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Scientific Meeting of the Psychoanalytic  
Study Group of Los Angeles, October 2,  
1942, at 512 North Rossmore, L.A.

Drs. Greenson, Sperling and Reider: Psychoanalysis in the  
work at the Induction Board.

The speakers, who work as psychiatrists <sup>at</sup> on the Los Angeles  
Induction Board, told of their experiences. Whereas psychoanaly-  
sis is not directly involved in their work, they are using their  
psychoanalytic knowledge indirectly - constantly, and in various  
ways. The task is to diagnose existence, nature and degree of  
neurotic and psychotic disturbances very quickly and definitely.  
(The average examination time for a case is 40 seconds.) By ob-  
serving the draftee's whole behavior, and his answers to certain  
routine questions, (including especially questions about sleep,  
sex, "nervousness") it is possible to fulfill this task. But  
different problems arise in this connection which are discussed.  
Dr. Greenson described the routine procedure and certain varia-  
tions of it which sometimes become necessary; Dr. Sperling dis-  
cussed especially the problems connected with psycho-neurotic  
draftees, Dr. Reider the attitudes of the men to the examination,  
and especially the reaction of the rejected candidates to their  
rejection, and the psychoses.

The discussion was introduced by Dr. Shapiro, who works as  
a psychiatrist at the Reception Center, and who reported about  
his experiences. -- The ensuing discussion centered around  
problems of malingering, quick diagnosis of homosexuality, and  
the implicit ways in which psychoanalytic knowledge was used by  
the speakers.

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