
FROM OUR FRIENDS

Chicago Group: During the 1944-1945 season of the Chicago Individual Psychology Association there were seven general meetings, seven educational meetings, and one social meeting held. The administrative committee met six times.

Programs presented at the general meetings attracted large attendance, especially the three round-table discussions by exponents of the Freudian, Jung, Adlerian, Psychobiology, and General Semantics schools. These round-table discussions dealt with the subjects of Fear, Dreams, and the Parent-Child Relationship.

Other lectures at the general meetings included "Co-operation and Individual Psychology," "Group Therapy," "Psychology of Propaganda," and "The Psychology of the Returning Soldier."

The educational program consisted of a series of co-ordinated lectures dealing with the Individual Psychology approach to the following: "The Family under Social Agencies," "The Group Situation," "The Adolescent Group," "The Nursery School," "The Mothers' Group," "Medical Education."

An introductory class in Individual Psychology theory conducted in the Fall was followed by a seminar for teachers, doctors, students, social workers, and others interested in acquainting themselves with I. P. for the purpose of furthering its work.

There are now twenty-six central group members in the Chicago Association. The associate membership has doubled during the past year, increasing from 29 to 60.

The third Summer Seminar was held at Circle Pine Center, Cloverdale, Mich. About thirty-five students enrolled. The proceedings of the lectures will be made available to the participants and interested outsiders.

Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs has been appointed Special Examiner of the Chicago Park District to serve in the selection of personnel to be assigned to the administration of a program for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

New York Group: Mrs. Danica Deutsch, secretary, reports on the annual meeting held May 2: Twelve lectures were held from November through May. The speakers were some of the members and guests invited from other institutions. Courses on the theory and practice of Individual Psychology were held through the season. Some of the members worked with other groups engaged in the study of personality development, for instance, Rorschach, Psychodramatics and Group and Play Therapies. Dr. Alexandra Adler was invited to write a contribution for the Encyclopedia of Psychology, Dr. Edmond Schlesinger for the Encyclopedia of Criminology. We have published an outline of our activities in the Journal of Clinical Psychopathology. Contributions of our members appeared in various psychological journals.

In the making are a questionnaire, which will facilitate practice and teaching, and a bibliography compiling the sources and authors who quoted Adler. In cooperation with Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, of Chicago, we plan a pamphlet for the promotion of Individual Psychology in wider circles.