

Mr. KIRWAN. What about the pipe line? It is the same thing. You have got to do the digging and take it all the way up to Illinois.

Mr. ANGELL. Major Parten, I would like to ask whether you have priorities on steel for the pipe line.

Major PARTEN. We do not. We expect within the next few days to request the War Production Board to reconsider the former application in the light of a new appraisal of the merits of this line according to the present picture and under the present conditions.

Mr. ANGELL. Is there steel available to allocate to you providing you get the priorities?

Major PARTEN. That, of course, we do not know. That will be subject to the discretion of the War Production Board. They must appraise all uses for steel. We are prepared to say that, as one use for steel, since the war industries of the east coast are dependent upon petroleum, this would be a very legitimate use for steel, and certainly within the limits that we have reduced the request; but as to whether it would stack up in preference to other needs for steel, we would not be in a position to say.

Mr. ANGELL. I would say that for the Army itself it would probably be most important, for our war effort, would it not?

Major PARTEN. I would say it is very vital, because men in the Army today think there is no way physically possible to meet the demand and supply the east coast without this pipe line; and I will say there that whereas there was a good deal of debate about the pipe line in all circles last summer, that opinion is now unanimous, so far as we can ascertain.

Mr. VOORHIS. Which pipe line are you talking about?

Major PARTEN. I am talking about the 24-inch pipe line from Longview to Philadelphia.

The CHAIRMAN. Major Parten, will you tell us how much steel that would require?

Major PARTEN. 355,000 tons under the new appraisal.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, can you tell us how much steel it would take to build a ship that would convey 100,000 barrels?

Major PARTEN. Of course that would only be an approximate figure, Mr. Chairman; but it would be in the vicinity of 4,200 tons.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe you stated in your statement that the tankers conveyed only about 1,300,000 barrels.

Major PARTEN. From Texas; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you tell us about what proportion of that was gasoline and what was raw or fuel oil?

Major PARTEN. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I do not have those figures. I can merely give you an approximation. Roughly, about 37 percent, in normal times, was gasoline.

The CHAIRMAN. And the crude, I presume, went to Bayonne, principally?

Major PARTEN. The crude oil went to Bayonne and Philadelphia. The east coast refineries for years have been dependent upon Gulf coast sources of crude supply and South American sources of crude supply.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you advise us as to whether any of it went around to Boston by ship?