

# Roosevelt Praises Oklahoma Deaf

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In his recent tour of war plants, President Roosevelt saw and took special note of the deaf at work on war planes in the mammoth plant of Douglas Bomber Aircraft in Tulsa, Okla., on April 19, and it is an equal certainty that the deaf returned the compliment. Always deeply interested in the physically handicapped, the President is reported to have said during his very brief remarks to the war workers in the plants, "I am glad to see that the Douglas Company is employing the deaf and other physically handicapped people."

A short distance from the department where a group of patriotic deaf persons was working, the President paused and made the only remarks which were broadcast to the plant employes during the inspection tour. It was at this time that he commended the employment of the deaf in aircraft work. An interpreter translated the President's talk to the deaf who were within reach.

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