



DAMAGE REPAIRED—Downed telephone lines are being repaired at Squaw Valley, Calif., by telephone repair teams after two days of gale winds and rain—topped by a raging blizzard, took their toll. Einar Nelson, on pole, and Bob Cannon are almost undistinguishable by the heavy snowfall as they make repairs. (UPI Telephoto)

Hire the Handicapped Program Never Done, John Sinderson Writes

Editor's note: The following was written by John W. Sinderson, chairman, Jackson County committee for the employment of the physically handicapped. Sinderson is also personnel officer and coordinator for the selective placement of the physically handicapped for Camp White, VA Detachment.

It has often been said that "There is no more need to hammer away continually on the 'Hire the Handicapped' theme; everyone understands." It has been stated and restated, but who can say that we can stamp the program "purpose completed" and turn to other fields.

Certainly not to the man with cerebral palsy in our nation's capital who graduated from law school with the highest average of his class, and who has been successfully searching for a job over a year.

Certainly not the blinded veteran in Chicago with years of training and superior ability as a writer, but who has considered himself lucky to be able to get a job as a dictaphone machine transcriber.

Certainly not to hundreds of thousands of other handicapped men and women who work but are still unemployed.

Severely Disabled
It is estimated that there are 30 million handicapped men and women in the United States, of which about 10 million are severely disabled.

One-half of this latter number hold jobs while the remainder are unemployed.

On the Veterans administration compensation and pension rolls are almost 3 million disabled veterans, more than one-half of whom are severely handicapped. While many of them hold jobs, there are still many that do not.

The office of vocational rehabilitation has said that some 250 thousand men and women each year need vocational rehabilitation in order to overcome their handicaps, yet their program has been able to serve only about one-third of them.

These are not merely statistics, they are individual human beings who have the right to hope, the right to live, the right to success as all other individuals in this nation.

Part of Program
We are a part of a national program. It is headed in Washington, D.C., by the President's committee for the employment of the handicapped. Under this committee are the Governor's committees in each state, and our committee falls under the Governor's committee—the county committee. We have two cardinal principles to guide us in all of our efforts in behalf of the handicapped:

- (1) We cannot shirk our own individual responsibilities and leave the task to others. Washington cannot look to us and say the task is yours alone, yet we cannot look to Washington and say the task is not ours, it is yours.
- (2) We cannot do the entire job alone, we must function as members of a team, as an organization in our cause. There are no "stellar roads" as there are on Broadway. Working together we are all stars, working separately we are nothing.

The local committee for the employment of the handicapped exists and will continue to exist. We can never stamp "purpose completed" to our program so long as jobless clouds the hope in the heart of a single handicapped person.

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Can Save Costs

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May Seek Elevator Funds

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The secretary said he also may ask the 1961 Legislature for funds to install automatic elevators in some state buildings. He said the cost of conversion to automatic operation would be offset by annual costs of manual operation.

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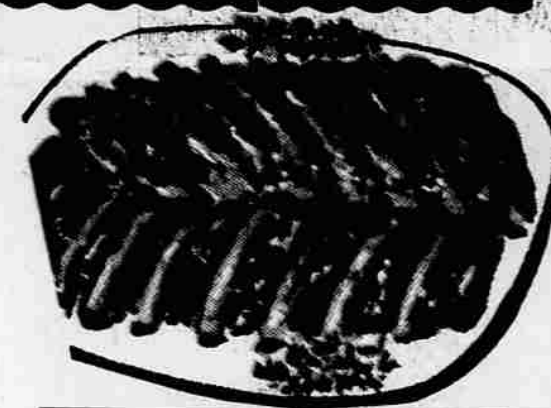
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