

Jobs for the Handicapped

Recently Henry J. Kaiser, ship-builder and industrialist, publicly declared that there is great need in America's war effort for millions of physically handicapped men and women. According to Mr. Kaiser, "a physical handicap, such as deafness, for example, certainly does not make a man or woman unemployable."

Not only that but Mr. Kaiser has put his words into practice by employing a large number of physically handicapped in his shipyards and war industries.

That is good news for all deaf workers. The fact that Mr. Kaiser, one of our greatest leaders in industry, recognizes the deaf as employable, will not be lost on other employers who, in the past, have hesitated to hire deaf workers.

However, the deaf must realize that it is lack of manpower, due to the requirements of the armed forces, that has given them many jobs in the war industry as well as other industries. The deaf war workers, in particular, must realize that there is a mighty task to be done—making the tools with which to win the war—and they must produce without loss of time or foolishness. They must show employers that they can follow orders and can produce as well as hearing fellow-workers. Only by making a good record during war time can the deaf be assured of a fair chance to keep on working when the war has been won.

Deaf Workers: Show your employers and the nation how well you can do your job. Show them with the ships you build—with the guns you make—with the food you grow!—Ladner in the California News.