LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, March 18, 1965, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Rangell, President. There were thirty-five members present.

- 1. The minutes of the meeting of February 26, 1965, were approved as distributed.
- 2. Dr. Rangell appointed Dr. Futterman Sergeant-at-Arms pro tem for this meeting in the absence of the Arrangements Committee.

3. Membership Committee - Dr. Leavitt:

Dr. Leavitt announced the application of Dr. Gerald A. Nemeth for Active Membership in the Society.

4. Progress Report of the Committee on Social Problems - Dr. Dorn:

Dr. Dorn gave a brief report on the activities of the Committee on Social Problems. The Committee has developed a short questionnaire to ascertain interest and willingness of Society members to speak before groups on various topics. The current work of the parallel committee of The American Psychoanalytic Association on Prevention of Mental Disorders was reviewed. Two areas are currently being evaluated by Committee members: some teen-age girls are said to be having children solely to gain income from the Bureau of Public Assistance. Secondly, the questionable potential of Big Brothers as figures for stable preadolescent and adolescent indentifications is being assessed.

5. Announcements:

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- a. Dr. Rangell read a letter from Mrs. Frances Gitelson thanking us for our messages and for the memorial meeting held in Los Angeles in honor of Dr. Maxwell Gitelson.
- b. Dr. Rangell announced that information has been received from the Secretary of The American Psychoanalytic Association of the deaths of two members, Dr. George J. Mohr on March 6, 1965, and Dr. Laci Fessler on March 10, 1965.
- c. Dr. Rangell announced that the selection of Seattle as the host city for the meeting of the West Coast Psychoanalytic Societies in 1965 had been cancelled because of an apparent lack of interest in attending in that city at that time. The location of the meeting has not yet been decided but will most likely be San Francisco instead. Several members spoke in favor of holding the West Coast meeting in October rather than in September on the years in which there is a meeting of the International Psycho-Analytical Association.

6. New Business:

a. In view of various criticisms which have been expressed with regard to the activities of the Joint Committee for Mutual Problems of Society and Institute,

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Dr. Leavitt read an interim statement passed unanimously by that Committee. By request of the membership this statement in its entirety is being appended to the Minutes of this meeting. In the ensuing discussion, several members favored a Special Meeting for the continued discussion of Dr. Leavitt's statement, but it was felt by most others that such a Special Society Meeting at this time would be premature. Dr. Rangell stated at this time that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was planned, to which all members would be invited, to discuss the Report of the Committee on Organization and Planning of The American Psychoanalytic Association to comply with the wish of The American for opinions about this report by early April. He suggested that such a meeting could also serve for a further discussion of this statement of the Joint Committee. This suggestion was agreed to by the membership present. The date and time of the meeting will be announced.

- b. Dr. Walsh stated that those members who wish to support the efforts of SANE to prevent further suffering of primitive peoples caught in power struggles between great powers, with special reference to the people of Vietnam, may send communications or contributions to Dr. Benjamin Spock, 2040 Abingdon, Cleveland 6, Ohio.
- c. Dr. Horowitz asked that members who wish to make the charter flight send in their deposits promptly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Maurice N. Walsh, M. D. Secretary

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Enclosure: Statement of Joint Committee

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