

around and annoyed her mother, who shouted at her and said, "You bad girl, go and take your bath and go to bed, or I will spank you!"

Rita then said, "Mother, if you will say, 'please,' I will take my bath." The mother said, "Please take your bath, Rita dear." Whereupon Rita said, "Yes, mother dear," went into the bathroom without further discussion and took her bath. When she came out, she ran into the kitchen where her brother was drinking milk and knocked the glass out of his hand. Her mother again threatened to spank her and yelled at her to go to bed at once; whereupon Rita once again said, "If you will ask me nicely, I will go to bed." The mother did, and Rita went to bed.

Rita's mother was shocked when she first listened to the interpretation of her child's behavior. She could not believe that Rita failed to realize she was loved.

During the last week in Camp, when there was difficulty with an older boy, I asked the children how they thought we could help him. Rita's response was, "Show him that you like him, and he will be good." Also, during the last week, Rita's brother presented a problem for the first time, by having a fight with the boys. This continued through the week.

The gradual change in the behavior of Rita, the different facial expression, with its increasing relaxation and happiness, her participation in group activities and her friendly relationship with other children demonstrated clearly her social adjustment during this period. It is worth while noticing how the child tried to influence her home situation, teaching her mother the ways of talking to children, which she learned at Day Camp, and her psychological understanding of other children who had similar problems.

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## FROM OUR FRIENDS

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The following reports were recently received:

**New York Group:** Six active members of the group made a successful attempt to introduce psychological work to the Grand Street Settlement. An enlarged program is planned for the next season.

**Chicago Group:** An Individual Psychology Summer Seminar was held July 23 to July 30 at the Co-op Camp at Cloverdale, Michigan. Thirty people attended. A new relationship between Individual Psychology and the Consumer Co-operative has been established and gives great promise for future cooperation.

A Seminar on Individual Psychology is planned for the coming season to train people to teach Individual Psychology. Dr. Dreikurs will be in charge of the seminar and a number of professional persons in various fields, who have already been acquainted with Individual Psychology, will be invited to attend the seminar.

**Capt. Kurt Adler, M. C.**, is stationed at the Glennen General Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

**Dr. Oliver Brachfeld** reports from Spain about the development of I. P. in Europe. His book "Los Sentimientos de Inferioridad" was published in 1936 and now appears enlarged in a new edition, which will cover everything published so far on this subject by I. P. and others, going back to Montaigne, Vauvenarques, Mandeville and Stendhal. The book is dedicated to the memory of Alfred Adler, "The deep knower of the human soul." On the title page will appear his words: "Being human means having inferiority feelings and driving for a condition of superiority." It is planned also to publish a French edition of the book in Switzerland.

**Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs** was invited to address the Eighth Annual Conference on Guidance and Personnel Work, held by the School of Education of the Northwestern University. His talk on "Psycho-neurosis in Our Time," given on August 11, had an especially large attendance, as several professors dismissed their classes to enable their students to attend this lecture.

**Brian Knight** reports from Auckland, New Zealand, about the development of his Hostel and Clinic. Dr. Eugene J. Fischman, who studied with Dr. Alfred Adler in Vienna, is one of his main helpers.

**Paul Plottke** is again organizing Individual Psychology in a new theater of operations. After his successful work in Germany came to a sudden end he organized I. P. in France by publishing his magazine "Courage." Now he interests people and wins friends for I. P. in North Africa. His newest book "LaPaix des Nerfs," (The Peace of Nerves) has been published in Switzerland in the "Edition du Mont Blanc," edited by Charles Baudouin. P. P. seems to be at home wherever he is. Good luck to you, old friend and fighter!

**Rev. Edmund A. Opitz**, of Harrisburg, Pa., sent us an announcement of the activities which he conducts at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. It includes a study group on "Understanding Human Nature." "The emphasis will be on interpretation furnished by the late Dr. Alfred Adler and his school of Individual Psychology."

**Eleanor Redwin** was invited to be an instructor at the Youth Institute that is held every summer at the Co-op Camp in Cloverdale, Mich.

**Paul Thatcher and Jean Burnham**, of Ogden, Utah, have published an excellent Manual for Psychological Examinations. A small pamphlet, "Alfred Adler's Questionnaire for Individual Psychologists" is supplemented by a Questionnaire and Record Sheet. Both are available for I. P. Workers.

**Dr. Lydia Sicher**, of Los Angeles, California, has just finished a course on Medical Psychology which was attended by sixty-five physicians.