

Bendix Co. Praises Handicapped Workers

"Shhh—the axis is listening!!"

But even if the enemy is listening, they won't get any information from some war workers in Baltimore.

For there's a group of deafmutes working in the Bendix Radio Corporation's Fort Avenue and Towson plants turning out war material.

A minority of them are lip-readers and can speak a little. The majority of them have not been trained in the method of communication and do not easily read the lips of hearing people.

A company official explained that the deaf employees start as file clerks. They then are transferred to the blueprint division later being taught the folding and stamping process and how to operate a duplicator machine.

Three of the young women have recently been promoted to inspectors at the Fort Avenue plant.

L. T. Bard, supervisor, blue print unit of Bendix, had high praise for the handicapped employees in his division. He said:

"Our efforts in training these people to do clerical jobs have resulted in very favorable performances. Handicapped people require individual selection and teaching.

"A great portion of the credit for the training of these people must be given to their immediate supervisors who displayed such untiring patience, and also to fellow workers who gave unusual consideration and co-operation to help the newcomers feel at ease.

"They're doing a grand job and are planning for future advancement."—*The Baltimore News - Post.*
