

Editorial

With this volume, Number VII, the *Bulletin* enters a new phase of its work. To understand our position today one must recognize certain historical facts. When we started the *Individual Psychology Bulletin* in October, 1940, we were at the lowest point of the evolutionary curve of Adlerian Psychology. The national societies in Europe had ceased to exist. All periodical publications had stopped. The *Internationale Zeitschrift für Individual Psychologie* in Vienna ended its publication in 1938, the *Individual Psychology Medical Pamphlets* in London were discontinued in 1940, and even the *American Journal*, the *International Journal of Individual Psychology*, was out of existence in 1937. There was no means of communication left between the Adlerian workers elsewhere and groups in America. The *IP News* tried to provide such an organ of communication. In 1943 it had sufficient support to permit the publication of the *Individual Psychology Bulletin* which served for communication as well as for the expression of scientific opinions. Its main function was the presentation of papers which clarified the Adlerian position in psychiatry, medicine, psychology, education, and in general cultural problems. Such clarification was deeply needed as American professional workers were almost completely unfamiliar with the real significance of Adlerian Psychology. The high point of this phase of our publishing efforts was the Alfred Adler Memorial Issue of the last volume. In it, like in many other issues, an attempt was made to sum up our position in the various fields of our work.

Now we are faced with a new situation. Adlerian groups are reactivated in many countries. New and important books enrich our scientific knowledge in the field of Individual Psychology. The *Internationale Zeitschrift* was resumed in Vienna and leads a gallant fight against all the odds of European restrictions and limitations. But neither the *Zeitschrift* nor the *Bulletin* can—as yet—provide the necessary support for the European countries. The *Zeitschrift* has difficulties in mailing its copies to other European countries, and the *Bulletin* finds it difficult to receive subscription payments due to the European economic restrictions. Only an international organization with its seat in Western Europe can fulfill the needs. The first steps toward such an organization have been taken in the various gatherings of representatives during and after the International Congress in London. It can be hoped that it will not only lead to the formation of a strong organization, but to the publication of an international journal comprising the scientific work of all our groups and workers.

The function of our *Bulletin* is greatly affected by this situation. It must become the mouthpiece of all those Adlerians who have something

important to say; it must contain the scientific research which is under way, it must present the new formulations which are developed within the field of Individual Psychology. Its basic tenets are well established, and their validity proved during the last forty years. But what is needed now is research to supplement the general principles with concrete data, clarifying the issues, making corrections wherever necessary, adding new facts to the body of knowledge already assembled. Any statement, regardless of how true it is, must be supported by figures in order to make any impression on our statistically conditioned scientific contemporaries. It is the aim of this *Bulletin* and its editorial staff to stimulate and encourage scientific research and to give expression, as much as possible, to such research projects. We invite our colleagues to submit to us information about all the projects on which they are working at the present time, and we appreciate contributions which add significantly to our present knowledge in the field of Adlerian Psychology.

Although for the present we will continue to be limited in space, we can make our *Bulletin* the scientific organ of the Adlerian movement. We can no longer be satisfied with mere communication, nor with re-stating our position. We must move on. The few contacts with Adlerian workers made during the last few months all over the world give us encouragement in this endeavor.

We are happy to announce the appointment of two new members to our editorial staff: Mr. Sydney Roth, who was founder and publisher of the American Edition of the *International Journal of Individual Psychology* under the editorship of Dr. Alfred Adler, and Miss Louise Herst, who is a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools.

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