

NEWSLETTER

It is hoped that news of the activities and aspirations of the various societies around the world will serve to solidify the Adlerian movement and inspire each individual group to continued and increased efforts. A lone candle casts a small light but as a chain of lights around the world it is important.

The response to this section has been so great that it is impossible to use all the news this time, and some will appear in the Fall issue. Thank you, and please keep us posted on your most recent activities.

--Eva Bullard

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CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER ESTABLISHED IN DELAWARE

Associates for Study and Action of Wilmington, Delaware, are elated to announce that a Child Guidance Center opened in the New Castle Special School District this March with Verna Davidoff Barke as psychologist.

Under the chairmanship of Bill Statton, A.S.A. with approximately 50 members holds monthly program and social meetings. Dr. Rowena Ansbacher of Vermont was a special guest in December, and told of studying with Dr. Alfred Adler in Vienna.

An extensive circulation library of recorded tapes of counseling sessions and lectures are widely used by the various study groups. A series of ten articles was written by A.S.A. members to acquaint the public with the principles which are effective in training children. The Society also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter.

"Associates Continued Study," a group for members with some Adlerian background, met twice monthly for a planned series on comparative psychology and another on life style. Members did research and presented the subjects for general discussion. Another group, led by Doris Hayek, has been meeting weekly for more than two years. Most of the Mothers' study groups are sponsored by P.T.A., but led by A.S.A. members, and several church sponsored groups also have A.S.A. leadership assistance.

A leadership training workshop was conducted in October. Members were invited to a series of five leadership seminars presented by the Adult Programs Committee of the Unitarian Church this March. Built around five 30-minute films produced with the assistance of a grant from the Sears Roebuck Foundation, the seminars were designed to help develop individual skills and insights of leadership.

Edith and Milton Dewey, former A.S.A. members who moved to Don Mills, Canada, are actively engaged in bringing Adlerian Psychology to that area, and presently are conducting a study group for parents of pre-school children.

ADLERIAN SOCIETIES IN ENGLAND

There are two Societies in England: the parent body is the Adlerian Society of Great Britain (for Individual Psychology) and the daughter society, the Alfred Adler Medical Society. The Alfred Ad-

ler Medical Society is affiliated to the Adlerian Society. Membership of the Alfred Adler Medical Society is, as the name implies, restricted to members of the medical profession and medical students.

Among the activities of the Adlerian Society are regular public lectures (every month from October to June inclusive), courses at various levels, which form part of the training for the examination for membership of the Adlerian Society, and a Weekend Conference which is held at least once a year, usually at one of the colleges of the University of Oxford or Cambridge. This year, however, the Weekend School will be held at the new University of Kent, Canterbury, from 9th to 11th September. The title will be "The Psychology of Power" and we would be very happy to welcome any American Adlerians who may be in Europe about that time.

The Adlerian Society also runs a modest library, provides speakers for various organizations who may either select a title from a list supplied, or suggest a subject which they would like to hear discussed, and runs a small child guidance service.

LATEST NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs of the Chicago Alfred Adler Institute is in Tel-Aviv for two and a half months continuing the work he began several winters ago. Work is concentrated on the final training of members of the Institute staff who all had previous work with him.

Dr. Dreikurs writes, "The counseling at the Guidance Center is done by them, and I merely supervise and fill in. When we finish we will have about 8-10 who can well function as counselors for centers. The most thrilling aspect of my present work here is the realization of how much the people have learned. I have weekly sessions with the whole group of about 20. This group then splits into two sub-groups, one for those who work with children, and the other with adults. We have case studies, group discussion, and counseling sessions by the trainees. It is almost like the fulfilment of a dream that I can have these discussions with well trained Adlerians."

Two other groups, one of teachers and the other of counselor-students from Bar-Ilan and Tel-Aviv Universities, are meeting with Dr. Dreikurs for review and reenforcement. He is also teaching Adlerian techniques to two new classes of pediatricians and psychiatrists.

Adlerian trained Rifka Daron has been appointed assistant to the Chief of the Juvenile Section of the police for the whole country. Judith Eloul is preparing the Bachelor's degree program for counselors at Bar-Ilan University, and will appoint her own staff.

"CHILDREN: THE CHALLENGE" TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN

Eric Blumenthal, president of Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Individualpsychologie, translated "Children: The Challenge" by Dreikurs and Soltz into German, and the book was scheduled for printing in March. It is safe to predict this version will be as popular in Europe as the original has been in the United States. Dr.

Wolfensberger, one of our early Adlerians, has also published some small books on education of children.

During the last year, the Swiss Society visited a medical rehabilitation center in Gais, attended lectures by Dr. Victor Louis and Dr. Wolfensberger, as well as lectures by Eric Blumenthal and Mr. Hanselmann; the talks, open to the public, drew 150 paying guests, in addition to the sixty-five group members.

May 20 to 26, Dr. Dreikurs is to lecture and conduct workshops in Zurich, and it is anticipated that he will be as enthusiastically received as last year. A radio talk, similar to the very successful one he gave last year, is being planned.

Eric Blumenthal writes, "Our next goals are the opening of an Erziehungsberstungsstelle in Zurich, and a regular set of courses in individual psychology so the interested people can obtain some sort of a diploma in IP."

In Zurich, Dr. Louis conducts regular classes at the Institute for Applied Psychology and has been invited to speak at the next Lindauer Psychotherapy week in Germany. Dr. Wolfensberger also lectures at the same Institute, and talks at the Folks University in Zurich and Vienna, and in Zurich medical circles. Blumenthal leads many workshops for teachers and parents in Zurich, and various towns of Southern Germany. He gave lectures on marriage at the Institute.

ADLERIAN ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

From Dr. Herbert Schaffer of Paris came a letter containing news of the latest Adlerian activities. In a school at Maisons Alfort, Georges Maurel uses a new type of education applying the techniques of Adler. Bernard Paulmier uses the Adlerian methods with a class of slow learners. Madame Yvonne Chevet applies the Adlerian techniques to a class of retarded children in a school at Mereville in Seine and Oise. Mesdames Hauser and Dreyfus are active in the Parent study group movement, "Ecole des Parents." Miss Denise Derognat assists in treating a group of disturbed individuals. Dr. Alfred Meyers is active with the state group.

Dr. Herbert Schaffer holds a seminar for Adlerians the last Wednesday of each month. At the Sorbonne on January 17, he delivered a lecture entitled "Interpretations of Dreams" (according to method of Alfred Adler) to an audience of 250 people--psychiatrists, psychotherapists, doctors and students of psychology.

Recent publications were "A Review of Adlerian Psychology" in an Education Journal by Andree Gobert; and "The Work of Alfred Adler," by Bernard Paulmier, in the Jan.-Feb. 1965 issue of "Education a la fraternité."

NORTHERN CALIF. INSTITUTE OF INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Lucy Ackerknecht, president, writes that the Northern California group has about 30 members: psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, school administrators, teachers, and parents. "We have operated a child guidance center for almost five years, and have trained some guidance center counselors. Practical training in Individual Psychology takes place in the guidance center, theoretical

training through my teaching at the various colleges," explains Lucy, who is an associate professor of psychology at California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. She also lectures at the John F. Kennedy University in Martinez, California.

Mrs. Edith Kalmar is conducting Seminars in Individual Psychology for college students. In 1964 Dr. Ackerknecht's book, "Life Meanings of Future Teachers: A Value Study," was published. She is now doing research on "Children's Drawings as a Diagnostic Tool." She will lecture this summer in Germany on that topic, and on "Special Education in the U.S."

TWO OLDER GROUPS WHO LEAD US

The Individual Psychology Association of New York, Inc. operates the Alfred Adler Mental Hygiene Clinic. Dr. Alexandra Adler is medical director and Mrs. Deutsch is executive director of this low-cost, non-sectarian psychiatric clinic.

Dr. Alexandra Adler has been renominated Chairman of the Committee on Psychotherapy of the New York District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association. Three staff members of our clinic, Drs. Kurt Adler, N. Grunbaum and Helene Papanek, have also been nominated as members of this committee.

Dr. Alexandra Adler has recently published two papers: "The Work of Paul Schilder" and "Office Treatment of the Chronic Schizophrenic." Reprints are available. She has recently appeared in a national broadcast which received many enthusiastic comments. Danica Deutsch has also appeared in a national broadcast which too was favorably received. She also gave a talk at a convention in Philadelphia.

Margo and Willard Beecher, guests of Sam Levinson at his morning session on WOR, discussed parent-children relationships. Dr. Bernard Mackler conducts radio programs: "How They Grow" and "Topic Teens," discussions of childhood adolescence, on WABC, Sundays, at 10:30 A.M. Nahum E. Shoobs, at the request of some guidance counselors in the New York City Public Schools, is conducting a practicum course in I.P. Dr. Ernst Papanek is lecturing in Israel.

The Alfred Adler Institute of New York, a teaching unit, was founded in 1950. Dr. Helene Papanek is the executive director of a ten-member administrative board. The Institute staff consists of this board and an impressive list of lecturers. Complete training programs in Individual Psychotherapy, Counseling, and Group Psychotherapy are available to qualified students. Present enrollment is forty.

"Our objective is the teaching of Individual Psychology. Classes meet twice weekly, October to June. In the third year our students treat, under supervision, patients of the Alfred Adler Mental Hygiene Clinic. Thus there is close cooperation between the staff of the Clinic and the Institute," states Dr. Papanek. She is a prolific writer and has contributed articles to many Journals in Individual Psychology and Psychotherapy.

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