It was August 27, 1943, just a few days before the 4th anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War. Four million young Americans were in training and the nation's capitol sizzled with activity. On that day, 54 Senators responded to their names on a quorum call as the Senate proceeded to a consideration of the legislative calendar. One bill after another is passed. Suddenly the clerk of the Senate in clear stentorian tones reads the title of a bill: "Investigation And Survey of Crustacean Resources with an amendment. The amendment calls for the inclusion of the word "oysters" after the word "lobsters". The amendment is adopted. The bill is enacted. And so the Senate authorizes an expenditure of $100,000 for a complete investigation and survey with respect to the life history and habits of shrimp, crabs, common lobsters, spiny lobsters, oysters, etc."

There are still seekers of the royal road to painless governmental financing of the war effort. Latest suggestion emanates from Minnesota. It goes as follows: In lieu of the war bonds now being issued which sell for $18.75 and yield 6.25 to the purchaser in interest, it is suggested that bonds be issued with 10 year maturities bearing no interest and that the 6.25 in interest be placed in a jackpot and distributed by means of a government lottery. Thus the sale of a million bonds would yield $6,250,000. Of this amount, $1,000,000 would be placed in reserve, $250,000 used for administration costs and the remaining $5,000,000 divided into 60 prizes of $25,000, 150 prizes of $5,000 and 500 of $1,000. The author of the plan believes that the chance to win a substantial amount would be sufficient incentive for bond purchasers to be willing to forego interest returns. Such are the seekers of the painless road.

Publishers of "Mein Kampf" estimate that 235,000 copies of the American edition were sold on which royalties of $30,000 are due the German publishers. The royalties have been seized by the Alien Property Custodian.

Order L-104 of the War Production Board restricts use of steel for hairpins and bobbins to 25% of 1941 production meaning that there will be 1 hairpin and bobbin for every 4 hercules.

Scheduled air-express which observed its 15th anniversary in September carried more than 2,000,000 pounds of express in July.

The Quartermaster General has finally encountered a set of figures which he could not solve. They constitute the figures of the Wages. After much investigation he reports that in seeking to supply foundation garments for a variety of figures, he has encountered no end of difficulty and suggests an escape from his dilemma by having Congress authorize a money allowance whereby the Wages might make individual purchases to suit their own needs and tastes.

On October 12th the Congress will consider a bill to nullify the effect of the poll tax in Southern States. The requirement of a poll tax payment has the effect of preventing millions of persons from voting. In the eight poll tax states 3,030,000 Presidential votes were cast in 1940 which also elected seventy-eight Representatives in Congress. The State of Illinois cast 4,282,000 votes and elected only twenty-seven Representatives in Congress. In the eight poll tax states with a population of 24,000,000 only 126 out of every 1,000 population voted whereas in Illinois 539 out of every 1,000 population voted.