

Book Reviews

Danica Deutsch of New York has sent us her review of *Betrachtungen zur Individualpsychologie*, by Dr. Siegfried Novotny, Wilhelm Mandrich, Vienna (1947):

This pamphlet must be reviewed with the fact in mind that it is one of the first attempts to introduce Individual Psychology to a new group of people in Vienna who, during the Nazi regime, had no access to it. The purpose of the essay is to give a brief survey of the basic principles of Individual Psychology. It is purely descriptive and employs the traditional terminology. It carries the dangers of any abstract in oversimplifying the basic concepts, neglecting the inherent and still unsolved problems. The most valuable asset of this little study is the illustrative material. The psychologist familiar with Adler's ideas will find it interesting; and it is to be hoped that the non-informed public will be stimulated to further studies of our literature.

New Friends

In *Science* (December 12, 1947), Keith Sward reviewed *Psychoanalytic Therapy* by Franz Alexander, Thomas Morton French, et al. It is interesting for us to note what he has to say about the new orientation in psychoanalysis. We quote:

"For their dynamics of *therapy*, or the clinical approach to the individual who is suffering from an emotional disturbance, Alexander and his colleagues are indebted for the most part to Rank (pp. v, 22-23). As for their dynamics of *personality* or their theories of the structure of neuroses—which the therapist must grasp quickly if he is to make a success of shortened psychotherapy (pp. 11, 172, 262-263)—the Chicago group would seem to be Adlerian through and through. (Such is the conclusion one is forced to draw after making a close examination of the volume's excellent case histories.) The Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis is not alone in this seeming rediscovery of Rank and Adler. Psychiatry and clinical psychology as a whole seem to be drifting in the same direction. Adler has come to life in other vigorous circles, notably in the publications of the 'Horney' school."

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The *Bulletin* is happy to announce the reprinting of the following contributions to our literature:

ADLER, ALFRED: *Social Interest: A Challenge to Mankind*, Faber and Faber, Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London (1945).

ADLER, ALFRED: *Practice and Theory of Individual Psychology* (cover imprinted "Individual Psychology"), Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co., Broadway House, 68-74 Carter Lane, E. C. London (1946).

ADLER, ALFRED: *Understanding Human Nature*, Greenberg, Publishers, New York (1946).

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DR. RUDOLF DREIKURS' new book, *The Challenge of Parenthood*, has been published by Duell, Sloan & Pearce.

From Our Friends

CHICAGO GROUP: Two child guidance centers which follow the procedures originated by Alfred Adler in Vienna are now operated by the Chicago group in neighborhood settlement houses, at Abraham Lincoln Centre and at Henry Booth House. The medical director of both centers is Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D. The clinical directors are, respectively, Arthur Zweibel, M.D., and Eleanore Redwin. A division of the Individual Psychology Association, which has been named Community Child Guidance Centers, has been set up to handle these and future clinics, including the third clinic which will be opened in the fall at Temple Sholem. The Association, which in the last year has expanded its membership from 30 to approximately 150, is training discussion leaders from its membership through a discussion group on child guidance. Leaders will function in parent discussion groups in the communities where child guidance centers are located.

A Preparatory Commission, sponsored by the Association, will present its conclusions on "The Basic Needs of Children" to the Mental Hygiene Conference to be held this summer in London. The Commission, which is composed of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and teachers, will be represented in London by Miss Louise Herst, a teacher.

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