

analytic theory speaks of the schizophrenic's being overwhelmed by his id impulses. Such a formulation is consistent with mechanistic libido theory and id-ego-super-ego topology, but it has no place in a theory which is phenomenological and holistic.

Other investigators have suggested the existence of specific schizophrenogenic environments in childhood. (Kanner, Mahler, Rosen, Fromm-Reichman) Adler himself said that any child could probably be made schizophrenic by systematic discouragement. Bender and others, however, claim that there is "no uniform pattern of family dynamics" such as rejecting mothers, brutal fathers, etc. In the author's experience, the family constellation of each schizophrenic will reveal those environmental factors which promoted and encouraged the development of schizophrenia. However, there seems to be no family constellation that one can call without qualification schizophrenogenic. In what seems the most disturbed family, one sibling may become psychotic, the next may not. Kallman and Bender suggest constitutional causes. While these may well exist, the author believes they still cannot "cause" schizophrenia without the "necessary" conditions mentioned above.

The sine qua non, according to this theory, is the individual's "decision" to discard the use of consensual validation. The symptoms of the disease are the result of this decision.

EDITOR'S NOTES

* Owing to the pressure of other activities, Mr. George LaPorte has resigned as Managing Editor. Our best wishes in his new venture.

* Dr. Andrew Lavender, Professor of English at the Baruch School of the City College of New York, certified graduate of the Alfred Adler Institute of New York and staff member of Curricular Guidance of CCNY, a gentleman of many abilities and interests, has joined our staff as Associate Editor.

* The I. P. A. of New York has on file many issues of The Journal of Individual Psychology, dating back to 1935. Anyone interested in purchasing copies may contact Abramson, M.S.W., Social Service Director, c/o I.P.A., 333 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10025.

IDEA EXCHANGE COLUMN

by Roland Preston Rice

The letter which follows in this column was sent by the Idea Exchange Editor a while back to Mr. Nahum Shoobs, editor of The Individual Psychologist. It concerns a suggestion made by one of our prominent Adlerians and has reference to a name which might possibly be added to the two now commonly used. Thus, alongside and--under certain conditions--in place of "Individual Psychology" and "Adlerian Psychology" would be the suggested term "Teleanalysis."

My reason for releasing this letter to our readers is for the purpose of stimulating discussion and the promotion of more idea-building. Therefore, dear readers, send in your replies!

The letter follows: