

# Hire Handicapped

Mr. Employer, when you have a job opening, ask yourself, "Can a handicapped man or woman fill this job?" Match his or her abilities to the requirements of the job. If the abilities and the job requirements match, then **HIRE THE HANDICAPPED** and keep them at work. You'll find it is good business.

To list job openings for the handicapped, or to find handicapped workers for your job, call the Fairbanks Office of the Alaska State Employment Service, 452-1501.

Noting that this week marks the twenty-second anniversary of Employ the

Handicapped Week, James O'Rourke, Fairbanks Office Manager of the State Employment Service, stated, "During the past two decades, more than 4,200,000 handicapped men and women have found jobs in private industry through the nation's public employment offices. Of these, some 260,000 have been placed in Federal jobs. The Fairbanks Local Office works with the handicapped fifty-two weeks a year and the staff joins its fellow workers in the Department of Labor in asking employers in the Fairbanks area to consider the abilities of the handicapped worker when filling a job."

Most of us are closer to the handicapped worker than we realize. There are handicapped without number, the heart, tuberculosis, asthmatic, diabetic, and arthritic are but a few of those with whom many of us work and rub elbows daily. Quite often, when the facts are known, the handicapped worker proves to be the most productive worker in the office, shop or store where he or she is employed.