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The statements I wish to make now are not new, I expressed them frequently in conversations with several analysts and a number of the candidates. I also stated that I will do the same officially whenever there will be a right opportunity. The announcement about the necessity of forming a new institute gives this urgent opportunity.

This announcement did not come as a surprise to anyone, but I was hoping that this final rift could be avoided. - I always felt, that one of the greatest difficulties of analysts is an almost unavoidable isolation from each other, and with the exception of the few scientific meetings, there is more talk about analysts than analysis, more talk about each other, than to each other. It is seemingly so easy to fall into this and one could easily analize the reasons for it.

But in these days, when an ever increasing number of individuals and groups are looking to analysis for answers in their struggles, it is a great privilege and responsibility to be an analyst and it is even a much greater privilege and responsibility to be a teacher of analysis. -

To me analysis is more important than any single individual analyst. I wish to go out from the proposition that is true for any analyst and at the conclusion of analysis for any candidate. Scientific differences can and should arise within the framework of analytic thinking. We should listen to them, take them if they are analytically sound and reject them if they are not.

Throughout the history of psycho-analysis scientific differences of such nature arose, that separation became inevitable

and necessary in the interest of analysis.

If there are such differences now, I feel, that it is in the interest of analysis to request a clear cut statement about the nature of these differences and not just a mere hint that they exist.

If, on the other hand, these differences are mainly of personal nature -as I was told in conversation with a number of analysts- then every possible effort should be made to reconcile these personal differences for the good of analysis and for all involved. -

The most promising way for success in this effort would be the appointment of a neutral arbitrator, such as for example Lawrence Kubie, or some other.

I am anticipating the answer I might get, namely, that we are just children, who are upset about the separation of the parents. - I would like to answer it with a statement, an old analyst friend of mine made to me shortly after the death of Freud: "Just watch the children fighting about the inheritance."

You see, we all have an unconscious!

What happened on a large scale after the death of Freud - happened on a smaller scale in Los Angeles after the death of Ernst Simmel and Otto Fenichel. -

I speak for myself, but I believe, a number of the candidates feel the same way. -