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The Spartanburg conference was another step forward in the annals of vocational rehabilitation in the ministering of psychological services to disabled individuals. Beginning in 1943 when Vocational Rehabilitation legislation first authorized "any service necessary to render a disabled person fit to engage in remunerative occupation," psychology has assumed an increasingly important role as a rehabilitation service.

Deafness, which is in the main a psycho-social problem for the persons it affects and for those who endeavor to serve them, is a singularly responsive area to new knowledge and competencies in psychological service. Momentum developed at the Spartanburg conference will do much to prepare the way for the recruitment and training of psychologists able to function effectively with deaf clients.

The Rehabilitation Services Administration is pleased to have had a part in the conference and is deeply appreciative of the work of Dr. Edna S. Levine and her associates in planning and carrying out the successful meeting and in preparing the conference report.

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