

# Golden State Challenges New York in Business, Too

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
The hot rivalry between the states of New York and California is going to get hotter. California claims to have gone ahead in population a couple of years ago and now is challenging the Empire State for the business leadership of the nation.

At the end of 1965 New York still had more business establishments than any other state in the nation, but during the year there was a drop of almost 3 per cent, to 239,262 concerns, while California enjoyed a gain of more than 2 per cent, to 213,217, to rank it second.

Taking into account the all-around growth that has been taking place in the western United States, experts foresee the day as not too far off when California may be first in business as well as in population.

ber production in the United States set a postwar record in 1965 and appears headed for a higher level in 1966, according to a Northwest industrialist. Last year's figure of 11.1 billion cubic feet was about 2 per cent above the 1964 total of 10.9 billion cubic feet, said John D. Gray, president of Omark Industries, Inc., citing government statistics.

"Current economic indicators point to further expansion in timber consumption and construction in addition to timber harvesting," said Gray, whose company is the leading producer of saw chains, key components of power saws universally used to fell trees for lumber and pulpwood.

Peak production years came early in this century, when there was high demand for fuel wood.

One of the most surprising areas of growth, in view of the recent headlines facing the newspaper industry, is the rising consumption of newsprint. In terms of adult population—persons 20 years or older—the U.S. consumption of newsprint in 1965 climbed to 144 pounds per capita, up from 139 pounds in 1964.

AmERICANS will use 50 million tons of paper and paper products in the coming year, a 4 per cent increase over 1965 and well over twice as much as they consumed per year at the end of World War II.

That is the forecast of Kimberly-Clark Corp. It estimates that per-person paper and paperboard use in 1966 will reach 507 pounds. In the past year, the average American bought 495 pounds of paper products, for a total of 48 million tons. In 1946 the total buy among packaged foods was 22.5 million tons, less than half.

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