

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

July 9th, 1938

(555 No Wilcox)

Those present: Dr. Simmel Dr. O. Fenichel (guest)  
Dr. Ruth Tolman Dr. Brunswick  
Mrs. Deri Margrit Libbin

Correspondence: Dr. Simmel reported on the proposal of Dr. Karl Menninger that the practicing analysts of the L.A. Study Group be made honorary members of the Topeka Psychoanalytic Society. He will inform Dr. Menninger that we wish to postpone making a decision. --- Drs. Simmel and Fenichel are appointed as the didactic analysts on the West Coast.

Work Program for 1938-39

The following topics were tentatively suggested:

1. Summary of the studies of the Female Castration Complex---  
Mrs. Marjorie Leonard
2. Summary of the Theory of the Death Instinct---Prof. Epstein(?)
3. The Problem of Lust Murder (sex murder) ---- Dr. E. Simmel
4. The Physiology of Instincts (including sublimation)-----  
Dr. D. Brunswick
5. a) Antisemitism  
b) The Misapprehended Oracle -----Dr. O. Fenichel
6. Report on Insulin Treatment -----Dr. Myers or Dr. Tidd
7. Paper on the Rorschach Test-----ask Dr. Eliz. Woods
8. Invitation to Dr. S. Bernfeld, subject ?

Seminars:

- a. Social Workers seminar; Dr. Simmel will get in touch with Mrs. Freda Mohr when she returns from her vacation.
- b. Education Seminar; Dr. Brunswick will contact Mrs. Knox, Morgehroth & Mrs. McAlpin for topics and suggestions, and will report at the next meeting.
- c. Literature seminar; Drs. Fenichel and Simmel will take turns for the chairmanship.

Suggested topics: The Problem of Anality  
Ego Psychology

Specific Pathology of Neuroses

- d. Parents seminar; Mrs. Leonard is being asked to report on her experiences with her seminar for parents at the next council meeting, before definite plans are made.

Financial arrangement: it was suggested that a blanket fee of \$ 5.00 be made to cover seminar attendance for the whole year. The receipts should go to the general fund of the Study Group. The appointed secretaries should take charge of collecting the payments, keep accounts and turn the money over to the

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(Seminars, financial)  
secretary of the Study Group.

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Library: New regulations are suggested in order to make the use of books and periodicals more accessible for the members.  
(action postponed till next council meeting)

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Training of new candidates:

A more specific program for theoretical work has to be developed in order to meet the needs of future candidates. Dr. Simmel is appointed to make periodic reports on training activities to the Topeka Society.

A sub-committee was formed which will have charge of all analytic activities including supervision of didactic analyses. This committee consists of four members: Dr. E. Simmel, Dr. Otto Fenichel, Mrs. Frances Deri and Dr. David Brunswick.

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Seminars for practicing analysts:

Dr. Fenichel's Theoretical seminar will meet every second Monday.

Mrs. Deri's Seminar on Dreams will be held bi-weekly on Wednesdays.

The seminar on Technique meets every other Monday, leadership will alternate between Drs. Simmel and Fenichel, and Mrs. Deri.

At the discretion of the participants Study Group members might be occasionally invited to some of the theoretical evenings in the near future.

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Adjournment.