

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

SCIENTIFIC MEETING (Joint sponsorship of Society and Institute)

Monday, September 16, 1957 - 8 p.m. at Institute and Society office

SPEAKER: Charles Fisher, M.D.

SUBJECT: A Systematic Attempt at Validation of the Hypothesis of Preconscious Perceptual Registration (The Poetzl Phenomenon).

This was the inauguration of the enlarged, refurnished and comfortable quarters of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society and Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis. The meeting was opened by Dr. Rangell, President of the Society, who extended warmest thanks of the members to Dr. Rosengarten, who directed and inspired these new quarters.

It was then Dr. Rangell's pleasure to introduce Dr. Bertram Lewin and Miss Helen Ross of the Survey of Psychoanalytic Education of the American Psychoanalytic Association, who were present both as friends and in their official capacity. Dr. Lewin mentioned some of the functions of the Survey, and went on to express some words of admiration for the decor and warmth of our new surroundings.

Dr. Fisher's paper followed.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:20 p.m. 34 members were present.

The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 20, 1957 were adopted as circulated, on motion by Dr. Vatz, seconded by Dr. Fielding.

The following announcements were made: 1) The Open House of Society and Institute will be held on September 29, 1957 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the new office. Anyone wishing invitations sent to individuals was asked to get in touch with the President. A special Women's Auxiliary had been appointed to arrange for this function, and special thanks, in advance, were given to this group. 2) Dr. Kupper mentioned that the Extension Division, of which he is Chairman, is now giving a seminar on psychotherapy for residents and practicing psychiatrists. The enrollment is approximately 70. Drs. Greenson, Rangell and Wexler are each conducting two lectures. Sufficient interest has been expressed in having these talks tape-recorded, and Dr. Mandel, of the Arrangements Committee, will look into this matter.

Dr. Rangell said he had received a letter from Dr. Van der Heide asking whether a questionnaire pertaining to the Institute should have gone to Society members. Since Dr. Van der Heide was not present, no further action could be taken.

Dr. Rosengarten, Chairman of the Housing Committee, thanked everyone for his assistance and financial help in his function of developing such a fine intimate and wholesome environment for our Institute and Society.

Dr. Futterman reported on progress with the incorporation of the Society. Mr. Hilborn has been contacted several times but owing to the pressure of his former commitments it was deemed advisable that another attorney, who is more available and also acceptable to the membership, be found. Dr. Crutcher, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, was asked to find another attorney, which she has done.

Dr. Rangell informally talked about the Women's Auxiliary. He indicated that out of necessity an Ad Hoc Committee of wives of officers of Institute and Society had been appointed by him to take care of the open house on September 29, 1957.

The members of the Survey of Psychoanalytic Education were officially introduced, and Miss Ross and Dr. Lewin were offered all facilities and cooperation of the Society and Institute.

Dr. Greenson, Chairman of the Education Committee, was called upon to report on the activities of the Education Committee. Dr. Rangell indicated that these reports would now be a regular procedure in Society meetings. Dr. Greenson reported that Drs. Bruce Christianson, Richard Edelman and David Thiele have been accepted for training. He also mentioned that the following five candidates have passed Colloquium: Drs. Gilman, Grotstein, Malin, Mott and Spies. Dr. Greenson invited questions of the membership.

New Business

Dr. Dorn asked that members interested in working with the Beverly Hills Chapter of the Los Angeles County Medical Society on the subject of Mental Health get in touch with him.

Dr. Rangell mentioned that the Mental Health Foundation had available some funds for persons interested in any type of research.

Dr. Sperling of the Program Committee stated that his Committee was available for suggestions about presentation of papers.

During the summer, Dr. Rangell appointed all committees and members of the selected committees were so notified and are functioning. The list is available for anyone interested to see it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Samuel Futterman, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer