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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of a new year it is natural to pause over the questions of progress and directions, both personal and social: Where are we going, where do we want to go, and how are we doing at moving in chosen ways?

Individual Psychology is rooted in evolutionary thinking, and such questions may be of especial interest to us. I don't think that we have any special wisdom with which to answer them. We do, however, have a theoretical framework in which they make sense.

Human life is social life, and the human struggle to adapt to the challenges of the environment includes the struggle to adapt to the also-struggling always-developing community. We strive for our personal goals of success in the context of a wider striving.

Our awareness of community, and our experience of it, is limited in various ways. For most of us, most of the time, that awareness may be confined to our experience of ourselves in our families, among our friends, and in the company of our colleagues. It may frequently also extend to our sense of belonging in ASAP, or to a consciousness of our citizenship in a great nation. Only rarely, perhaps, can we share the vision of the Skylab explorers, and consider humankind whole and bound together in the one life of our blue-green, cloud-washed earth.

We are capable of those moments. At the start of a new year, perhaps especially at the start of this year, we may even remind ourselves that we are also capable of a still rarer sense of belonging as well. We may remember that we are part of a history, the beneficiaries of all earlier struggles to secure the possibilities of our existence, and the trustees of all future possibilities.

In the United States we are aware of this now in connection with our crisis (crises?) in government, and our sober reflection on our responsibility for whatever continued development of our democracy may be possible. It is not often, after all, that any nation considers the forceful removal of its own leader from a position of power. Even where the legal machinery of impeachment is available, and there is no question of a *coup*, or military dictatorship, a great uneasiness still is felt. According to a poll taken by the Roper organization, 79% of us agree that the President of the United States is guilty of at least one impeachable offense. Nevertheless, only 44%

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SYMPOSIUM: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY IN ADLERIAN PSYCHOLOGY

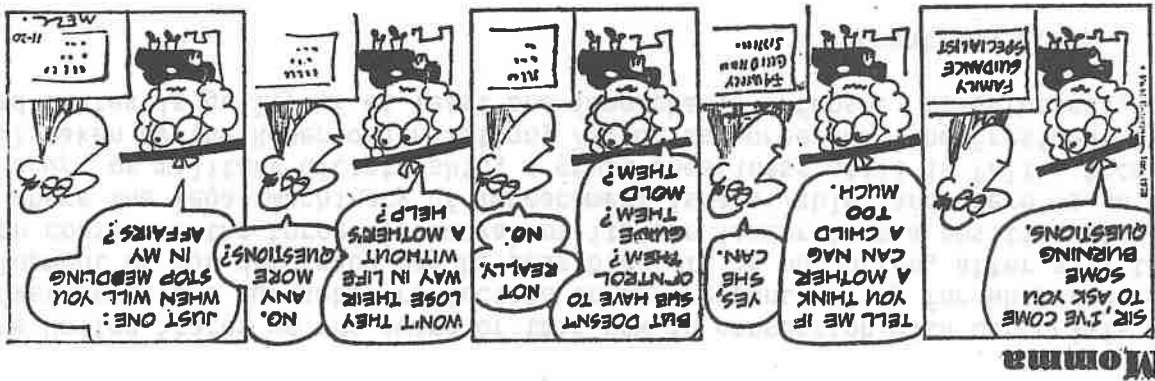
A symposium to stimulate and improve empirical and theoretical investigation into issues and activities of concern to Individual Psychology has been proposed for the Chicago convention in May. Papers which suggest new strategies, research designs, measurement instruments or procedures, and methods of data analysis related to researchable questions, concepts and propositions in Adlerian Psychology are being solicited. Also welcome are 1) papers which review and evaluate the current status of these areas; 2) papers which illuminate the process of deriving testable hypotheses from Adlerian theory and which also present plausible research strategies for testing these hypotheses; 3) papers which represent basic conceptual elaboration and theoretical development in Adlerian Psychology. Please note that mention of individual empirical studies will be relevant, but only to support a broader statement concerning theory or methodology *per se*.

Please respond by Feb. 1 with 1) your name and mailing address; 2) whether you are interested in being a participant or a discussant; 3) title of your paper; 4) two copies of 250 word abstract; 5) a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send to Richard Royal Kopp, California School of Professional Psychology, 3755 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90004.

PSYCHIATRY OPENING ON GUAM

Family Counselor Ramon Leon Guerrero, recently sent by the Guam government to study at the Alfred Adler Institute of Chicago, has written to ask aid in recruiting an Adlerian psychiatrist for his agency on Guam. Beginning salary is \$25,000 per year, plus economy air fare to Guam (for dependents also). A \$1,500 travel allowance will be given employee to pay for moving expenses, and upon expiration of contract (renewable yearly), the same amount is allowable for the return trip. A psychiatrist just out of school, with minimal practical experience, will be considered. Write to Mr. Robert Leon Guerrero, Administrative Director, Juvenile Justice Administration, Island Court of Guam, P.O. Box CT, Agana, Guam 96910.

SOUND FAMILIAR?



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

of us go on from there to favor impeachment, with 45% opposed (and the usual 11% or so "undecided"). One quarter of those opposed to impeachment gave as their reason a fear for the survival of the nation.

What will survive of a free people, until now equal to the task of peacefully removing a leadership they perceived to be guilty of great crimes, if they now should shrink from the task? How much longer will humanity have to struggle, against how many more cruel discouragements and deceptions, before the opportunity to act to free ourselves presents itself again?

Cordially,



Robert L. Powers
President

F.E.A. CONVENTION SYMPOSIUM

The Rudolf Dreikurs Unit of F.E.A. would like to sponsor a symposium dealing with family counseling centers at the ASAP Convention in Chicago in May. They request that all FEA and other groups sponsoring family counseling centers let them know the following information: "What areas would you like to cover? Let us know your problems and where you are having success, too. Your suggestions will help us in our planning." Send your ideas to Ms. Enid Brick, 230 Franklin Road, Glencoe, Il. 60022, phone 312/835-3710.

SPREAD THE ADLERIAN WORD

Adlerians are welcome to participate in the Midwest Regional Conference of the Association for Humanistic Psychology in Chicago on May 10-12. The theme for the conference is *Humanistic Tools: Applications for personal and professional growth*. Topical areas include: Community psychology, innovative group work, organizational systems, parapsychology, psychotherapy, religion, research, teaching psychology humanistically, and transpersonal phenomena. Write to Joe Engel, 1755 E. 55 Street, Apt. 804, Chicago, Il. 60615 for further details or to suggest a program of your own.

MISSING....ANYBODY SEEN?

Fifteen one-inch videotapes of the Roth Foundation, entitled *MOTIVATING CHILDREN TO LEARN*, were loaned out by Mr. Sydney Roth and were to have been returned to the Alfred Adler Institute of Chicago, 110 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Il. 60603, so that they could be made available at a later date to other Adlerian groups. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these tapes, please notify Evelyn Wachman at the Institute or send them by insured mail.

REGION 1--FAR WEST

Tucson, Arizona. Harold Mosak will be teaching a course on Life Style at the University of Arizona in Tucson on Mar. 1-3.

Anaheim, California. Don Dinkmeyer will conduct a DUSO (Developing Understanding of Self and Others) workshop for the members of the Association for Supervision of Community Development national convention on Mar. 11.

Berkeley, California. The Western Institute for Research and Training in Humanics (226 Stanford Avenue, Berkeley, Ca. 94708) reports that on Nov. 20 William Boeke, the new Unitarian Minister and WIRTH Board Member, spoke to the Institute as guest lecturer on Robert J. Lifton and his transcendental ideas; similarities to the Adlerian point of view in this area were pointed out. A very lively discussion followed.

WIRTH public meeting in December featured a live family council demonstration with two adults, four children (ages 4 1/2 to 8 years). Lucy Ackerknecht introduced the meeting. Don Alexander spoke briefly on the principle of Family Councils, and Jean Echols on regular class-meetings in Adlerian-oriented schools. Following the demonstration, a number of pertinent questions were asked by visitors. Because of the success of this meeting, it was decided to use more live demonstrations and reduce speakers' time at public meetings.

Charter schedules are now available from the Western and Eastern United States to Europe for those who are interested in the ARGUES SUMMER SEMINARS July 1-14. First registrations have been received. Charter companies require six months membership, so, if interested, register now.

Registrations are also accepted now for WIRTH's pre-Easter weekend Seminar on Tomales Bay, Inverness, Cal. There will be two class-sessions on Saturday, April 6 and one on Monday, April 8, with a Marathon on the 7th. Costs for the Seminar will be \$18 (class) plus \$25 for the Marathon. Boater accommodations are to be paid separately.

Los Angeles, California. Richard Royal Kopp, who recently received his doctorate from the University of Chicago, has been appointed to the core faculty of the California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles Campus, as Coordinator of Internship Training and Instructor. Kopp interned in Clinical Psychology in the Adlerian private practice office of Mosak, Shulman and others in Chicago. He is teaching two courses during the Winter/Spring trimester which have Adlerian perspectives: Psychological Interviewing (emphasizing Early Recollection interpretation and holistic interviewing techniques) and The Child in the Family: Assessment and Change (emphasizing Constellation analysis and techniques for assessing and changing children's motivation and behavior based on the work of Adler and Dreikurs).

Richard Kopp works with children, adults, and families; he will be leading a workshop series for parents in the Culver City area starting in January. His address is 12103 Howard Street, Whittier, Ca. 90601, phone 213/692-1141.

Colorado Springs, Colorado. On Feb. 18, William L. Edwards of Laramie, Wyoming, will be conducting an Adlerian workshop for elementary counselors and other educators of the Harrison School District, Colorado Springs, with a follow-up workshop tentatively scheduled for March.

NEWSNOTES--REGION 1 (cont.)

Honolulu, Hawaii. The Family Education Centers of Hawaii (2950 Manoa Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822) has hired its first Executive Director, Milton Rosenberg, and published its first lively Newsletter. They wish to exchange Newsletters with any other interested group.

FECH has added a new brochure called "Family Harmony Through Education" to the old standbys ("Calling All Parents" and "Quiz for Parents") to explain the program in their seven centers to professionals and the public. The Department of Health sent the new brochure to some schools in the Honolulu area, which resulted in new contacts and requests from schools for more brochures to go home to parents.

"Rational Education," an Adlerian system of education designed by Raymond J. Corsini and implemented at Our Lady of Sorrows school in Wahiawa, has been highly successful, according to teachers, administrators, children, and parents. In addition to doing significantly better academically, children are thriving socially and behaviorally as they participate in the new democratic process. All parents are required to take part in study groups using *Children: The Challenge*, thereby increasing harmony in the home, too. A second school will be adopting the Rational Education program in September.

Moscow, Idaho. On Mar. 7-8 Don Dinkmeyer will present "Group Procedures and Consultation" at a conference at the University of Idaho which will feature a number of Adlerian presenters.

Pocatello, Idaho. Steve Feit, former student of Manford Sonstegard, has been instrumental in organizing a parent education center at the College of Education at Idaho State University. A clever take-off on Grant Wood's *American Gothic* portrait graces the cover of their leaflet about the center.

Manford Sonstegard will present a workshop at Idaho State University Mar. 6-8 on family education.

Bellingham, Washington. The revised brochure published by the Adlerian Society of Human Relations (5009 Guide Meridian Road, Bellingham, Wa. 98225) called "About ASHR's Practical Parenting Groups" is available to anyone interested.

ASHR is now benefiting from professional recognition in the community. Four members recently participated in a Bellingham School District Teachers' Workshop; ASHR members are also working with the Child Advocacy group in Bellingham to provide an educational program for high school students. Parents are referred by counselors and teachers for Practical Parenting groups.

Laramie, Wyoming. William L. Edwards, stimulated by his visit to the Family Education Centers of Hawaii, got a group of parents (former study group members) and professionals together to start a similar organization in Laramie. Officers of the new Laramie Institute of Family Education (255 N. 30 Street, Laramie, Wy. 82070) are Edwards as President; Dodie Fay, Vice-President; and Pat Richter, Secretary.

Two courses at the University of Wyoming will be taught in the Spring semester by Edwards and others using Dreikurs' material.

REGION 2--MIDWEST

Bellefonte, Illinois. Dave Braswell is conducting a 10-week family education program for parents in the Bellefonte area, with 15-30 people attending weekly.

Champaign, Illinois. The Family Education Association of Champaign County (905 Westfield St., Champaign, IL 61820) is featuring "A Family Council Demonstration by the Lohman Family" at their quarterly meeting on Jan. 31.

Chicago, Illinois. There are currently over 100 students enrolled in the Winter Quarter courses at the Alfred Adler Institute. At a recent meeting of the AAI faculty, eight new candidates in Counseling and Psychotherapy were approved. These students have completed ten core courses and will soon begin their supervised practicum in the Rudolf Dreikurs Psychological Services Center, while taking several more courses in seminar.

Through Human Dynamic Consultants (a service of the Institute), psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors are available for speaking engagements and demonstrations throughout the U.S. and Canada. (For information contact AAI, 110 S. Dearborn, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60603.)

The Alfred Adler Institute Student Association sponsored their first annual Faculty/Student party at the lovely home of Dennis and Marie Sadilek. Monthly informal seminars at the homes of faculty members continue, with Bronia Grunwald hosting the group on Jan. 31, Dorothy Peven on Feb. 15, and Robert Powers on Mar. 24.

Out of town visitors to Chicago are invited to let AISA Hospitality Chairpersons know when you are coming if you would like to wine, dine, or meet with AAI students in informal seminar. (Contact Sadie Dreikurs, 2608 N. Lakeview, Apt. 6-D, Chicago, IL 60614, phone 312/477-1443, or Mary Ann Pappas, 333 E. Ontario, Apt. 511-B, Chicago, IL 60611, phone 312/787-6773 to make arrangements.)

AISA is currently conducting a survey of all candidates and recent graduates on problems and issues involved in the operation of the practicum. Results of the survey and recommendations will be presented at a Candidate Issues Meeting on Feb. 11. Eugene McCortory has been invited to be a guest speaker at this meeting.

Riverside, Illinois. Herb Eggleston and Charlotte Thompson, both students at AAI of Chicago, are conducting a weekly parent-education program for ten enthusiastic couples at the Riverside Presbyterian Church where Herb is pastor. After being invited to speak about family education work to a local PTA group, Charlotte was asked to lead a satellite group with 15 mothers and the school principal.

Winnetka, Illinois. On Jan. 25 Shirley Gould will be the featured speaker at the lecture of the Rudolf Dreikurs Unit of FEA at the Winnetka Community House. The topic will be "Family Council: Equality in Action," with reference to the book by that title soon to be published by Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, authored by the late Rudolf Dreikurs, Gould, and Raymond Corsini.

Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Individual Psychology Association of Indiana announces that Course 102 (Fundamentals of Adlerian Psychology) will be given in Fort Wayne at the Family and Children's Agency, 2424 Fairfield Avenue beginning Jan. 14. Anyone interested may phone Ronald J. Pancner, 219/422-9622 or write 110 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, In. 46802.

NEWSNOTES--REGION 2, Fort Wayne, Ind. (cont.)

The December course in Theory and Practice of Psychotherapy and Counseling (221) was cancelled due to weather and will be given by Bernard Shulman on Jan. 19 instead. Harold Mosak will be in Fort Wayne on Feb. 16 to teach his portion of the course in Psychotherapy.

Minneapolis, Minnesota. Miriam L. Pew and W. L. Pew are newly located with home and office at 1725 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55403; phones: (office) 612/377-4617 and (home) 612/377-4648.

During January, Bill Pew is participating in the Contemporary Therapies Seminar for the Ministry in the Social Change Graduate Program of the Twin Cities Theological Seminars. Bill is also consulting with Mankata State College which is setting up an innovative graduate studies program in Community Counseling; and Bill and Mim Pew are conducting a workshop on Marital Therapy for the Marital Resource Center of Minneapolis.

Beginning Jan. 21, Mim Pew will be teaching a course for the Extension Division of the University of Minnesota, a Seminar for Youth Workers where she will be interviewing families in a public school, very similar to a Parent Education Center.

Mim and Bill Pew will be the luncheon speakers at the two-day University of Minnesota workshop on "Coping in a World of Stress" on Feb. 1-2.

On Feb. 7 Bill Pew will be teaching an in-service session for the teachers of the South Pyramid of Minneapolis on the topic "Maintaining Sanity in the Classroom."

St. Louis, Missouri. The Midwest Society of Individual Psychology (P.O.Box 1205, Maryland Heights, St. Louis County, Mo. 63043) continues its winter course with Harold Mosak teaching 102 on Jan. 26-27.

Joe Pewitt and Sally Laufketter counseled families at the Fall FEC, with approximately 45 adults and 12 children in attendance. The next FEC sessions will be held on Mar. 2 and Mar. 16. Winter study groups will begin the week of Jan. 21.

MSIP members Sally Laufketter, Anne Steele, and Corinne Dyroff helped present a program on "Working with Parents of Young Children" at the Nov. statewide conference sponsored by the Missouri State Dept. of Education and the State Advisory Committee on Early Childhood.

Warrensburg, Missouri. A two-day workshop on "Consulting" will be presented by Don Dinkmeyer at Central Missouri State University on Mar. 14-15.

REGION 3--SOUTH

Auburn, Alabama. Don Dinkmeyer will present a workshop at Auburn University on "Teacher and Parent Groups" and "The Consultation Process" on Feb. 20-22.

Coral Springs, Florida. Don Dinkmeyer met with the Superintendents of Schools and Guidance Supervisors of eight counties in northern Florida in January to develop final plans for a large-scale parent group and teacher group-training program in these counties. The project will be funded through state and federal funds.

Don Dinkmeyer asks that those interested in contributing papers on Adlerian Counseling and Psychotherapy to be referenced in a college text on the topic please send reprints of the articles to him at the Communications and Motivation Training Institute, 11061 N.W. 23 Court, Coral Springs, Fla. 33065.

Tallahassee, Florida. The Florida Adlerian Society (c/o Nancy Kelly, 2015 Seminole Drive, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301) reports the completion of eight Parent Study groups in 1973. On Jan. 26 a covered dish supper will be combined with a family counseling program by Don Kelly and Carl Mahler.

Peggy Smyly, Guidance Counselor at Amos Godby High School, reports that they have convinced the County School Board to pay tuition for 20 of their teachers for a course at Florida State University this winter quarter in Adlerian classroom techniques. Don Kelly will be teaching it, using Dreikurs' "Maintaining Sanity in the Classroom and With-
out the Challenge." They are hopeful that this will become an on-going program.

Charleston, South Carolina. The Charleston Adlerian Society was organized Jan. 6, 1974 with the following officers elected: President, Katherine Altman; Vice President, Jeanne Betts; Secretary, Marie Porter; Treasurer, Stella Shisko.

Frank Walton spoke to the Association for Childhood Learning Disabilities in Columbia Jan. 18, and will teach a 3-credit course on four weekends in Charleston devoted to Adlerian Child Guidance in the Home and School beginning Jan. 25.

Kathy Walton is leading a five-week large group discussion of Adlerian child-rearing principles at the Immo Catholic Community Church through Feb. 6.

On Feb. 9-10 in Charleston Frank Walton will lead a parent workshop devoted to Adlerian child-rearing principles, including family counseling demonstrations.

Charlotte, South Carolina. Robert Powers and Frank Walton on Feb. 23-24 will co-lead a personal growth group devoted to helping participants understand the relationship between their life style and successes and difficulties they experience in life. Enrollment is limited to 16 individuals. (Contact Frank Walton, Counseling Bureau, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. 29208 to register.)

Georgetown, South Carolina. Mel Markowski, former member of the Florida Adlerian Society (now at the Dept. of Child Development and Family Relations, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. 27834) presented a workshop in late November for the special education teachers in the Georgetown County Schools entitled "Discipline and the Special Education Child." At the suggestion of the teachers attending the one-day workshop, Mel has been invited back to present the program to the teacher aides working in the special education program. The second program has been tentatively scheduled for February.

Carson, Texas. Walter O'Connell spoke Jan. 15 on "The Christian Family in Today's Society" and Maurice Quillet will speak on Jan. 22 on "The Black Community and Social Justice" at a church-sponsored series in Galveston.

Bristol, Virginia. Recently representatives from 11 community agencies of the Greater Bristol Virginia-Tennessee area met to initiate a series of luncheon planning sessions relating to the forthcoming family counseling workshop to be conducted by Manfred Sonstegard on Mar. 15-16. The conference will be sponsored by Virginia Intermont College and coordinated by Dan Eckstein, an Adlerian who received his training with Frank Walton at South Carolina. (Contact Dan at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va. 24201.)

NEWSNOTES--REGION 4

REGION 4--MIDDLE-ATLANTIC

Bowie, Maryland. In February, Bill Pew will return to Bowie State College as Visiting Professor teaching Adlerian Theory and Practice, with emphasis on Style of Living Assessment. He combines his bi-weekly trips to the Washington, D.C. area with work on the Dreikurs' biography with Janet Turner.

Garrett Park, Maryland. Montgomery County parents have an opportunity to advance the social interest for all children by exercising their new option to obtain an alternative form of report on their children's progress in school, rather than the standard letter grades. (For details of the policy and information on how you might encourage such a policy in your own school system, write Gary Slaughter, c/o IPA of Greater Washington, Box 11, Garrett Park, Md. 20766.)

Largo, Maryland. Beginning in mid-January, a course on Marriage and Family Life, based on Dreikurs' philosophy and techniques, will be taught at Prince Georges Community College (301 Largo Road, Largo, Md. 20870) by Mary Schwappach. Texts to be used are *Challenge of Marriage* and *The Challenge of Parenthood*.

Dayton, Ohio. Mim and Bill Pew will be speakers for the Alfred Adler Institute of Dayton (122 E. Apple Street, Dayton, Oh. 45409) on Feb. 16-17 on the topic of Marriage Counseling. Helene Papanek will conduct a workshop on Marital Counseling in Dayton in March.

Toledo, Ohio. On Feb. 15 Harold Mosak will be speaking to the Maumee Valley School Psychologists Association on "Counseling and Psychotherapy: Theory, Practical Application and Demonstration." (Write Alfred Adler Institute of Toledo, c/o Keith Wiggins, 857 Maple Lane, Waterville, Oh. 43566 for further information.)

Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Helene Papanek presented a workshop in Lifestyle Assessment and Marital Counseling at the Woonsocket Family and Child Service this month.

REGION 5--NORTHEAST

East Orange, New Jersey. The New Jersey Society of Adlerian Psychology (377 S. Harrison Street, East Orange, NJ 07018) is offering monthly seminars, with forthcoming ones to be presented by Donald Lombardi of Seton Hall University; William McKelvie of Bowie State College, who will speak on training courses for study group leaders; and Lilly Ehrlich, who will speak on study groups for teachers and school personnel.

South Orange, New Jersey. Donald N. Lombardi has written an article entitled "Prescription for Mental Health: Mind Your Own Business." It appeared in the July, 1973 issue of *UNICO National Magazine*, has subsequently been translated into Italian and will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Italian Society's new journal, *Rivista di Psicologia Individuale*.

New York, New York. Robert L. Powers will be in New York City to do two workshops on Jan. 26-27 under the sponsorship of the Alfred Adler Institute of New York. The topic the first day (at the Carnegie Endowment Center, 345 E. 46 St.) is Family Therapy and Group Counseling of Adolescents, while the second day will be an intensive Life Style Workshop for a limited number of professionals. (Contact AAI, 333 Central Park West, N.Y. 10025 for further information.)

A reception and brunch was held Jan. 20 in honor of Danica Deutsch and Warner L. Lowe, sponsored by the Individual Psychology Association of New York, the Alfred Adler Mental Hygiene Clinic, AAI of New York and its Student Organization. Alexandra Adler gave the introduction, Helene Papanek some words of thanks, and President of Adelphi University Timothy Sullivan was guest speaker on the topic of "Healing as a Lifework." Helene Papanek gave two lectures at Rockland State College in December on the application of Adlerian theory.

At the graduation ceremony for the Alfred Adler Institute of New York, Alexandra Adler gave a moving tribute to three devoted Adlerians who have passed away recently, Rudolf Dreikurs, Alfred Farau, and Egon C. Frey. On Feb. 16 Don Dinkmeyer and Edmund Kal of Reno, Nevada, will present a workshop at perhaps the first Adlerian workshop at these meetings which have been previously reserved to other schools of thought, says Dinkmeyer.

LETTERS

A JUMP FORWARD

Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 26

The 12th of December was for myself and many others here one of those memorable days one will not forget so soon. We had the privilege and pleasure to gather around our dear family friends, the Ansbachers, who were visiting here, about 25 members of our Study Groups, mothers and fathers as well as some newcomers interested in taking part in future Study Groups.

We have been running these groups now for about two years, based mainly on Dr. Dreikurs' *Children: The Challenge* but also on some of Alfred Adler's original books. Many questions were put to the Ansbachers, which they answered in a clear and easy-to-understand manner, and everybody came away feeling richer by the experience.

The next day Rowena and I were asked to speak at two "Drop-In Centers," where many mothers present showed their interest in future Study Groups.

Heinz and Rowena made these occasions delightful and interesting, and it is my belief that Individual Psychology took a jump forward that day in Montreal.

Should you wish to publish this letter, perhaps more people interested in Individual Psychology would know that something is going on in our town. It was until now a little frustrating to feel that so few people here knew about the existence or rather the beginnings of a group in Montreal. Especially those who listened to Dr. Dreikurs on Vermont Educational TV (which is included in our Cable TV here) would I am sure be interested to know about our activities here, both in French and English.

Liliane Bensingner

LETTERS

IN PRAISE OF HISTORY

New York, Jan. 7

Following my several appeals in recent *Newsletters*, I am glad to report that a splendid write-up of the history of the Midwest Society of Individual Psychology, Missouri, was mailed to me by Ms. Kathleen Dunn--ten pages, telling of their development from 1963 to 1973! In my grateful reply, I suggested that they might take this as an occasion to celebrate their Tenth Anniversary with participation of their region's parents and other interested persons.

P.S..Note, please: Direct all such writing and documents *only* to the Central Office of ASAP, 110 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Il. 60603)!

Jos. Meiers (ASAP Historian)

KUDOS

St. Louis Park, Minn., Dec. 20

The *ASAP Newsletter* just arrived and the news was really exciting with Corsini taking over the editorship of the *Journal*. The paper is interesting and newsworthy and keeps us informed of Adlerian activities in different parts of the country.

Ruth Katz

A QUESTION

New York, Dec. 29

Innovatively, *ASAP Newsletter* recently has started carrying illustrations. That's certainly an improvement! But perhaps not all of its readers do (nor can they) know that the "picture" taken from the *New Yorker Magazine* did not represent a *real* demonstration scene, as "drawn by Opie"--though it is true that the President's Message does call it a "cartoon." I do not think that anyone could *prove* that all, or even most, of the "schools" (or organizations) depicted there are "better known" or would all have to be considered larger than ASAP, together with its allied and affiliated local groups, Family Education, and Study Group units. It all depends in which "circles" and through which "media" we are known.

However, if it were really so that we, as ASAP and allied groups, were "not as well known..." (Dec. *Newsletter*, p. 6), then I would not entirely agree that "perhaps that is just as well." Individual Adlerians, more or less prominent ones, occasionally get into TV; and, guided by Manford Sonstegard, ASAP has been represented regularly for many years by very successful booth-exhibitions at the national meetings of the APGA. Still, should not all of us agree that all members of ASAP and its allied groups ought to look permanently for *opportunities* and *methods*--even beyond personal contacts --to make Adlerian ideas and practiced activities known to their communities and even wider circles in the nation and world *and* to write about this to the ASAP President and the Chicago Central Office?

J. Meiers (ASAP Historian)

IN THE SOCIAL INTEREST

[The following letter was sent to Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, Jr.]

Recently one of my Ph.D. students at Indiana State University was told that he could not be considered for a position in marriage and family counseling at our local Family Service Association because he does not hold a MSW. Upon further investigation I discovered that in many other community mental health agencies the agency must employ social workers for these positions to become accredited and to be approved for federal funds. This appears merely a power play by one group to protect jobs for themselves. In order to insure the best possible services for those who require them, I strongly urge that a Senate committee investigate its policies with reference to expenditure of these funds. Obviously, you want the best qualified persons to be employed in these positions. Today some of the very best professional preparation is being provided by members of the American Society of Adlerian Psychologists. Increasingly professionals are learning to substitute new and better approaches for traditional psychoanalytic methods taught in most graduate schools of social work. Such professionals are being blocked out of these positions by current employment policies. Though I now live in Indiana, I taught at the University of Illinois for nineteen years. Hence, I would sincerely appreciate your support on this matter.

Merle M. Ohlsen, Ph.D.

Holmsted Distinguished Professor

Guidance and Psychological Services

Recommended Reading

Guiding Human Misfits by Dr. Alexandra Adler has been reprinted by Kraus Reprint Company. The cost is \$9.50 per copy (cloth) plus handling. Available from AAI (110 S. Dearborn, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60603).

Critical Incidents in Nursing by Raymond J. Corsini, Ph.D. and Loretta Sue Bemosk, R.N., M.Litt. W. B. Sanders Co., 1973. \$11.50 (Available from AAI, address above)

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