

From Our Friends

THE NEW YORK GROUP opened on November 9, 1948, the "Alfred Adler Consultation Center," at 50 West 75th Street. Counseling services will be provided for children and parents, pupils and teachers, young men and women, husbands and wives, the aging and the aged. The staff of the Center includes psychologists, social workers, psychological counselors, and specialists in remedial reading and speech. Fees are nominal. Office hours, Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Danica Deutsch is the Director and Dr. Alexander Adler the President of the Executive Board.

The Individual Psychology Association of New York announces also a program of lectures, courses, and work shops. The lectures are held at Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, at 8:40 P.M., admission free. The program is as follows: November 11, Dr. Emil Froeschels, *The Expression of Personality in Speech*; December 2, Danica Deutsch, *Self-Evaluation and Achievements*; January 6, Dr. Kurt A. Adler, *Failures in Adolescence and Their Treatment*; February 3, Sophie Lazarsfeld, *Dreams and Life-Anticipations*; March 4, Dr. Lydia Sicher, *Psychosomatic Symptoms in the Light of Individual Psychology*; April 7, Willard E. Beecher, *Hostility in Social Relationships*; May 5, Asya L. Kadis, *Expressive and Adaptive Behavior*.

The courses include: An advanced course on group work techniques by Willard E. Beecher; Introduction to Individual Psychology by Danica Deutsch; *Escape from Responsibility* by Lena B. Frender; *The Use of Color and Clay in First Contacts with Children* by Emery I. Gondor; *Analysis of Behavior Patterns* by Asya L. Kadis and Sophie Lazarsfeld; *Mental Hygiene in Infancy and Early Childhood* by Eleanor L. Pirk; *The Art of Shaping One's Life* by Sidonie Reiss. Each course consists of three sessions.

The work shops are on: Individual Psychology Applied to Problems in Education, Medicine and Related Fields, Chairman, Dr. Emil Froeschels; Method of Piano Study based on Individual Psychology, Chairman, Leonard Deutsch; Seminar on Medical Psychology, Chairman, Dr. Alexandra Adler; Seminars for Teachers; Principles of Sociometry by N. E. Shoobs; Training in Remedial Reading by Marguerite Beecher.

THE LOS ANGELES GROUP. Dr. Lydia Sicher, Dr. Camilo Servin, Paul Brodsky and others resigned from the Board of Child House because of differences over policies, methods, and program. They formed The Institute for Individual Psychology at 932 Maltman Avenue, Los Angeles. Classes will be held with special consideration for the needs of psychiatrists, psychologists, and physicians in the treatment of neurosis and psychosomatic diseases. Special classes will be given for teachers, social workers, and probation officers on the counseling and education of normal and problem children. An adult education program will be offered for groups of non-professionals with emphasis on the education of children at the pre-school and school age. The classes for psychiatrists, psychologists, and physicians will be given by Dr. Lydia Sicher; the class for social workers by Dr. Camilo Servin; for parents, by Dr. Hildreth Caldwell; for

teachers, by Paul Brodsky; and the class for adults and parents, also by Paul Brodsky. In addition to the classes, a monthly lecture series will be offered on subjects of general interest approached from the standpoint of Individual Psychology.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brodsky opened a "Sunset Play Nursery" at 1314 North Hobarth Blvd., Los Angeles, for children, ages 3 to 5, five days a week from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

THE CHICAGO GROUP reports the opening of its third Child Guidance Center known as the North Side Community Child Guidance Center, located at Temple Sholom, 3480 Lake Shore Drive. The Board of this clinic consists of the leaders of the community, including ministers, doctors, principals of the neighborhood schools, directors of Y and settlement houses, Presidents of PTA's, and interested laymen. Within the first month of its activity the Child Guidance Center was filled to capacity both in regard to possible appointments for the rest of the year and in regard to visitors. Negotiations are well under way to open the fourth Center in the spring, on the West Side of the City, and requests for more Centers are received from the North, Northwest and South Side of the City. The Chicago Group concentrates its efforts upon the functioning and further development of the Child Guidance Centers, known as The Chicago Community Child Guidance Centers.

THE FRENCH GROUP maintains a *Centre de Psychologie Adlerienne* at 9 rue Edmond Valentin, in Paris. It has just completed a series of lectures by Paul Plottke, Dr. Alfred Meyer, Dr. H. Schaffer, Dr. Henri Arthus, Mme. Andree Hauser. Mme. Hauser is the Director of the Center. The Center arranged an International Meeting of Adlerian Psychologists in Paris on July 17 and 18, 1948. Speakers were: Mme. Hauser, Dr. Schaffer, Dr. Joshua Bierer (London), Sophie Lazarsfeld (New York), and Paul Plottke (Kent, England).

This International Meeting was opened with the following talk by Paul Plottke:

Dear Friends: I have the honor to open the first session of our International Meeting. It is with the greatest personal satisfaction that I do so and that I can bid you welcome to France on behalf of the Paris Centre of Adlerian Psychology.

Amongst the valuable results of the personal contacts which we are now making, one with another, let us hope that there will be projects for further international meetings. The Fascist interlude in Central Europe, the war to which it led, and the sad and terrible results of that war for the whole of humanity have prevented such gatherings for too long.

It is interesting to note how the successive congresses held in the past stand out as landmarks in the history of our movement. At the first, which was held in Munich in September, 1922, it was made clear to all that Comparative Individual Psychology has become an independent school of psychological thought and has developed into a world-wide movement. Three years later, the second congress was held at Berlin, and the third and fourth followed at intervals of one year only, at Dusseldorf, 1926, and at Vienna in 1927. Then, in 1930, we held our fifth congress at Berlin: and at this

point the movement had reached a height which it is now our task to reach again and to surpass.

In the course of these successive meetings our best and most highly qualified members have explored and discussed the entire field of human behavior, its deviations, and the pedagogic and therapeutic methods by which the satisfactions of friendship, love, and work may be brought back to lives which have become sterile and useless.

It is sad, however, to recall how many of our most gifted colleagues and of those who have taken the lead in the development of our movement have left us forever since the congress of 1930: our master, Adler himself, in 1937; then later during the war, such men and women as Ida Loewy, Hedwig Schulhof, Margaret Hilferding, David Oppenheim, Arthur Holub, Alexander Neuer, Otto and Alice Ruehle; and only recently Ferdinand Birnbaum, who had won his bet that he would bring to life again, at Vienna, our *International Journal of Individual Psychology*. The lives and writings of these men and women shall remain our lasting inspiration in the great and world-wide tasks which lie before us now.

THE AMSTERDAM GROUP conducts a two-year training program in Individual Psychology. Each year consists of three semesters. Instructors are, G. H. van Asperen, Dr. J. A. Delhez, G. W. Arendsen-Hein, Dr. M. Levy, Dr. A. Mueller, Dr. P. H. Ronge, Dr. M. A. Spaander-Duyvis, L. Stuurman, J. Vinkenborg, B. F. v. Walsem-Kaplan. Besides the regular classes a work group is conducted for non-accredited students.

THE SWISS GROUP is under the leadership of Mrs. Myra Munkh. Members of the group include Dr. Louis, Dr. Wolfensberger, Leo Rattner, Dr. S. Gurevitz (who recently arrived in New York).

THE VIENNA GROUP has not only resumed its former activities by publishing again the *Internationale Zeitschrift für Individual-Psychologie* and resuming the regular lectures of the Verein; they have increased their activities considerably during the last year. According to the latest report six child guidance clinics are functioning again and introductory courses in Individual Psychology are held regularly now in six People's Colleges (*Volkshochschulen*). Direktor Dr. Friedrich Friedman, Dozent Primarius Dr. Karl Nowotny, and Direktor Oskar Spiel are the presidents of the Verein who conducted ten scientific sessions during the last year.

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We have no recent news from the groups which are functioning in Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Shanghai, Auckland, London, Athens, and several German cities where Adlerians are working together.

Change of activities and location were reported by the following:

BERTHA KRAUSZ is now Director of a Nursery School in Columbus, Ohio. It is set up for 40 children, aged 2½ to 5 years, and is operated on the principles of Individual Psychology. She also has a mother's study group, is counsel-

ing mothers once a week, arranges fireside talks for a Fraternity at the Ohio State Campus.

PAUL PLOTTKE moved from Paris and is now working as Psychologist and French Master at the Red Hill School in East Sutton, Kent, England.

DR. EDWARD SCHNEIDER has left Los Angeles University and is teaching now at the Lincoln University in San Francisco where he is Dean of the Graduate School. He is also part time faculty member at Williams College in Berkeley.

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A review of *The Challenge of Parenthood*, by Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D., has appeared in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The following excerpts are quoted from this review:

“ . . . The book is one of the most sensible and practical of the numerous publications in this field. It is not so much a cold scientific analysis of the various abnormalities of behavior as an expression of warm understanding of the problems of childhood. . . . In its plea for sympathy for the child and for understanding, the book expresses the very spirit of pediatrics.”

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