented situation with respect to other demands develops.

Mr. SMITH. You do not expect that rationing to be permanent; it is just a temporary measure for 30 or 60 days? Arrangements will be made to supply sufficient gasoline and fuel oil for heating this coming fall and winter?

Mr. ALLEN. It is the object of our office to get sufficient oil there. As to what may be done with respect to requirements for rubber conservation I am unable to say.

Mr. SMITH. Is it your opinion that wooden barges are practical for the transportation of oil?

Mr. ALLEN. I used to ride on wooden barges on the Monongahela River, and I found them entirely practical for that purpose. My