

NEWS AND NOTES

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Adlerian Psychology was held in New York, N. Y., on May 10 to 12. The program of papers read was published in the preceding issue of this Journal. Among business transacted, Helen Papanek, M.D., Ernst Papanek, and David M. Bressler, M.D., were elected official delegates to the World Federation of Mental Health Meeting in Copenhagen, August 11 to 17. Kurt A. Adler, M.D., Rudolf Dreikurs, M.D., and Lydia Sicher, M.D., were elected to the Board of Directors. The following officers were elected for the year 1957-1958: Heinz L. Ansbacher, Ph.D., president; Lydia Sicher, M.D., and Kurt A. Adler, M.D., vice-presidents; Bernard H. Shulman, M.D., secretary; and Oscar Pelzman, M.D., treasurer.

The Seventh International Congress of Individual Psychology, sponsored by the International Association of Individual Psychology, was held at De Pietersberg, Oosterbeek, near Arnhem, Holland, August 12 to 18. It was attended by over 150 people. The program included the following addresses and papers: "Welcoming Address," Dr. P. H. Ronge, Utrecht; "Opening Address," Dr. Alexandra Adler, New York, president; "Ad Memoriam Alfred Adler," Professor Oskar Spiel, Vienna; "Alfred Adlers Bedeutung fuer die Geistesgeschichte unsrer Zeit (Soziologie, Medizin, 'Human Relations')," Professor O. Brachfeld, Barcelona; "Adlers Beitrag zu einer Lehre vom Menschen," Dr. Alexander Mueller, Zurich; "Ethical and Social Values in Psychotherapy," Dr. Helene Papanek, New York; "The Atmosphere of the Interview," Mr. Nahum E. Shoobs, Brooklyn, N. Y.; "Group Therapy with Neurotic Delinquents," Dr. G. W. Arendsen Hein, Lunteren; "Social Interest and Community Feeling in the Treatment and Re-education of Juvenile Delinquents," Mr. Ernst Papanek, New York; "Das Problem der Halbstarcken," Dr. W. Brandt, Berlin; "Die Behandlung des Verbrechers mit Adlers Methode," Mrs. Hertha Orgler, London; "Les Medecines Psychosomatiques," Dr. H. Schaffer, Paris; "Psychotherapie und Psychosomatische Medizin," Dr. Alexandra Adler, New York; "Homosexualitaet als psychosomatisches Problem," Dr. W. F. Brix, Vienna; "Kulturelle Aspekte der Homosexualitaet," Dr. Alexander Mueller, Zurich; "Die Zukunft der Individualpsychologie," Dr. Alexandra Adler, New York. The following officers were elected for the International Society: Dr. Alexandra

Adler, president; Dr. Alexander Mueller and Professor Oskar Spiel, vice-presidents; and Dr. Viktor Louis, Zurich, general secretary. The Eighth International Congress was scheduled for 1960 in Vienna.

At the *Second International Congress of Psychiatry* in Zurich, September 1 to 7, a "Symposium on Adlerian Concepts of Schizophrenia" was held with Dr. Alexandra Adler, New York, as chairman and Dr. Joshua Bierer, London, as vice-chairman. The participants and their papers were, in alphabetical order, the Drs. Alexandra Adler, "Modern Drug Therapy during Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia;" Joshua Bierer, "The specific contribution of Individual Psychology to the Treatment of Schizophrenia;" Helene Papanek, New York, "Group Therapy with Schizophrenics;" A. Spence Paterson, London, "Adler and the Psychopathology of Schizophrenia;" Herbert Schaffer, Paris, "Body Image and Life Style in Juvenile Schizophrenia;" Walter Spiel and Berner, Vienna, "A Group of Autistic Juvenile Delinquents;" Kurt Weinmann, Munich, "The Problem of Relatedness in Schizophrenia." Lauretta Bender, New York, discussed the papers by Schaffer and by Spiel-Berner, and Paul H. Hoch, New York and Albany, discussed the other papers. Hans Hoff, Vienna, summarized the symposium.

At the *65th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association* in New York, N. Y., August 30 to September 5, a "Symposium on Theory and Therapy in Suicide" was held under the chairmanship of Norman L. Farberow. The chairman had previously sent the same case history of attempted suicide to the participants who had been chosen to discuss the case from their respective theoretical viewpoints. The Adlerian point of view was presented by H. L. Ansbacher, the Jungian point of view by Bruno Klopfer, and a modified psychoanalytic point of view by Herbert M. Hendin. Approximately 300 persons attended the symposium.

The *Alfred Adler Institute for Individual Psychology* announces that under a reorganization and expansion of its training program it is offering, beginning this fall, a three-year course of evening classes in the theory and practice of individual and group psychotherapy. Students may enroll for selected classes as well as for the full training program of thirty required and elective courses. Applications are invited and should be addressed to the Institute at 333 Central Park West, New York 25, N. Y.

Werner Wolff, author of *Contemporary Psychotherapists Examine Themselves* which received a special review in the preceding issue, died on May 18th at the age of 53. He was professor of psychology and chairman of the department at Bard College, author of numerous books on personality, and secretary-general of the Interamerican Society of Psychology.

Eugene Schmidt, former lawyer, student of Alfred Adler, and contributor to the *Internationale Zeitschrift fuer Individualpsychologie*, died in New York on September 13th. For the last several years he had acted as accountant for the Individual Psychology Association of New York.

Dr. Edward M. Nash, psychiatrist, died in New York on September 17th at the age of 66. He had recently become consultant to the Alfred Adler Consultation Center and Mental Hygiene Clinic.

Dr. Merrill Moore, psychiatrist and poet, died in Quincy, Mass., on September 20th at the age of 54. Since 1934 he had become a close friend of Alfred Adler, quoting him often in his lectures and writings. In 1952 he gave a memorial address entitled "Alfred Adler—Creative Personality" (this Journal, 1954, 11, 1-8).