
FROM OUR FRIENDS

New York Group

We received from the secretary of the New York group the following announcements of this year's activities:

LECTURES: at Hunter College (Room 619) October 11, Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D., "Alfred Adler, Pioneer of Psychomatic Medicine"; November 20, Carl Furmueller Ph.D., "The Neurotic Community"; December 18, Alexandra Adler, M.D., "Treatment of Neurosis in Children and Adolescents"; January 15, N. E. Schoobs, M.A., "Personality Adjustment of School Children through Individual Work and Group Work"; February 19, Sophie Lazarsfeld, "Marriage—Rivalry or Partnership"; March 19, Abraham D. Zweibel, M.A., "The Challenge of Parenthood"; April 16, Grete Simpson, Ph.D., "Children in Trouble".

COURSES: (Each course 6 sessions) Alexandra Adler, M.D., "Principles of Individual Psychology"; studies basic for the understanding of human nature. Danica Deutsch, "Counseling Technique"; seminar based on questionnaire. Annie R. Heinrichs "Parents' Study Group"; Discussion of everyday problems. Asya Kadis, "Projective Techniques"; fingerpainting, drawing, story telling. Elvira F. Kaufmann, M.S.Sc., "Psychological Aspects of Child Behavior in Nursery and Kindergarten". Sophie Lazarsfeld, "Problems of Womanhood"; their relation to growth and maturity. Eleanor L. Pirk, "Understanding the Development and Needs of Babies and Infants"; for expectant mothers and mothers of young children.

WORKSHOP: Individual Psychology Applied to Problems in Education, Medicine, and Related Fields: Blanche C. Weill, Ed.D., Chairman.—Workshop on the Method of Piano Study Based on Individual Psychology: Leonhard Deutsch, D.T.Sc., Chairman.—Seminar for Teachers classroom discipline through personality adjustment: N. E. Schoobs, B.S., M.A.—Medical Group: meets at Squibb Hall, 745 Fifth Avenue, every first Monday of the month. Alexandra Adler, M.D., Chairman.

Mrs. Elvira F. Kaufmann has received the degree of Master of Social Science (MSSc) from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research. Mrs. Kaufmann, formerly teacher and assistant supervisor of the Henry Street Nursery N. Y. C. and director of the Williamsburg "Y" Child Care Center, is a member of the executive committee of the New York Group. She is preparing for a nation-wide lecture tour on "Problems of Youth" and is presently working on a study of "Adlerian Psychology and its Relation to Other Psychological Schools".

Chicago Group

The Chicago Group has decided to change the scope of its activities for the forthcoming year. It will concentrate its work on the establishment, maintenance and consolidation of Child Guidance Centers in the community. Chairman of Board of Directors: Sidney Roth; Medical Director: Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D.; Assistant Medical Director: Arthur Zweibel, M.D.

Rio de Janeiro Group

The group resumed its activities for this year on September 24 with a lecture by Rudolf Dreikurs, "The Technique of Encouragement". The group will sponsor and conduct a Child Guidance Clinic under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Gaspar Gomez and Mrs. Vera Street. Dr. Januario Bittencourt is the president of the group.

Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, in his capacity as Special Examiner of the Chicago Park District, organized the psychiatric part of a training program on Juvenile Delinquency, which was first given to a selected group of police officers and will be used in the training of the whole police force. He also was invited several times as guest lecturer at the School of Education, Northwestern University, and at the Human Relations Seminar of the University of Chicago. He had accepted an invitation to lecture in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the months of June to September, 1946.

Paul C. Plottke is returning to Paris after completing his work as instructor at the Formation College in Perugia, Italy. He is planning to organize I. P. work in Paris, and contemplates publishing an I. P. bulletin in French.

Dr. Arthur Zweibel has been appointed Instructor in Psychiatry at the Chicago Medical School.

Zurich, Switzerland, Group

Mrs. Mira Munkh writes us from Zurich:

"When I arrived in Switzerland, in 1937, Individual Psychology was completely neglected. It took considerable effort before I could eventually start with public lectures on my own. This was in 1940 when everything in the world looked gloomy and everybody was seized with despair. Soon a few, but very fine, people were attracted by the "brazen logical net" of Individual Psychology. Strange as it may seem, at first there were no psychologists, but scientists, sociologists, women without vocation, in search for something to hold on to; later a physician joined us, and a student of psychology. So far we have not succeeded in interesting teachers in our group.

"Though Jung and the conservative Freudians dominate in psychological magazines and popular and scientific publications, we feel certain that Individual Psychology will hold its own; and we are confident that our group will meet with ever-growing success in wider circles.

"In the course of our work we were advised and encouraged by Manes Sperber, formerly of Berlin. Dr. Biasch, the head of the Psychological Seminar, has scheduled one course of Individual Psychology which I am going to give during the summer term 1946. It will be an introduction to Individual Psychology, and I sincerely hope that it will be a success.

"There was also a short course arranged by the Centre international d'orientation et de formations sociales pour l'apres-guerre which interested quite a number of people in the Adlerian School.

"Since Individual Psychology publications have almost entirely disappeared from the book market, we mimeographed "Scarlet Threads" from those Adler books which we were able to save. You will receive a copy of these guides for our courses, as soon as a complete copy is available.

"Our group sets great hope in the fact that Adler books will be available again."

New Books on Individual Psychology

A reprint of Alfred Adler's "Study of Organ Inferiority and Its Psychical Compensation" with a new forward by Nolan C. Lewis has just been published through the efforts of the New York Group. A limited number of copies are available by contacting the secretary of the New York Group, Mrs. Danica Deutsch, 333 Central Park West, N. Y., or by writing to the Bulletin.

"The Challenge of Marriage", by Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D., has just been published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce, N. Y.