

Untapped Resources

T. P. Every time we open the papers we read that there is a lack of trained personnel in practically every field of activity. In some professions this deficiency has taken on a rather serious aspect, particularly with regard to physicians. There is also a marked shortage of specialized chemists. The same applies to engineers and architects, mechanics, draftsmen, and a good many other categories.

In the light of this situation a statistical report just issued by the International Research Service under the direction of Dr. *Fausto R. Pitigliani* deserves especial attention. This roster of alien specialized personnel—which is the name given to the report—has been compiled under the auspices of the *Immigrants' Conference* in collaboration with a great many affiliated immigrant organizations. The result may not be staggering in figures but it nevertheless proves conclusively that many thoroughly specialized persons are at present more or less twiddling their thumbs and cannot apply their knowledge to the benefit of the American community, largely because they have not yet become citizens.

There are, for instance, about 600 foreign physicians, among them specialists for internal, skin, and tropical diseases, tuberculosis and

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pediatrics, all with an excellent professional record, but either without license or without citizenship papers.

Among the 168 chemists for food, sugar, soap, mineral oils, nitric acid, and even for the production of gas masks there are six who are familiar with the methods of producing synthetic rubber, precisely the type of experts for whom the Government is looking like a needle in a haystack.

377 engineers and architects—aeronautical, combustion, mining, construction, and others—are ready to get to work. Every mechanic—whether he be a crane operator, plumber, locksmith, or tool maker—counts in this struggle, and a good many of them are listed on the roster. Journalists and writers who know what makes Goebbels' propaganda machine tick can help to beat him with his own weapons.

All these people—and many more qualified workers whom this roster has not reached—are waiting for the day when they will be able to make themselves useful. They want nothing better than to show their gratitude and appreciation to this country in a tangible fashion. Most of them have a very personal hatred against our axis enemies, a hatred which will give wings to their work. And they all believe in the ultimate victory of sound reason over prejudice.
