

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Aug. 10th, 1938

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Those present: Dr. Simmel                    Margrit Libbin  
                  Dr. Timme                            Dr. Fenichel (guest)  
                  Mrs. Deri                                    Mrs. Leonard                    "  
                  Dr. Brunswick                            Mrs. Simmel                    "

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Correspondence: Dr. Simmel reported on the investigation thus far completed in the matter of Dr. Louis Montgomery. (see files) A committee of three was suggested to investigate his case further and to take action. Drs. Simmel, Timme and Tidd were appointed to serve on this committee.

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Parents Seminar: Mrs. Leonard presented a brief report on her experience with a group of 7 mothers. She gave them a simple theoretical exposition of analytical pedagogy, followed by further theoretical elaborations after the specific problems those mothers had with their children were stated. Mrs. Leonard found that the resistances of some of the mothers were a hindrance and also prevented their own participation. The usual difficulty arose in that the children's problems became the parents' problems. She recommended that a Parents Seminar be started along the Socratic method; that the number of participants be limited to fifteen.

Discussion: Mrs. Deri spoke briefly on her experience with the Pedagogical Seminar in Prague, conducted by Steff Bornstein. The attendance was too large in numbers, the program too ambitious and the time too limited to allow for thorough discussion of each subject. The result was that the work was carried on on a very superficial plane. --- Fenichel: enlightenment of parents is desirable and necessary but can only be general. The methodology has to be adapted to the group ( parents or teachers, or both); the uniformity of the group is a prerequisite. Furthermore the problem of the aims of education complicates the undertaking in as much as social aspects enter also. ---- Simmel: the emphasis on prophylaxis justifies an attempt. --- Conclusions: It was agreed that a series of Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalytic Child Psychology, demonstrating specific problems, be offered to interested parents. Following these lectures a seminar be formed with selected parents.

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Adjournment.

Dr. [Name], [Title], [Institution]

Dr. [Name] reported on the investigation...

Dr. [Name] presented a final report...

Dr. [Name] spoke briefly on his experience with the...