

Rehabilitation Of Disabled Persons Costs Far Less Than Maintenance

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—The nation's disabled persons, properly prepared and properly placed, can be efficient, safe, steady, productive, self-supporting workers.

The National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce have just completed a study which they say supports this statement.

Under the federal-state vocational and rehabilitation program some 53,000 disabled men and women were rehabilitated into successful employment in 1948. Their annual rate of income increased from \$17,000,000 before rehabilitation to \$86,000,000 after rehabilitation.

The Federal Security agency reports it costs \$300 a year to maintain a disabled person as a dependent. It costs less than that—on the average—to rehabilitate him. Rehabilitation is paid for just once, but the cost of dependency must be paid year after year. The 1948 rehabilitants, the agency says, are paying federal income taxes at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year. Their increased earnings and tax payments will continue year after year. Rehabilitation makes taxpayers out of tax consumers.

This month attention is focused on a nationwide program to enlist public support for employment of the physically handicapped. The objects of the program are three-fold:

1. To find new job opportunities for the hundreds of thousands of handicapped who would be able to work if selectively placed.
2. To emphasize the importance, in an increasingly selective labor market, of retaining in their jobs the millions of handicapped persons now employed.
3. To help 1,000,000 severely disabled persons, currently outside the labor force, to obtain needed vocational rehabilitation to fit them for work.

"During this time, when the nation is being made conscious of the problem of physically handicapped, we should realize that the handicapped can help the American economy instead of being a drain on it," says John A. Roosevelt, son of the late president.

Plane Carrier, Freighter Crash At Sea; 21 Perish

BERWICK, England, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The British aircraft carrier Albion and a small coal freighter collided in a gale in the North sea Monday. The freighter sank swiftly and eight hours later only three of the 24 crewmen abroad were known to have survived. Lifeboats fought the foaming waves hunting survivors near the Farnes islands eight miles off the northeast coast of England. The newly built 18,500-ton Albion was manned by a civilian crew and was in tow to drydock for completion. The collision rammied a hole in the carrier and she was reported taking water. The Albion had aboard three survivors from the freighter, the 2,025-ton Maystone, carrying coal to London. A spokesman for the owners of the Maystone, said lifeboat crews still at sea had some hopes of picking up other survivors.

Portland School Board Acts Against Secret "Frats"

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Portland school board has set up plans to do away with secret societies in high schools. After voting unanimously again to ban the societies, the board approved recommendations of superintendent Paul A. Rehms. He asserted present organizations will be given time to disband, and those that can meet standards set up by the school

administration will be approved. To meet standards a club would have to have an authorized adult sponsor present through each meeting. Its list of members and officers would be given to the school. It could not be affiliated with any national or local secret society, could not have secret initiations, conduct parties without chaperones or conduct rushing parties. The action came as the secret societies were entering "Hell Week" traditional initiation period.

The 20th Century began Jan. 1, 1901, not 1900. If the 19th century had ended on Dec. 31, 1899, the first century would have covered only 99 years.

American Indians, long before the arrival of the colonists, prized oysters as a delicacy.



FAMILY GOES TO SCHOOL—Mrs. Eleanor Krause, mother of a student, oversees Richard Arnold and Ann Llanos, at Stevens Cooperative Playschool, Hoboken, N. J., where parents are required to give 3 days a semester assisting teachers.

Observations On New York City Life Exuded By A Pessimistic Dweller

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The reason I know that New York City is a wonderful place to make a living is that I live here.

And, brother, my living comes to me every day on a platter if I want to eat off a platter.

That means 102 press agents would be glad to buy me a glamorous luncheon if I would only listen to what a wonderful world-shaking product or personality they are merchandising.

And, of course, any opportunist can eat 100 lunches. But only a man of character can eat 102. I am a man of character—with dessert.

My trouble is that I am a push-over for a man with a message—having delivered telegrams as a boy myself. But the minute a man tells me how to save America, I take his stirring story into my soul, open my mouth—and yawn.

Never mind America—save me!

A dozen years of living in this citadel of democracy have convinced me that it is a brave man indeed who has only one bathroom. He is either running for Congress—or lives in an old-fashioned, walk-up apartment. A showoff!

Here they don't measure a successful man by his muscle or how much the Bureau of Internal Revenue accuses him of. They just count his bathrooms—"three bathrooms—four bathrooms—five bathrooms."

After you belong to ten bathrooms you can meet John D. Rockefeller Jr., and say, "hello, Jack"—and start trading on the address of your plumbers. Then you have achieved the pipeline to greatness.

Another way to be sure you are in the swim is to have your picture taken with a long-haired, droopy-nosed debutante with an ashtray from the Stork club in the foreground. As long as you put the ash tray in the right place, you won't lack the debutante. Social engineering in Manhattan is toujours on the ready.

In fact this town is so fast that a man is afraid to yawn—for fear that someone will put a plug in his mouth. (Typical plug: Bing Crosby hates sin and drinks moca mola.)

Everywhere the wildness gathers—the hysteria of having the name in print. Such as "Sam Goldgin said the other day, look at the dawn—it's dusk like

another morning.' "

This appears in a number of newspapers, twelve envious press agents call to congratulate the lucky fellow who thought it up, and he takes a two-month vacation—and asks to be raised to the \$400-a-week bracket. Goldgin says no.

Here in the hubbub-on-the-Hudson, the capital of nonsense, everything wears a faded tag. A man who lives in Brooklyn is a "bum," a man who works for a living is a "little fellow." A dreary brunette who files a divorce suit against a weary manufacturer of cotton undershirts is immortalized: "blonde ewe rams sheepish wool magnate." Yes, New York, fabulour New



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