

From Our Friends

NEW YORK GROUP—The Individual Psychology Association of New York commemorated Alfred Adler's eightieth birthday with two events. The first took place on February 7th at the Institute for Individual Psychology. Mr. Alfred Farau, a student and co-worker of Adler, presented a picture of the founder of the school of Individual Psychology, both as a scientist and as a man. At the conclusion of his talk, he offered some personal reminiscences.

On February 16th, at the regular monthly lecture meeting at Hunter College, Dr. Emil Froeschels, as a preface to his scheduled talk on "A New Approach to the Problem of Anxiety," paid his tribute to Alfred Adler in a review of his philosophy of life.

On February 24, at the monthly meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy, Dr. Frederic Wertham, President of the Association, opened the session with a commemorative talk on Alfred Adler. He elaborated on the various fundamental concepts of the Adlerian psychology and pointed to the influence they had had on later developments in the field of psychopathology. Dr. Wertham expressed his regret that so far there has been no comprehensive survey of the Adlerian theory at AAAP meeting.

The newly founded Institute has proven its value. The present group of students, mostly professional people in the field, has received the lectures with great interest, and it is to be expected that they will use the Adlerian approach in their future work. Some of these students are being trained as counselors at the Alfred Adler Consultation Center, and are engaged in research projects there. It is to be expected that the second annual report of the Alfred Adler Consultation Center will show great gains in the extent and quality of its services.

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CHICAGO GROUP—Dr. Bernard H. Shulman has been appointed Assistant Medical Director of the Community Child Guidance Centers of Chicago.

In April, Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs conducted a series of lectures entitled "Cultural Upheaval and Modern Family Life." The four lectures, which were attended by 1,100 people and enthusiastically received, were as follows: April 5: "The Family Reflects the Culture"; April 12: "The Changing Status of Woman as Wife and Mother"; April 19: "Our Unrecognized Prejudices Toward Children"; April 26: "Psychiatry Offers Solutions."

Dr. Dreikurs has been invited to talk on Adlerian Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting of the Community Child Guidance Centers is to be held on June 9 at the Hotel Stevens. Dr. Carl Rogers, Professor of Psychology, University of Chicago, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, Editor of *Et Cetera*, and Dr. Thelma Thurstone, Director of the Division of Child Study, Board of Education of the City of Chicago, will address the group.

Mr. Harold P. Marley, Director of Community Service of the Community Child Guidance Centers, reports a fruitful year of service to Chicago by the Community Child Guidance Centers. For the eight-month period just closing, four separate centers have been in continuous operation with a total of 124 sessions. The professional staff has varied in each of the centers. With the exception of social worker and game room director, the counselling has been done by Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, Dr. Bernard H. Shulman, Miss Eleanore Redwin, Mrs. Mabelle Brooks, and Dr. Klara Tulsky. Mrs. Adeline Starr has worked with the children in psychodrama in the downtown center, and Mrs. Hortense Sobetsky, with puppets, at the Lincoln Centre center. Recorders, registrars, and game room assistants have varied from center to center. Case loads have been kept to maximum by the many referrals from school principals and the publicity in news columns and open columns of the papers. In February there was an all-center party for parents and children, and a group therapy class has been set up for mothers under the direction of Miss Redwin. Plans for next year include the establishment of one more center and the starting of a group therapy class for adolescents. This counselling service to parents and children continues on a community service basis without cost to the client. The work has been financed by membership, voluntary gifts, and by the splendidly attended lecture series of Dr. Dreikurs on "Cultural Upheaval and Modern Family Life."

The office of the Community Child Guidance Centers, of the Individual Psychology Association, and of the Individual Psychology Bulletin, after May 31, 1950, will be 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois. An institute in Adlerian psychology is planned for the coming fall for the training of professional workers.

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LOS ANGELES GROUP—Paul Brodsky sponsored a program of lectures at the Sunset Play Nursery in Los Angeles, as follows: February 12, "The Family and the Feeling of Security"; March 5th, "Normal Growth and Character Formation"; April 2nd, "Sex Education and Sex Relations"; April 30th, "Speech Problems in Early Childhood"; May 21st, "Problems of Adolescence"; June 18th, "Child Guidance, a Society Responsibility." The lecturers were Paul Brodsky, Sophie DeVries, Dr. Nita Arnold, Dr. A. B. Gottlob, Dr. Hildreth Caldwell.

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PARIS GROUP—The Paris Group has published the first issue of a French *Bulletin*. It includes papers by Dr. Alfred Meyer, Dr. Schaffer, and Mme. Hauser. The *Centre de Psychologie Adlerienne* holds regular scientific meetings. The

program early this year consisted of: February 2, Dr. Alfred Meyer, "*Unité de la Personnalité*"; March 2, Manes Sperber, "*Etre et Paraître*"; March 30, Madeleine Drefus, "*Autosuggestion et Plan de Vie*"; April 27, Mme. Andrée Hauser, "*Responsabilité*."

We wish the Group and the new *Bulletin* our best for their continuation and growth.

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SWISS GROUP—Mrs. Mira Munkh, the leader of the Swiss Society for Individual Psychology, died in January. She was an untiring and devoted worker for the promotion of Individual Psychology. The Swiss Group has our deep sympathy. We will miss her counsel at the coming meetings in Paris where the members of all groups will get together in September.