

Mr. ALLEN. I suppose so. I am not an authority on ships, however.

Mr. CULKIN. It seems that we have two bites to reach the Northeast: One is to go up the Mississippi and by pipe line down the lake, to take care of the industrial Northeast; and also the industrial areas; and the other is the pipe line across Florida—

Mr. ALLEN (interposing). But all of that does not add up to what is needed. We are considering that but all of that does not add up to the amount of oil that is going to be needed. That is the reason I answered the question in that way; if we do include barges and include the continuous use of tank cars and the use of the intercoastal waterways, including the construction of pipe lines, the relaying of all pipe that can be found, even with that there is still not going to be the amount of oil that we have been accustomed to and we are going to have barely the minimum level of 1,200,000 barrels that are required. That is the reason I say use all of them.

Mr. CULKIN. If we had the inland waterways the thing would be solved?

Mr. ALLEN. Provided the tankers are not needed for other purposes.

The CHAIRMAN. Foreign service, for instance.

Mr. ALLEN. And for military service, a thing which is entirely possible, of course. For instance, a tanker moving to New York might not take very long, but if it has to cross the Pacific it takes five of six times as long; and we may be required to move oil to our far-flung operations all of which require oil. Good steel, aluminum, and other materials are simply useless without the power to move them; and our requirement for oil on the seven seas is going to increase the demand upon our oil transportation facilities.

The CHAIRMAN. And the oil production in the southwest Pacific is in the hands of the enemy now.

Mr. ALLEN. Unfortunately it is.

The CHAIRMAN. That will require many more tankers to supply the Army and Navy than would have been the case if those fields had been available to us.

Mr. ALLEN. Yes, indeed. The oil that is lost means that we will have to supply our forces from other sources and that just means an extra drain upon our own facilities.

The CHAIRMAN. It will be almost impossible to supply tankers for domestic uses in the distribution of oil that is required for consumption. All we can produce will have to go to the Army and Navy services.

Mr. ALLEN. I suspect so, but I hope for the better, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. You hope we are mistaken.

Mr. ALLEN. I hope we are mistaken; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. On yesterday the statement was made before the committee to the effect that a statement had been given out by the Governor of Florida that there were a number of barges on the east coast of Florida and plenty of gasoline there and none of it was being moved up the intracoastal waterway of the Atlantic seaboard. Have you any knowledge of the existence of barges of that kind?

Mr. ALLEN. Not of my own knowledge.

Mr. GREEN. May I state, Mr. Chairman, that I have here a list that was submitted to Mr. J. R. Partén by Hon. W. D. Outman of Florida.