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BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS—A SELECTED LIST


Aircraft Industries Assn. AIRCRAFT YEARBOOK FOR 1948. Washington, D. C., 1948. $6.00

Official annual publication of AIA. Contents vary from that usually included in this yearbook. Aviation development of the year is concisely covered in about 25 pages and the remaining text includes reproduction of official reports of the President's Air Policy Commission and the Congressional Aviation Policy Board and "Elements of air power" which is a compilation of the summaries of the statements of 17 aircraft companies before the PAPC.


"Essentially the industry sells but one commodity—speed . . . has the industry ever really made a concerted effort to determine how much of its potential market actually demands 'ever increasing speed' . . . We think not." Presents a new basis for determining potential air travel.


Frederick, John H. AIRPORT MANAGEMENT. Chicago, Richard D. Irwin, Inc., 1949. 312 p. $4.00.

Reviewed by Leigh Fisher, page 121 supra.


An important statement of the place of airpower in military operations, particularly in the light of the present controversy over the size and nature of America's Air Force. Gen. Fuller objects to Churchill's and America's concept of strategic bombing; that is, saturation bombing of population centers with its wanton destruction of life and property. He maintains that the place of airpower in the strategy of war is to help annihilate the enemy's forces 1) by providing swifter and surer striking power, and 2) by depriving the enemy of mobility through destroying his air power and his transport and communication centers.

"Since this is the first Aviation Securities Committee to be appointed we have included considerably more background material than is customary in reports on industries which have been covered by IBA for years." Covers aircraft manufacturing and air transportation industries. William A. M. Burden is chairman.


The third of series of lectures discussing aviation's social implications, sponsored by Library of Congress and National Air Council, delivered November 3, 1948. Paper discusses what author considers the essence of aeronautical history; i.e., improvement in the structural and aerodynamic efficiency of the air frame and in the power and efficiency of engines.


Reports on 14 major occupations in aviation are included in this discussion of employment trends and outlook, training and qualifications required, and earnings and working conditions in 288 occupations, comprising professions, skilled trades, clerical, sales and service occupations, and various types of farming. An introductory section describes the major trends in popula-
tion and employment, and in the broad industrial and occupational groups. Illustrated with 47 charts and 79 photographs.


One of the first of the official and semi-official histories of aviation in World War II, this is a chronological, factual account of U. S. Naval Aviation in World War II, touching on tactics, strategy, engagements, commanders, and heroes. Several interesting chapters in Part V discuss the solving of Naval Aviation's problems of training, man-power, production, expansion of shore establishments, repair facilities, transport, and scientific research.


PERIODICAL ARTICLES — A SELECTED LIST


Airports in Residential or Semi-rural Areas. American City, Dec. 1948; 63:147.


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