
EDITORIAL COMMENT

Dear Friends:

With this issue our bulletin enters its fourth year of existence. The history of Individual Psychology Magazines in America is full of changes and surprises. The first magazine, *The International Journal of Individual Psychology*, made its appearance in 1935. It was a fine journal and won many friends. But after the death of Dr. Alfred Adler it was discontinued in 1938. In 1940, a small magazine, *The Individual Psychology News*, came into being. It was unpretentious in its appearance—a few mimeographed sheets—as its purpose was to serve as an organ of communication between the I. P. groups and workers. The second volume was still mimeographed, but was presented in a magazine form and contained, as *The Individual Psychology Bulletin*, original papers and contributions. The third volume was planographed, with larger papers prevailing. Unfortunately, war conditions, with the difficulties of obtaining clerical help and reliable service, made the appearance of the *Bulletin* irregular.

This year we have finally succeeded, beyond our original hopes, in having our bulletin printed, which will assure a more regular issue. You can expect four issues during this season. We have decided to maintain the old subscription price of \$1.00 (\$1.50 outside of the United States), to promote as wide a circulation as possible. But we need your assistance in doing so. By subscribing to several copies you can give some to friends whom you wish to interest in Individual Psychology. In this way you help them and us.

In the immediate future we have a great responsibility to shoulder. Individual Psychology is not, as many wish to believe, a mere historical phase of psychology. It is a technique which, if properly applied, enables workers to deal more effectively with human problems, be it in medicine, in education, in private life or in social developments. It is up to us, who are familiar with this technique and well trained to apply it, to teach and demonstrate it to others. The "Adlerian Approach" is more than a peculiar sectarian point of view. It is the recognition of psychological facts which are unfortunately not sufficiently known—as yet—in the various professional fields, although they present results of research which were published throughout many years. We are fully convinced that the facts about human behavior should be better known in a time when the whole world becomes increasingly aware of its deficiency in understanding and dealing with human needs.

We must gather all of our strength and enthusiasm to combine our efforts so that our contemporaries may become aware of the tool which Alfred Adler has discovered for the benefit of discouraged and aberrant human beings.

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