

WOODS CONTROL HELD LEADING TO BOTTLENECK

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (AP)—Wilson Compton, executive officer of the lumber and timber products war committee, said today that government lumber procurement agencies may expect another "bottle neck" if the federal controls of forestry practices now sought by the U. S. forest service as a war measure are imposed upon the timber industries. Compton, in a report prepared for delivery to the committee, said proposed forest service regulations "will not add a tree, a log or a foot of lumber to the nation's war supply, but they will drive a lot of log and lumber production back into the ground."

Adequate for 1943
He said further extension of federal control over the lumber industry should await determination after the war. Timber reserves and mill capacities were adequate for 1943 demands, he declared, and estimated the national lumber consumption this year would be approximately 38,600,000,000 board feet, an increase of about 12 per cent over 1941. Lumber requirements for war and essential civilian uses in 1943 would be about 34,500,000,000 board feet, he added, the decrease, resulting from an expected decrease in plant and housing construction which has passed its peak, and an anticipated rise in requirements for boxes, crates and containers for the overseas shipment of supplies.

PINE WAGE HEARING CONTINUES TODAY

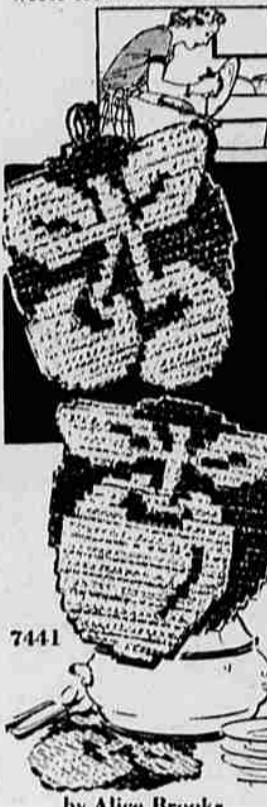
PORTLAND, Nov. 18 (AP)—A hearing on proposed wage increases in the Pacific northwest pine industry continued before the west coast lumber commission today. Operators opposed the increases on the ground wages already were comparable to shipyard and war industry paychecks. They presented these figures: The prevailing wage in eastern Oregon on August 1 was 93 1/2 cents an hour. The average wage in central and southern Oregon and northern California in September was 80 cents an hour. The average rate for the entire western pine industry was 75.9 cents. AFL representatives are asking a minimum of \$1.05.

Allied Blows in North Africa Strike Nazis in Grimmiest Winter of War

By EDWIN SHANKE
LONDON, Nov. 18—The allied blows in North Africa struck Nazi Germany at a time when it was entering the grimmest winter of the war. From the standpoint of five determining factors of war—military, economic and political strength, tenacity of allies and morale—Germany is at crossroads. Reserves Gone It is not a question of a "turnip winter" like that in 1917 which presaged the fall of imperial Germany. Reichsmarshal Goering already has told the world the suppressed peoples will starve before Germany does. But Germany has eaten through her reserves despite the strictest rationing. This year's overall harvest is reported to be only 80 per cent of normal, although the Germans now are tilling a million more acres than last year when the harvest was 15 per cent below average.

Balkans Drained
Disorganized by war, flood, drought, peasant hoarding and guerilla warfare, the rest of Europe is much worse off. In France the total wheat production is down a half-million tons to 6,000,000 and the Germans have ordered the French to double their deliveries to the reich despite the recent loss of African supplies. Italy can barely squeeze through with its 7,000,000 tons. The Balkans, supposed to be the Nazi granary, will have barely enough food for themselves. Fodder is generally less, meaning that there is likely to be extensive livestock slaughter. The Nazis are claiming nothing from the Russian Ukraine this year. Finland, Poland, Belgium, Norway and Greece are Europe's black spots, with young and old sinking under food deficiencies and diseases. Economically Germany is hit-

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