

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

TIME: 8:00 P.M., Thursday, February 20, 1958
PLACE: 344 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California
SPEAKER: John Bowlby, M.D.
SUBJECT: THE NATURE OF THE CHILD'S TIE TO HIS MOTHER

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Before the scientific paper, Dr. Milton Wexler, chairman of the Research Committee, made the following announcement to the Society, including the candidates. He had been approached by some individuals from the Rand Corporation. They were interested in securing the aid of two of our candidates or members to help them in a project that they had been thinking about. The project generally would be the selection and screening of personnel who are in some way connected with the operation of various kinds of nuclear bombs. All those individuals who are interested in participating please notify Dr. Wexler.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was called to order at 10:45 P.M. There were approximately 30 members present.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.
2. Dr. Greenson, reporting as Dean of the Training School, made the following report: He indicated that all candidates had to be aware that supervisory work on borderline and psychotic patients would not be considered favorably by the American Psychoanalytic Association as part of their training. He suggested that all candidates and training analysts doing supervision be aware of this and make the necessary adjustments. He reported that a letter of invitation had been proffered to Anna Freud to become the first lecturer under the Dr. Roberta Crutcher Fund. Dr. David Rapaport will be here April 17, 18 and 19 and deliver four seminars on ego psychology. Dr. Purchard, Dr. Mintz, and Dr. Gottlieb were accepted as candidates.

Dr. Greenson reported that at the present time, the American Psychoanalytic Association has approved the training of a research fellow in psychoanalysis. Anyone so selected would have the complete Institute training, including supervisory analysis, but would have to indicate that he would use this training only for research purposes.

4. Announcements:

Dr. Rangell reported that Dr. Helen Tausend has been appointed Corresponding Secretary for the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

During the past month, we have heard about the death of four of our psychoanalytic friends, Drs. Lehrman, Fabian, Hill and Jones of London. Appropriate letters or telegrams were sent to their respective families. The question of a Jones' Memorial Meeting was discussed and it was generally suggested that the Program Committee should work with the Institute for a suitable and appropriate meeting.

Dr. Rangell indicated that he had been contacted by the secretary to State Senator Richard Richards concerning the impending possible dissolution of State Mental Hygiene Clinics as an economy measure and that essentially it would be clothed over by the fact that the Community Mental Health Services bill would take care of the actual community needs. This is a misrepresentation and the Society went on record to indicate our feelings in letters to appropriate individuals in the State Legislature.

Dr. Futterman was appointed liaison member for the Southern California Psychiatric Society concerning their bulletin.

A letter was received from Dr. Jack Abrams indicating his appreciation for our gift of records and mentioned that he was coming along quite well.

A letter was received from the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society asking us for our views concerning the October, 1959 meeting in Seattle as to whether we wanted it in conjunction with the West Coast Psychiatric Societies as well as the time of the year. It was the expressed wish of the Society that we write to them indicating that we are opposed to the joint meeting occurring as frequently as every two years. It was also suggested that the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society endeavor to have the meeting changed to August or September 1958, because of the fact that the International Psycho-Analytic meeting would be in late July 1959.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Samuel Futterman, M.D.
Secretary