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January 4, 1955

Dr. David Brunswick, President
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Dear Dr. Brunswick:

I am enclosing a copy of an unexpected letter which I, as President of the American Psychoanalytic, recently received from Dr. Noyes, President of the American Psychiatric Association. Because of its specific reference to the role of lay analysts to the faculty of the Los Angeles Institute, it is inevitably of interest to your group.

I replied to Dr. Noyes' letter, calling to his attention the fact that there are other deviations from the established policy of the American Psychoanalytic Association than that existent in Los Angeles and that the Board, in June, had not been inclined to approve the appointment of Dr. Wexler as an instructor in clinical work because he was engaged in the private practice of psychoanalysis, and further outlining as factually as possible the development since 1926 of the policy of the American as a medical organization, the 1938 acceptance of previous active members of the American in good standing without any later difficulties so far as these exceptions were concerned, and acknowledging factually the existence, especially in the membership of a few of our Affiliate Societies, of other lay analysts who would not be eligible for membership in the American Psychoanalytic.

However, I think the really important point for psychoanalysts is that the Los Angeles problem was bound to be brought up for active discussion, within the American Psychoanalytic Association, or by other organizations with whom we are closely associated, sooner or later. The fact is that, during my term of office, I have had several communications from our members by letter and have heard several references in committee to the paradox of the long established policy of the American in regard to lay instructors and the situation in your Society. We are, of course, aware that in Los Angeles there are many aspects of the problem which make it more difficult for you than for those of us in other localities, such as the small membership in your Society and Faculty, augmented by the split in the Los Angeles group, the fact that there is more support for lay therapy in

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Dr. David Berman, President
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Dear Dr. Berman:

I am enclosing a copy of an unpublished letter which I, as President of the American Psychoanalytic Society, recently received from Dr. Berman, President of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society. Because of the Society's reference to the role of lay members in the Society of the Los Angeles Institute, it is inevitable of interest to your group.

I replied to Dr. Berman's letter, calling his attention to the fact that since the other divisions from the established policy of the American Psychoanalytic Association that the Society in Los Angeles and that the Society in New York, and not been inclined to approve the appointment of Dr. Berman as an instructor in clinical work because he was engaged in the private practice of psychoanalysis, and further calling attention to the fact that the development since 1938 of the policy of the Association as a medical organization, the 1938 constitution of previous active members of the American Institute standing without any later activities to far as these exceptions were concerned, and recognizing the existence, especially in the membership of a few of our Institute Societies, of other lay members who would not be eligible for membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association.

However, I think the really important point for anyone to realize is that the Los Angeles problem was bound to be brought up for active discussion within the American Psychoanalytic Association, or by other organizations with whom we are closely associated, sooner or later. The fact is that, during my term of office, I have had several communications from our members by letter and have made several references in committee to the matter of the long established policy of the Institute in regard to lay members and the situation in your Society. Of course, it is true that in Los Angeles there are many aspects of the problem which make it more difficult for you than for those of us in other locations, such as the small membership in your Society and the fact that the split in the Los Angeles Society and Institute, suggested by the split in the Los Angeles group, the fact that there is more support for lay members in

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Los Angeles than in other psychiatric centers, and the fact that personal association of medical and lay members in Los Angeles throughout the years has inevitably created many positive personal relationships. But I do believe that, in the long run, this problem in Los Angeles will inevitably create major difficulties, not only for the American Psychoanalytic Association, but for your own Society in its relationship to the medical profession; and I should, therefore, welcome any further information about this problem and any suggestions as to how the American Psychoanalytic Association may be of assistance from the long-term point of view of its solution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ives Hendrick', written in dark ink.

Ives Hendrick, M.D.
President

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Los Angeles and the other psychiatric centers, and the fact that
the American Association of Medical and Psychologists in Los Angeles
throughout the years has been very active and has many positive
contributions to the field. I do believe that, in the long run,
this problem in Los Angeles will inevitably create a new and
entirely new organization for the American Psychiatric Association, but
not only for the American Psychiatric Association, but
for your own society in the relationship to the medical profession.
I should, therefore, welcome any further information about
this problem and any suggestions as to how the American Psycho-
analytic Association may be of assistance from the long-term point
of view of the solution.

Sincerely yours,

Ives Lumbard, M.D.
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