News in Brief

- A blind radio-television newsman and jazz musician will be honored on April 27 as Handicapped American of the Year for 1966. Art Edgerton, an inhabitant of Toledo, Ohio, will receive the President's Trophy at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, in Washington, D.C.

  Mr. Edgerton, 38, works on the news desk of WTOL Radio and TV in Toledo, where he writes news for late night and morning broadcasts. He holds a B.A. in Sociology from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, an M.A. in Sociology from Fordham University, and a B.A. in Music from the Julliard School of Music.

  Mr. Edgerton has been active in promoting employment of the handicapped in his home state of Ohio, and has been cited for his determination and the outstanding example he has set for other handicapped people.

- Nine regional Rehabilitation Research Institutes designed to concentrate nine basic areas of research in university-oriented centers throughout the United States have been established by the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

  The Institutes were set up to overcome communication barriers and prompt state rehabilitation agencies to become curious about their operational problems which might be subject to research.

  The Institutes are at Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts; the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland; the University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida; the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin; the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma; the University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and the University of Washington, Seattle.

- A professional placement service will be featured at the 1967 Annual Forum of the National Conference on Social Welfare to be held May 21-26 in Dallas, Texas.

  The placement service will be provided by the U.S. Employment Service and its affiliated state employment services. The Texas Employment Commission will serve as the host agency.

  A staff of placement specialists will assist applicants and employers attending the Forum. A file of applications for employment will be available for review by employers seeking staff, and descriptions of position openings will be available to applicants seeking positions.

  Applicants and employers attending the Forum should complete registration for placement at the nearest placement office of their state employment service before May 5. Applications will be accepted during the Forum, but persons filling in advance will receive expedited service.

- The Braille Institute of America has recently completed a series of nine weekly seminars planned to assist families of the sightless. Each seminar provided information helping sighted family members understand the necessity for informed cooperation at home.

  The series involved discussions of orientation, mobility, education, and emotional problems in connection with the congenitally and adventitiously blind.

  Five sessions were directed to parents of blind children; four were for relatives of blind adults.

- The American Foundation for the Blind has appointed Mrs. Françoise Pascual as director of the Bureau of Direct Aid in its Community Services Division.

  Mrs. Pascual, who holds a professional diploma in nursing and a Diplôme d'Etat d'Assistante Sociale with highest honors from the Ecole Pratique de Service Social in Paris, will be chiefly responsible for operating the Foundation's national information and referral service.

- A Bureau of Education for the Handicapped has been established in the U.S. Office of Education to strengthen and coordinate activities in behalf of the handicapped.

  The new bureau's mission is to assist states, colleges, and universities, and other institutions and agencies in meeting the educational needs of the nation's 5 million handicapped children who require special services. These children are mentally retarded, hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, visually handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, crippled, or have other health problems or major learning difficulties that can be helped by special education and related services.

  The new bureau will encompass the existing programs which the Office of Education conducts expressly for the handicapped, such as support of training for teachers and other professional personnel to participate in the education of the handicapped, grants for research in this field of education, and operation of the Captioned Films for the Deaf project. In addition, the bureau will administer a new program of financial aid to help states initiate, expand, and improve their resources for the education of the handicapped.

  Dr. J. William Rioux, recently named acting director of planning and evaluation for the bureau of Elementary and Secon-
Current Literature

Influence of Teaching and Exercise on Development of Ability of Introspection and Making Statements of Blind Pupils by Gojko Zovko. The Educator (Edward J. Waterhouse, Chairman Executive Committee, International Conference of Educators of Blind Youth, Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172), No. 6, December 1966, p. 13-19. $1.00 (covers all issues from No. 1 to 7). Mr. Zovko is a professor of teaching methods for the blind and visually handicapped at the High School of Defectology, University of Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

An Approach to the Problem of Integrated Education of Blind Children by Dr. Franjo Tonkovic. The Educator (see above for acquisition information), No. 6, December 1966, p. 23-26. Dr. Tonkovic is Head of the Department of Education of the Blind and Visually Handicapped, High School of Defectology, University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia and Vice-President of the Union of the Blind of Yugoslavia.

The Typhiological Museum in Zagreb Helps in Education of the Blind by A. Rudomino. The Educator (see above for acquisition information), No. 6, December 1966, p. 20-22. Mr. Rudomino, the Director of the Typhiological Museum, Union of the Blind of Yugoslavia in Zagreb, explains how his museum not only serves as a place of instruction for the blind, but also helps sighted persons gain a better understanding of blindness.

The Vision Needed to Nurse the Blind by C. Warren Bledsoe and Russell C. Williams. American Journal of Nursing (10 Columbus Circle, New York, New York 10019), Vol. 66, No. 11, November 1966, p. 2432-2435. Two nationally known leaders in rehabilitation advise nurses as to how they may help their blind patients develop initiative.

The Blind Patient Need Not Be Helpless by Barbara Oerther. American Journal of Nursing (see address above), Vol. 66, No. 11, November 1966, p. 2436-2439. The story of three blind psychiatric patients and the challenge they presented to the nursing staff.

Workshops for the Handicapped: An Annotated Bibliography, No. 3, compiled by Dorothy C. Perkins, with the assistance of Ronald S. Burns and Edith N. Marcus. California State College at Los Angeles, September 1966. 47p. (Copies available from National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs, Federal Building, Suite 430, 1522 "K" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005 for $1.00 to cover postage and handling). The third issue of this continuing bibliography updates the literature through May of 1966. Two special articles dealing with the social service and the business roles of workshops are presented.

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