WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY.

The work of re-locating aliens and alien enemies and other persons who may be removed from military areas is now carried on by the War Relocation Authority in cooperation with the War Department. Their job will be to evacuate and make provision for 130,000 Japanese of which 2500 are in New York, 500 in Alaska and 127,000 elsewhere so they can make a living, procure education for children and perform some useful work. The average age of Japanese aliens is between 58 and 60 years; that of the citizen Japanese is about 21 years. One fourth of all those to be evacuated are children under 14. This whole group will be detained in 10 different relocation areas, the size of which will vary from 7000 to 20,000 each. They will be assigned to do useful public work and in certain cases will be permitted to engage in private employment. Wages ranging from $12 to $19 per month will be paid to about 70,000 Japanese workers and are based on living needs. Food, clothing, medical care and education will be provided. It will cost about $45,000,000 per year to maintain the camps or areas which are being constructed for this purpose.

HIGH OCTANE GAS COMES DOWN.

The high speed airplane motor of today requires high-octane gasoline with an octane number of 100 if it is to perform efficiently. A year ago, our production of this high-octane gas was about 40,000 barrels per day. Production has gone up at a phenomenal rate and at the same time prices have come down. Heretofore the price ranged from 14c to 38c per gallon. It is now supplied to government at a trifle over 12c per gallon. The saving to the U.S. is about $25,000,000 per year.

HERE IS A MAN!

Protruding from the mainland of Manchuria like a great finger with the East China Sea on one side and the Sea of Japan on the other is Chosen. It's part of the Japanese Empire now. More than 30 years ago, it was an independent country and it's name was Korea. It has a population of 20,000,000. In all those years since Korea was subjugated by Japan, its people and its leaders have patiently and valiantly struggled to regain their independence. Just now, they have set up a provisional government with headquarters at Chungking China. The President of this government is an interesting person. His name is Dr. Syngman Rhee. He is now in Washington. He graduated from Princeton long ago, when Woodrow Wilson was the President of that institution. Wilson referred to Dr. Rhee as "the redeemer." All those years, Dr. Rhee has struggled to reclaim his native land. He was brutally tortured by the Japs before he escaped and came here. They thrust bamboo slivers under his finger nails and then lighted them. This torture to sensitive nerves was exquisitely painful. Even now, Dr. Rhee flicks his hands and blows on the ends of his fingers to soothe those tortured nerves. A salute to Dr. Syngman Rhee.

CRISIS.

In 1924, Congress created the Board of Tax Appeals. It has been so designated since that time. Members are therefore referred to as "Members Of The Board Of Tax Appeals." But they don't like it. They say it doesn't sound sufficiently judicial or dignified. They would like to have the name of their agency changed to U.S. Court of Tax Appeals. This would impart a judicial air to its proceedings and the members could then very properly be called "Judges." The proposal was submitted to a Committee of the House which looked approvingly on the idea. But the Attorney General had other notions. He says that the Board is an administrative rather than a judicial agency and the change should not be considered at this time. Thus is Congress confronted with another crisis - a crisis that goes back to the rhetorical question posed by Shakespeare when he queried "What's in a name?"
Ever hear of it? It's the Office of Scientific Research and Development which is under the direction of the Executive Office of the President and for which Congress recently provided $73,000,000 to further carry on its research work on new weapons and instruments of war as well as on medical research. This organization has marshaled the finest technical and scientific brains in nearly 100 universities and colleges and more than 100 industrial laboratories by means of contracts which are written on a "no profit, no loss" basis. All work is carried on under the strictest secrecy and the closest scrutiny. This agency has already developed a hundred or more devices, methods and formulas which are in use by the Army and Navy. It has developed a new explosive for which the War Department has already placed an order for $270,000,000. It has produced an amphibious "jeep" (one that will operate on land or in water) at a development cost of less than $150,000. It is really waging war on the scientific front. It's director is Dr. Vannevar Bush, former engineering Dean of Mass. Institute of Technology. It has 737 nonsalaried scientists and experts on its rolls and a paid personnel of 487. OSRD will have much to do with final victory.

GAS CONSUMPTION.

The imposition of gas rationing in the eastern states and the present discussion over rationing in other states as a means of rubber conservation makes it pertinent to inquire how much of this essential fuel the country uses for highway and motoring purposes. In round numbers we used a little less than 19½ billion in 1938, about 20 ¾ billions in 1939, about 22 billion in 1940 and an estimated 24½ billion gallons in 1941. The very magnitude of the figure indicates how dependent we are on gasoline and the motor cars to carry on the business of the nation.