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### KNUD JANSEN

Knud Jansen died August 1, 1982, after a long and painful illness, with the added burden of the death of his lifelong partner, *Ilse, some months before. Despite that, he remained active and working to the end.* With his passing, orthopedic surgery, technical orthopedics, and rehabilitation have lost one of the foremost practitioners of this century.

Since his first appointment in 1948 as chairman of the Board of Junior Doctors in Denmark, he has had a profound influence on the practice of orthopedic surgery. In his own country he has been Chairman of the Danish Orthopaedic Association and the Danish Society of Orthopaedic Surgery; in Scandinavia, Secretary General of the Scandinavian Orthopaedic Association and, since 1968, Editor of one of the most prestigious international journals, *Acta Orthopaedica Scandinavica*. He was vice-president of SICOT (International Society of Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology) from 1969 to 1972, and Congress president of SICOT in relation to the Copenhagen meeting in 1975. He was president of the society he founded, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) from 1970 to 1977, and president of the newly-formed Trauma Foundation in 1975. His influence internationally has continued as vice-president of World Orthopaedic Concern.

His contributions to orthopedic science were recognized in his appointment as honorary Doctor of Science in the University of Strathclyde in 1980. He continued to subscribe to the literature of orthopedics covering widely-varying subjects (deep venous thrombosis, poliomyelitis, arthrodesis, amputation, congenital defects, and many others) and has lectured in virtually all the main orthopedic centers in the world during his career.

Even this list of achievements cannot tell the whole story of his enormous influence through his students and colleagues throughout the world. He has, for example, been the main protagonist of the concept of the clinic team, which has had such an important influence on the development of prosthetics and orthotics worldwide. Uniquely, Knud Jansen welded together, as equal professionals, therapists, engineers, prosthetists, orthotists, and a variety of medical specialists dedicated to the disabled. They have carried his philosophy to the far corners of the earth. Their work in the "clinic team" is his memorial.

He leaves behind two sons, one of whom is active in the practice of medicine, much-cherished grandchildren, and a wide family of relatives, friends, and colleagues in his beloved Denmark. We join them in their grief and sorrow.

George Murdoch

### JOHN D. MALAMAZIAN 1923—1983

An exceptionally effective blind rehabilitation specialist and teacher, beloved by a long line of blinded veterans and rehabilitation professionals who benefitted from knowing him or who were influenced by his work, died unexpectedly on March 10, 1983.

John D. Malamazian was born in Chicago on April 21,

1923, graduated there from Steinmetz High School, and after decorated wartime army service in the European Theater was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1948 with a degree in Physical Education.

He began his career in rehabilitation as a corrective therapist in the Spinal Cord Unit at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, and about a year later on September 1, 1949, transferred to the Hines Blind Center becoming an orientation and mobility therapist. His skills in this field developed until he became an acknowledged world expert contributing significantly to the theory and practice of peripatopathy and to the education and training of countless mobility practitioners here and abroad. His mien as a rehabilitation professional was close to perfection as hundreds of his client "graduates" and working associates continue to testify. He also had administrative abilities, and in 1967 became Chief of the Central Section for Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans at Hines, an office he held until he retired in December 1982, despite having been offered more senior positions.

John Malamazian was innovative as a blind rehabilitation specialist and cooperated with the research and development community, seeing-through to clinical usefulness in his time various new electronic reading and travel aids and a variety of low vision aids. He was an inveterate proponent of the family program in which family members also come to the rehabilitation center for familiarization and learning. This, and his work with the job-retention program to encourage employers to retain persons who become blind, show his over-all understanding of and deep commitment to the rehabilitation process. He has been identified by some very knowledgeable blind individuals as one of the few sighted people who understood what it means to be blind.

Winner of many awards during his career, he also received congratulatory letters at his retirement from the Mayor of Chicago, the Governor of Illinois, and the President of the United States. Widely known and respected, deeply loved by clients and colleagues alike, he is sorely missed by all whose lives were influenced by him. His works, nevertheless, live on contributing in many ways and in many places to improving the quality of life of blind people.

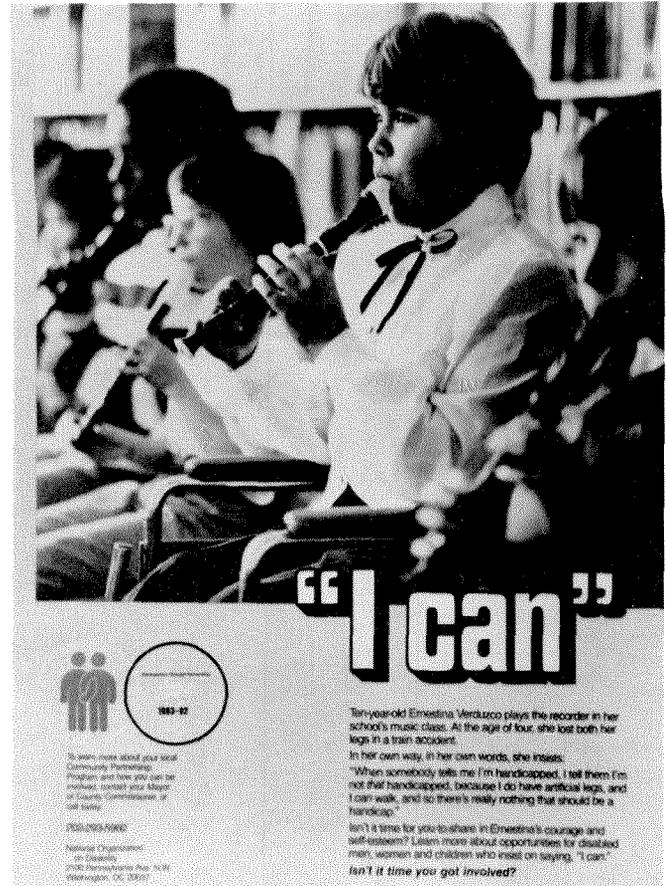
Howard Frieberger

#### **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR "DECADE OF DISABLED PERSONS" (1983-1992)**

The first public awareness campaign of the Decade of Disabled persons has been launched by the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.), it was announced April 25 by Richard M. DeVos, chairman. The campaign consists of a series of six posters which will be distributed throughout the United States. Each poster depicts a disabled person who has achieved full participation in his or her area of interest or occupation.

The subject of the first poster is 10-year-old Ernestina Verduzco from San Francisco, who lost both her legs in a train accident when she was four. Ernestina is depicted in the poster participating in one of her favorite pastimes, playing the recorder in her school's music class.

"Ernestina was faced with a crisis that would have shattered many people. Instead of feeling sorry for herself, she



Ten-year-old Ernestina Verduzco of San Francisco, a traumatic bilateral leg amputee at the age of four, stars on the first poster in a series of six planned by the National Organization on Disability as part of its public awareness campaign at the start of the Decade of Disabled Persons.

rose above the barriers posed by society and with courage and determination went on with her life", Mr. DeVos said.

The black and white, 18" x 24" posters were created by the Eastman Kodak Co. and produced by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. N.O.D. plans to release a different poster every other month throughout 1983. The remaining posters picture a professor who is blind, a truck driver who is paraplegic, a tennis player with one leg, a corporate executive with a hearing impairment, and a wheelchair user at the ballot box.

The posters will be distributed to N.O.D.'s Community Partnership Committees, 300 national organizations, corporations, all state governors, agencies of the U.S. government, and other affiliated parties. Single copies are available free upon request to National Organization on Disability, Suite 232, 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

N.O.D. describes itself as a privately funded, non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., successor to the U.S. Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons.