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**IBM OFFERS HELP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The IBM Corporation has created a National Support Center for Persons with Disabilities. Individuals with special physical problems can now find products and services available to assist them in using IBM computers by calling a toll free number at the Center.

A new Federal law stating that computers must be accessible to disabled government workers has spawned a wealth of equipment and systems for persons with all sorts of limitations.

For instance, keyboards are available for those who can type only with one hand, one finger, or with reduced fine motor control. Keyboards can be redefined to be right-or left-handed. There are mouthsticks, handsticks, and head pointers.

If the standard keyboard cannot be used, a replacement may be available. A membrane keyboard is for those who can press on a flat surface but cannot punch keys. An expanded keyboard features larger keys for those needing a bigger target while miniature keyboards help those with extremely limited range of movement.

Some systems accept a spoken command, using a previously stored voice pattern to compare with the incoming sound. When the com-

puter hears the voice it has stored, it activates the keys for that command.

In order to speed up the rate of input, shorthand versions of a word or a phrase can be automatically turned into fully spelled words by certain systems.

Other programs assist with such things as operating switches for lights, televisions, or other appliances for those with serious motor control problems.

A special program offering IBM Personal System/2 computer products at a discount is available to eligible persons with disabilities.

Information offered from IBM lists equipment and services from every company that provides it--not necessarily IBM. You can call the Center at 1-800/426-2133 or write them at PO Box 2150, Atlanta, GA 30055.

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Medical professionals will find the 132-item reference bibliography following the review very helpful.

To order copies for you and your doctor, please send your name and address to NPSA along with a check for \$2.50 for each review to help pay for copying and mailing. Be sure to ask for REVIEW so we'll know what you are ordering.

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**YOU CAN PURCHASE POLIO UPDATE '89 TAPES TODAY**

If you have not yet purchased tapes of the speakers at Polio Update '89, you are missing a good bet!

High quality tapes are available in a handy album for \$20 for a set of five. Individual tapes can be purchased for \$5 each.

The five tapes include Augusta Alba, M.D., Neil Cashman, M.D., Sybil Kohl, CSW, Jacquelin Perry, M.D., and the panel discussion.

You will note that if you order the album, you will receive all five tapes for the same price as four individual tapes.

We strongly urge you to hear these speakers. Make your order today from Dicobe Tapes, 1707 Farrell Drive, Bellevue, NE 68005, or call 402/291-3381.

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**Cookie** from Pg 1, Col 3

Kravchuk, NPSA's intrepid Pleasure Pac chairman, has revealed a sales goal of 2,000 books. Cookie mentioned the number to her secretary, who seemed skeptical that NPSA could sell so many books.

"I told her, 'These folks can do it,'" says Cookie. "You don't understand the dedication of this group. They are fighting for something. They'll get out there and sell."

Right on, Cookie!











