T. CONGRESSIONAL FRONT.
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NON-COMBAT OFFICERS - Representative Collins of Mississippi presented to the attention of Congress last week that 2297 Naval officers and 1493 Army officers age 28 or under are on duty in Washington. This of course includes young officers who are pursuing courses in intelligence and specialized training.

ENEMY ALIENS - The Justice Department reports a total of 911,004 enemy aliens in the United States. Since December 7 1941, 11,372 have been taken into custody. Nearly 7,200 cases have already been disposed by parole or internment.

MANPOWER - The estimated manpower requirement of 62,000,000 persons by the end of 1943 which includes a total of 9,000,000 for Army, Navy and Marine Corps will absorb every usable male and female adult in the U. S.

AMERICAN PLANES ABROAD - 24 types of American planes are now in use by the British Royal Air Force and 2 types by the British Fleet Air Arm. This includes such bombers as the Baltimore, Boston, Flying Fortress, Liberator, Maryland and Mauroader and such fighter planes as the Buffalo, Havoc, Kittyhawk, Mohawk, Tomahawk, Mustard, Aircobra, Marlet Kingfisher.

GOLDEN TYPWRITERS. A recent want ad in the New York Times offered a 1929 Model typewriter, now 13 years old for $65. Here is advance indication that typewriters will soon be worth their weight in gold because of government and military needs.

RUBBER COMPARISON. Of the 6 synthetic rubbers (Buna S, Neoprene, Butyl, Flexon, Thielkol and Reclaim) now being considered to meet the rubber shortage 2 are rated as good, one fair and three poor from the standpoint of tread wear; 4 are rated good and 2 promising for resurfacing use; 3 are rated unsatisfactory, 1 fairly satisfactory and 2 apparently satisfactory for inner tubes.

WHY WE ARE A MOTORIZED NATION. 86 million cars produced in the 42 years from 1900 to 1941 inclusive; 8 times as many cars and 15 times as many trucks in use now as at beginning of first World War in 1914; 2314 cities with population of 100,000 depend on motorcar for transportation because no mass local transportation is available; 54,000 communities not served by a railroad depend on some type of motor vehicle for transportation; farmers average 5750 miles annually of which 67% is necessary mileage; city workers average 8750 miles annually of which 51% is necessary mileage.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON. No, this has no reference to the makers of surgical dressings and sick room supplies. It refers to Congressman Lyndon Johnson of Texas and Louis Johnson former assistant Secretary of War. War and Navy departments have been rife with rumor that Lyndon may become Secretary of the Navy and Louis may become Secretary of War. It would be a big day for the Johnsons.

COTTON AND CASUALTIES. Smokeless powder is made from cotton lintors. This powder propels a shell toward the enemy. The shells which find a mark make an enemy casualty. A short cotton crop and a long war might cause a shortage or linters. This would make necessary the use of lint cotton. Lint cotton must be cut up to insure a uniform powder product. Cutting cotton with machinery is difficult. The Bureau of Agricultural Engineering has devised a new machine which does the work efficiently and give promise. It will better enable our armed forces to hurl our cotton crop at the enemy in explosive form.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRESS. The Department of Justice maintains a corps of readers and digesters who read, digest and furnish translations to the War, Navy, and State Departments from the 1,500 foreign-language newspapers published in the United States.

DOGS AND SURFACE. Surfmen who patrol Atlantic beaches to watch and prevent enemy landing attempts are now provided with dogs specially trained for patrol work at night. The dogs are also trained to return to the station if a surfman or sentry is shot or injured. The Coast Guard will employ 2,000 dogs including Shepherds, Terriers, Dobermans, Airdales and Boxers. Maintenance cost for the dogs including food, leases, veterinary service, etc., is 50¢ per day.

WORDS TO WIN THE WAR. Words, like bullets, are instruments of war. Ever since the days of Chongis Khon, who conquered China thousands of years ago, propaganda has been recognized as a psychological war weapon. The Axis power bombard this country and South America with short-wave broadcasts daily from a hundred different short-wave transmitters. The Office of War Information is now using available short-wave stations for this work. More than 35 high-powered stations will be used to hurl words to all sections of the earth to aid in winning the war.