

### Federal Agencies Hire Handicapped In Many Positions

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of articles being published in connection with Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. They are written by John W. Sinders, chairman of the Jackson county committee for the employment of the physically handicapped and coordinator for the selective placement of the physically handicapped at Camp White.)

**By JOHN W. SINDER**  
Many federal agencies have found during past years that utilizing the skills and abilities of the handicapped and disabled is good business and are taking every opportunity to do something about it.

Look at the employment records of the hundreds of federal installations and field stations throughout the United States, and one will find from 200 to 500 new handicapped employed each month.

The placements are in vacancies for dictating machine transcriber, clerk-typist-stenographer, tabulating machine operators, legal positions including attorneys, machinists, physicians, guards, in the various therapeutic fields, such as manual arts therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, x-ray technician, medical laboratory technicians, management fields, administrative and executive assistant fields, personnel technician fields, in the field of food service, supply, and so on throughout the entire area of employment.

**Record of Placement**  
Each month a record of the placement of the handicapped for the month is released, stating participating agencies. The following are some of the figures placed at random.

September, 1958. Twenty-two agencies employed 407 handicapped. Air Force first with 100, Army and VA tied for second with 81 each, and department of commerce third with 73.

October, 1958. Twenty-two agencies employed 376 handicapped. VA first with 129, Air Force second with 97, and Navy third with 54.

February, 1959. Sixteen agencies employed 212 handicapped. VA first with 65, Air Force second with 53, and Navy third with 34.

April, 1959. Nineteen agencies employed 361 handicapped. Navy first with 84, Air Force second with 85, and VA third with 79.

May, 1959. Fifteen agencies employed 275 handicapped. VA first with 65, Army second with 63, and Air Force third with 62.

**Reflect Profit**  
The figures reflect just how profitable the federal service has found the hiring of the handicapped to be.

At the same time, federal agencies have gone far in giving first-class citizenship to a group often looked upon as second-class citizens. We are assisting them in gaining their rightful place in a free society without having to look up to anyone.

The handicapped is no one person's or agency's concern, but it is the concern of every man, woman, business and industry in the United States.

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Newark, N.J. (UPI) - Chief Magistrate Nicholas Castellano asked Patrolman Edward Adelman what the strange button was on the policeman's uniform. Adelman said it was a "yes button" urging voters to approve a pay rise for city employees.

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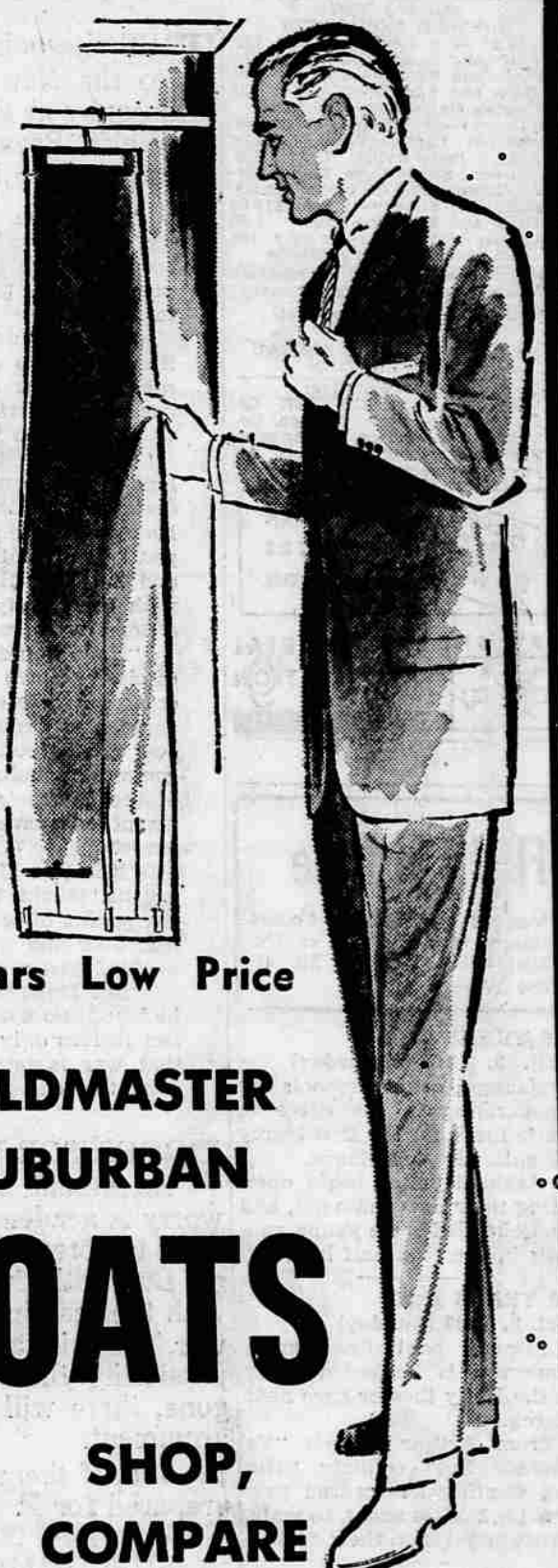
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