

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY
BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, January 21, 1965, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Agenda

1. Minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1964
2. Progress Report of the Committee on Mental Health - Dr. Lomas
3. Report from the Education Committee - Dr. Friedman
4. Report from the Psychoanalytic Clinic - Dr. Lihn
5. Announcements
6. New Business

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Time: Thursday, January 21, 1965, 8 p.m. (Please note time)

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Speaker: David Beres, M. D.
New York

Subject: "Structure and Function in Psychoanalysis"

Dr. Beres compares structure and function in the biological world, where structure refers to morphology and function to physiological activity, with structure and function in the sphere of psychic activity where the concept of ego, superego, and id are purely hypothetical constructs which are hypothesized entirely on the basis of their function. He points out the confusion and lack of precision which may result from concretizing, reifying, and anthropomorphizing these theoretical psychic structures and gives illustrations. The paper emphasizes the usefulness of the structural concepts to explain function in psychic activity when these dangers are avoided.

Copies of this paper are available at the Society office.

Charles Sarlin, M. D.
Chairman, Program Committee

Discussants: Rudolf Ekstein, Ph. D.
Samuel Spierling, M. D.

Maurice N. Walsh, M. D.
Secretary

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Please note that the February Society meeting will take place on Friday, the 26th, at the request of the guest speaker, Dr. John D. Benjamin.

