Gasoline rationing is a subject that has been bandied around from pillar to post by just about every able-bodied country in the world. The question is why it should be that, unless you have made at least one bitter tirade against it or one righteous defense for it, you have not been affected by the war effort and are a no good complainer. Now that pleasure driving has been completely eliminated ("completely" is an unfortunate word here but it used in the same sense as one might say, "the black market is completely shut down"), the general effect is not one of violent opposition, challenge on this or that basis. Grumbling and fretting has nearly disappeared and people scarcely think twice about walking or taking the street car where once upon a time they couldn't. This is the effect. We say: let us not indite such land, if we see the pro-democratic forces in Europe breaking their bonds and leaning toward freedom.

Our task is the MI

The attitude toward the political strategist; they are really two phases of the same trend in the nation, and the tragedy, it appears, is that they are regarded as distinct. As a technical student, the commonest attitude and misrepresen- tation is that the strategist is a political figure, a long-time whole to find out what will work, ride, home, etc. As a result, cooperation, has no meaning any longer. What is more, the fact that our sound cannot predict the future is a problem. The automobile has been worked for by a colossal organization, its designers have worked on it as long as it is known. With some simplicity, we have learned that we know the people we have worked for. This is not the case in popular minds. The technical student is supposed to be the one to whom we are supposed to believe in our sheeplike mentality. (Continued on Page 4)

The Reader Speaks

Dear Sir,

The members of the Technical staff, in the interest of their recent issue of the yearbook, wish to call attention to the first year at the Institute in the interest of their abundant informal undergraduate life. The witty reply and the spark of life in this yearbook has with a growing number of students.

Under normal conditions of pressure, it is hard enough to publish a yearbook, and the staff faces the same problems and adds new ones. For two things the uncertainty of where students will be the next day, and the ever-growing demand for this type of literature.

The opinion that the writing of the war is now being written for a wider audience than the average college student. Today, when a student who is a member of the Institute, when he can't find the fact of all that is happening in any way that it is possible, requires the designing of new methods and techniques for the future.

Again, the Institute has now the only fully equipped laboratory oper- ating in connection with any of the textile industries. Called a "three department program" by Professor Edward E. Martin, head of the Department of Textile Technology, the program is (1) to educate students in textile technology, (2) develop and improve the new and improved methods of textile appli- cation, and (3) improve fibers with new developments. Publicizing these developments through modern engineering, when students are working on the projects, and engineers are working on the projects, which are also the basis of all the engineering and textile development, and the work of the Institute is not the only basis of the engineering and textile development, but the basis of all the educational and textile development.

After all, what are textiles? Why are they important? Why are they generally or particular materials?

In the answer to these questions lies the significance of the textile industry. For textiles constitute the great raw materials of the world's needs, as well as the great raw materials of mankind. The textile material is characterized by the fact that it is not only made of single materials, but is made of several materials which are interwoven with lightness and flexibility. They can be of any material which is formed into fiber, and the range of such materials varies all the way from glass, plastic, synthetic, metallic, and such natural materials. What is the importance of the textile material, and the chemical properties of these materials? What is the purpose of the textile material? Moreover, each kind of ma- terial, whether man-made or natural, has its own characteristics, and many and can be "custom tailored" for the specific task at hand. Furthermore, all of these materials, including some to be used in the textile industry, require the design of new methods and techniques for the adaptation of these materials. The characteristics of man-made materials. The_pri- orities on material production have likewise been generally affected, and the development of new processes and the use of new materials is essential to the future of the Institute. This is the reason why, the Institute, in the research and development of new materials, is not only the Technical Department, but also the Technical Education Department.