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- December 2 Dr. Manford Sonstegard. Advanced Training of Counselors. Uniontown Area School District, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.
- December 4, 7, 9 Dr. Manford Sonstegard. Advanced Training of Counselors. Connellsville Area School District. Connellsville, Pennsylvania.
- December 8 Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs. Family Education Association, River Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois.
- December 12 Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs. Individual Psychology Association of Greater Washington, D. C. St. John's Episcopal Church, Wisconsin Avenue & Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Maryland, 8:00 P.M.
- December 12-18 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Washington, D. C. Delegates: R. Dreikurs, Don Dinkmeyer, M. Sonstegard.

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Edgecliff College, Cincinnati, Ohio
Encouragement & Discipline in the Classroom
Effective Parents - Responsible Children
Instructors: Betty Miller & Don Welti

- December 12 Workshop. Individual Psychology Association, Inc. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Group Counseling Workshop for guidance personnel, principals, and teachers. By: Don Dinkmeyer.

NEWS

In The Sciences, Vol. 10, No. 5, May, 1970, there appeared an article, "The Abused Child" on pages 5-8 and 29-32. The widespread mistreatment of children is sadly pointed out. It states, "The growing incidence of reported child abuse may indicate intensification of the problem, or may point favorably to increased public awareness of the battered child syndrome, says Dr. Vincent De Francis, Director of the Children's Division of the American Humane Association. Dr. Fontana, Director of Pediatrics at St. Vincent Hospital, New York City, warns that the physical, moral, spiritual, and emotional status of America's future generation depends on the action of society toward this problem of maltreatment, today."

The Sciences, Vol. 10, No. 7, July, 1970, contains an interesting article (page 11) regarding the notorious drug, thalidomide, which was responsible a few years ago for deforming 10,000 babies. It is now thought that thalidomide "may be extremely useful in treating Hansen's disease patients; cautious testing during the past five years in 22 countries indicates that it reverses the acute reactions of lepromatous leprosy, although it affects neither the basic disease nor the reactions of tuberculous leprosy, a milder form of illness."

According to the College and University Bulletin, American Association for Higher Education, Vol. 23, No. 2, October 15, 1970, the college drop-out rate can be definitely linked to emotional illness. A study, conducted by Armand M. Nicholi at Harvard University, reported that, "Emotional illness far outweighs every other reason for dropping out of college." According to the survey, 43 percent of the men who dropped out of Harvard over the past five years did so "for psychiatric reasons."

Copies of "An Investigation of Harvard Dropouts" will be available through ERIC Clearinghouse.

A White House Conference on Children and Youth will be held early in December, 1970, and February, 1971. Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D. raises the question, "Will it again be a triumph for institutionalism?" He infers that perhaps it will. Dr. Dreikurs points out that an annotated bibliography on children prepared by the Library of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as a "working tool for participants in the ... Conference ..." omits the names of almost all recognized authorities in the field of education and guidance. Among those omissions are: Alfred Adler, Dorothy Baruch, Wesley Becker, Neville Caphart, Arthur Combs, Rudolf Dreikurs, Haim Ginott, William Glasser, Ethel Kavin, Clark Moustakas, A.S. Neill, Fritz Redl, B.F. Skinner, and many others who did innovating work in the field. Eliminating them from the bibliography may deprive the members of the forums from familiarizing themselves with their work." "Furthermore," says Dr. Dreikurs, "what we need are not endless studies but the presentation of practical methods and approaches." He feels that, "In harmony with the democratic evolution that has taken place since the end of World War II, children are no longer willing to submit to the dictates of adults. They strive for participation in decision-making, as do all formerly subjugated groups. Parents and teachers need new methods of dealing with these children as equals." Hopefully the Conference will be productive and innovative, however, Dr. Dreikurs fears it will "merely fortify institutional standards and stifle the creative process."

The Individual Psychology Association of Greater Washington has moved its Family Education Center to St. John's Episcopal Church, Wisconsin Avenue and Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Maryland. Counseling sessions are held on alternate Saturdays at 9:30 A.M. Officers of the group are:

President - Shirley Brown
Vice President - Morris Cohen
Recording Secretary - Loretta Allion
Corres. Secy. - Andrea Williams
Treasurer - Norman Lauben
Counseling Coordinator - Madeleine Saari
Research and Education Chairman - Janet Turner
Publicity - Carolyn Shargel
Study Group Coordinator - Susan Slaughter
Newsletter - Mary Gorman

"Thinkers and Their Thoughts (I)" was an editorial carried in The Washington Post. The October 29, 1970, issue began the series with "Alfred Adler and Individual Psychology" by Colman McCarthy, a staff member. The two-column article asserted that, "There is a decided upturn of interest in Adler, from college lecture halls to quiet counseling rooms." It also brought attention to the Individual Psychology Association, Ind. of Greater Washington where "already 250 people have been a part of 25 study groups."

Anna Sten, Recreation Therapist from New York City attended the International Congress for History of Medicine in her native country, Romania. The Alfred Adler Centennial was given impressive coverage in the newspapers there and through various conferences sponsored by UNESCO. Miss Sten attended an important geriatrics conference. She reported that the Romanian psychiatrists definitely show interest in Adlerian Psychology.

Ruth Dunlap of the Mid-West Society of Individual Psychology reports that there are a number of study groups in the St. Louis area. In Ritenour, there is a parent study group led by Bill McKelvey. There is a class taught by Dr. Thomas Allen called "Strategies and Techniques of Adlerian Counseling." Another study group is led by Sister Elizabeth Beyer and Sister Joseph Ann Moyers is conducting two parent leadership groups. The main purpose of these groups is to teach parents the principles of leading discussion groups. Officers of the Mid-West group are:

President - Sally Laufketter
President Elect - Bill McKelvey
Secretary - Deloris Ray
Treasurer - Bill White.

Don Welti is Clinical Psychologist at Rollman Psychological Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio and also serves as consultant at Clough Pike Elementary School in Clermont County, Ohio. Initially, he confined his work to helping youngsters in the first and second grades who are not living successfully in school. The program has now been enlarged to include all faculty in the school on a voluntary basis as well as the school psychologist and several student teachers. The teacher seminars are held once each week on Mondays, after school. Demonstrations in Family counseling are provided.

The Great Neck Tribune of New Jersey announced that Anna Sten, a well-known recreation therapist, was awarded the "Good Thinking Club Award" for her lectures over the WLIR FM Radio program of Richard Roffman. The organization honors those who present unique ideas. Miss Sten pointed out on one radio show that, "Recreation therapy is one of the most ancient psychotherapy forms. It can be traced back to the Bible where David played the harp to calm the nerves of King Saul."

Dr. Bina Rosenberg has been busy with meetings and lectures which she has delivered at Jane Adams Graduate School of Social Work, University of Illinois, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago.

During this semester, Oscar Christensen has conducted a workshop in DeKalb, Illinois, and addressed the Colorado Arch Dioceses Teachers' Conference in Denver. He plans to be in West Virginia in May.

A current practice to change behavior in schools is the use of drugs. "Pills for Classroom Peace" by Edward T. Ladd is a feature article in the November 21, 1970, issue of Saturday Review. According to the article, "Both the American Medical Association's Council on Drugs and a panel of the National Academy of Science have evaluated them and, while caution is still recommended, the medical support for their use is impressive." The AMA's American Medical News summed up interviews with pediatricians and child psychiatrists as, "What's all the fuss about?" According to the author, the fuss is about the fact that using the drugs to influence classroom behavior involves at least five serious risks. Two of them are medical; the others regard the risk of contributing to the drug culture, deprives the child of using his self-control, and infringes on his legal rights and civil liberties. The non-medical risks seem to cause very little concern.

George H. LaPort, 41 First Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10003 is offering a limited edition of "Sex, Personality, and the Establishment - Guidelines for Social Reeducation, by Alfred Adler". It sells for \$2.25 including postage and handling.

Over 350 people attended the workshop that Don Dinkmeyer and Rudolf Dreikurs held at the Alfred Adler Institute in Chicago on November 7, 1970. Dr. Dinkmeyer has also been working with the teacher education department of Northeastern Illinois State College, Chicago, setting up a new type of group process for their teacher education. He will also be a forum member to the White House Conference. A "Program of Planned Experiences to Develop Understanding of Self and Others" is available from American Guidance Services, Inc., Publishers Building, Circle Pines, Minnesota 55014, which Don Dinkmeyer authored. According to the colorful brochure announcing it, it is a "program of activities with an accompanying kit of materials designed to stimulate social and emotional development."

Eleanore Redwin is the coordinator of all activities at Family Education Association in Chicago and supervises activity at Skokie. There are six child guidance sessions per month, four mothers' therapy groups; two conducted by Mrs. Redwin and two by Bernice Grunwald. They also counsel at the North Side Center (River Park). Miss Margaret Goldman is the counselor at the Skokie Center.

The officers of the Texas Society of Adlerian Psychology are:

President - Dr. Walter O'Connell
President Elect - Dr. Victor Salz
Vice President - Dr. Vilma Falck
Recording Secy. - Mrs. Rosalie Kilper
Corres. Secy. - Mrs. Gail Richardson
Treasurer - Mr. Robert Fenske

Sister Anne Bridget is a counselor at Maxwell Hill and Piney Oaks Schools in Beckley, West Virginia. She has had several opportunities to speak to PTA groups.

A symposium was held in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Individual Psychology Association, Inc., on November 14 and 15, 1970. It was an outstanding success largely due to the work of numerous people who planned the program. Many people spent hours addressing and mailing brochures and announcements. Some of the people who were involved in the planning were:

Coordinators - Elaine Kennedy
Janet Turner

Planning Staff - Andrea Williams
Shirley Levine
Carolyn Shargel
Shirley Brown

Key Workers -

Mary Gorman	Sue Slaughter
Tim Gorman	Janet Bur
Morris Cohen	Gloria Williams
Ben Turner	Muriel Wyatt
Weltha Logan	Kathy Kawecki
Thomasine Lutzky	
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Dennis Adelson	Lois West
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Carey Sonstegard	
Bill McKelvie	Jane Collins
Nancy Mitchell	Jamie Goldberg
Marty Shargel	Gay DeMarco
Bea Gustafson	Ann Kennedy

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The arrangements and the execution of the symposium was an example of masterful management. The symposium and the way in which it was executed is to the credit of the Washington Group and the results must be attributed to the unselfish cooperation of the vast number of people who place loyalty to a cause higher than personal gain. The presentations by Drs. Pew, Dreikurs, Mosak, and Adler, and Mrs. Grunwald were outstanding and of equal merit. If first place were to be awarded, it would rightfully go to Bernice Grunwald's demonstration with a group of children. This seemed to have the most meaning to the teachers who were present. This does

not detract from the messages presented by the other speakers or the life style analysis by Dr. Harold Mosak.

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark recently was installed as the president of APA. He is the first negro to become president of that organization.

Phyllis Davis, previously a teacher in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is now an elementary school counselor, and has started a study group that meets every week in the afternoon at the Craig Elementary School from 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. They are using Dreikurs' and Soltz's Children the Challenge, and Beechers' Parents on the Run. Each of the members of the group plan to start their own parent study group on a smaller scale in their own neighborhood using, "How to be a Good Parent."

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