PRESIDENT PAUL CENTI'S MESSAGE

It is three weeks since I returned to the Counseling Center at Siena College after attending the APA meetings in New York. And it is only now, what with the hectic beginning of another school year, that I have had time to reflect on my trip to the Big Apple, to allow my thoughts and feelings to crystallize, and to try to express them on paper.

The most pronounced feeling I am experiencing is one of excitement. Our division’s programs at the convention were excellent. Mary Jo Meadows and her program committee did an outstanding job. Despite the fact that all of our sessions were scheduled at the Waldorf, about 25 minutes away from the other hotels and no shuttle bus, almost all of them were exceptionally well attended — evidence to me of the strong interest that many psychologists have in religious issues.

And, in addition, primarily due to the efforts of Dick Kahoe, our Chair for membership, we will have over 150 new members joining our division! We continue to grow at a rapid rate.

I am excited, too, as I become more and more involved in the work of the division. We are a young division, but with all the enthusiasm and energy of youth. In the three years of our existence, we have come a long way. Our presence is known; our voice is being heard; our membership has doubled — and to be part of all this is exciting to me.

Although we are a new division, we do have our roots in the past. When I reflect on these, my feelings turn to nostalgia and, yes, even sadness. As I walked the corridors of the Waldorf or sat in on the sessions, I could not help but think of the past, and I found myself looking around, hoping to see a familiar face from that earlier day when the American Catholic Psychological Association met at the same time and in the same city as the APA. But many of those men and women are not around anymore. I missed them in New York.

As I begin my term as President, I have one major concern and that is the possibility that as we grow larger our Executive Board will lose touch with the membership. I am, therefore, urging each of you who has any suggestion on matters related to our division to contact us. Do you have any ideas for programs or services which we should provide our members? Are there concerns that we are overlooking? Or do you have any recommendations on what we can do to make the division in its activities more responsive to the needs and aspirations of the membership at large? Please send your suggestions to me at Siena (Loudonville, N.Y. 12211) or to any member of our Executive Board. I promise all will be considered.
REPORT ON MEETING OF APA COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 1979
BY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
WILLIAM C. BIER and MARY F. REUDER

The Council, meeting in New York on the morning and afternoon of Friday, August 31st (the day before the start of the convention) and on Monday morning, September 3rd, faced a 53-item agenda. With the sub-items attached to some of the entries, the total number of separate items added up to more than 70. Of these, 40 were items calling for action on the part of the Council, which is the legislative arm of the APA; the remainder were information items.

The Council approved a preliminary budget for fiscal 1980 of somewhat over twelve million dollars, up nearly a million over the current year. The final budget will be submitted at the Council meeting in January.

The entries which took the most time at the Council meeting were two separate, but related items. The first dealt with the establishment of a National Commission on Education and Credentialing in Psychology, and the second with Model Guidelines for State Legislation Affecting the Practice of Psychology. Both of these issues had received extensive previous study by APA Committees, had been reviewed by appropriate APA Boards, including the Board of Directors, and were judged ready for presentation to, and presumably for adoption by, the Council.

Because these related items were seen as key issues, but nevertheless as controversial ones, a special arrangement was created for dealing with them. It was agreed that they would be opened for discussion for a period of time on the first day of the meeting, but that voting on them would be postponed until the second day. Ultimately, the first of these proposals was adopted by the Council providing for: (1) a set of criteria to distinguish between psychology and non-psychology programs designed to prepare students for the practice of psychology; and (2) a task force to develop and evaluate a national system by which to designate programs that prepare individuals for the practice of psychology. When it became evident that the second of the above-mentioned items, which aimed at establishing a uniform set of criteria for State licensure, was unlikely to achieve a consensus within the Council, and when various Representatives of State Associations cautioned that it would be injudicious at this time to introduce changes in definition and standards for licensure, this item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to a vote.

Two other items involved considerable discussion on the floor of the Council. The first was the proposal to create a Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs. This proposal was made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Affairs, established by the Council at its meetings in August, 1978. Controversy centered on whether the Ad Hoc Committee should be continued as a permanent Committee, reporting to one of the APA Boards, or should be raised to the status of a Board, parallel with other APA Boards such as the Board of Scientific Affairs, the Policy and Planning Board, the Education and Training Board, etc. The Board of Directors first recommended to Council that a Committee on Minority Affairs be established, but at the last minute switched to recommend that a Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs be established. The Council voted to establish such a Board, but since this involves a change in the APA Bylaws, it will be subject to general membership approval.

The second item which evoked considerable debate was the petition for the establishment of a Division of Psychoanalysis. It was recognized and noted that APA faces a continuing problem relative to the proliferation of Divisions, but this difficulty seemed particularly acute in this case since psychoanalysis is a therapeutic technique, and if a Division is created for this technique, it was argued that the door would be opened for the establishment of an indefinite number of other Divisions on the same basis. The proponents responded that this petition met all the requirements for the establishment of a Division, and that, in consequence it could not legitimately be denied. If proponents of other techniques could muster equal support for their techniques, they, too, would be entitled to form a Division. The establishment of the Division was ultimately voted by the Council. The petition for the establishment of one other Division that of Clinical Neuropsychology was also approved.

Two items are, we think, likely to be of special interest to members of Division 36. The first deals with proposed changes in the Ethical Standards of Psychologists. The Standards currently in force are those approved by the Council on January 30, 1977 and published in the Monitor for March 1977. At that time, however, no change was made in Principle 5 on Confidentiality. This principle has now been revised, taking into account several recent court decisions relating to confidentiality. Although the revision of this principle constitutes the most extensive substantive change in the Standards, it is by no means the only change. The proposed revision in its entirety will be published in the next issue of the Monitor. Members of Division 36 are urged to study the revision carefully and to submit any comments they have to the APA Ethics Office. There will not be much time, since suggestions must be received in APA Central Office by December 15, 1979. If you send in any comments on the revision, we suggest that you send a copy as well to one of your Council Representatives, because the revision of the Standards will come up for vote at the January meeting of the Council, and we would be aided by your comments.

The Council voted to elect 108 members to initial Fellow status in APA, effective January 1, 1980. Two of the new Fellows were proposed by Division 36: Richard L. Gorstuck and Ralph W. Hood, Jr. Congratulations to them! This is the second of the items mentioned above as being of special interest to our members. The question of the Organization of APA, though not at present a matter of Council business, looms rather consistently, even insistently, in the background. There is currently a Commission on the Organization of APA which conducted a Forum on this topic at the convention, with the request that each Division send a representative to the session. Your senior Council Representative attended as the representative of the Division.
The Commission is still in the process of gathering information as to the manner in which the APA might be structured or re-structured for the future. The plan to divide the APA into three or four "Assemblies" was proposed in the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Organization of APA, submitted to the Board of Scientific Affairs in March, 1978. This, however, is only one of the possibilities under consideration.

Speaking tentatively for the Division, your Representative indicated that Division 36 does not feel the dissatisfaction experienced by other units with the present organization of APA. We would have real difficulty if the "assembly" idea were to be implemented, because there is no "assembly" where Division 36 would clearly belong. We would not favor an organization of APA which would undermine Divisional status. Currently, we have a forum for the discussion of issues which are relevant to us, and we have a voice in the APA Council. We see these as very genuine values which we would wish to retain. The time table envisioned by the Commission is as follows: January, 1980 — Trial Proposals; summer of 1980 — Revision of the Proposals, following debate; summer of 1981 — Action on the Proposals.

MEMBERS OF DIVISION 36:

may well be interested in:

The Newsletter of the Christian Medical Foundation International
4821 Memorial Highway
Tampa, Florida 33614

Recently, the Foundation sponsored its Seventh Annual Conference for Physicians on the topic of Quality of Life from the Psychology of Point of View. Speakers included David Samuels, M.D. of Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem; Alexander S. Haraszt, M.D., Ph.D., Advisor for Eastern European Affairs to Billy Graham and William Standish Reed, M.D., President of CMFI.

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A Course in Miracles (3 Volumes $30, from the Foundation for Inner Peace)
P.O. Box 635
Tiburon, California 94920

Says Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., Past President of the Division of Humanistic Psychology: "When I was in the hospital with a bleeding ulcer, I went over the section on healing. I think that it is one of the reasons my stay was so brief." and Glen Olds, Ph.D., President of Kent State University: "Of all life's miracles, which are events not fully understood nor wholly predictable, the miracle of moral and spiritual transformation is the most universally enduring and important. This particular course addressed that process in its own way."

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Super Natural Highs by Walter O'Connell, Ph.D., $4.95 from the publisher
North American Graphics
200 S. Des Plains
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dr. O'Connell, a member of our Division, is Past Director and Present Staff Member of the V.A. Glass Atrax Drug Dependency Treatment Center, Houston, Texas. In addition he is on the faculties of Baylor College of Medicine, University of Houston and University of St. Thomas. He has written well over 200 articles on psychotherapy, humor, death and dying and the psychology of religion. Says Dr. O'Connell about his work — (much of the Natural High Theory is in the present volume): "I am the oldest person in the drug clinic where I work. I try to teach the secrets and the timeless beauties of the

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE
James Gilmour Ranck, Ph.D.
August 26, 1911 — May 17, 1979

James Gilmour Ranck was born of missionary parents in Kuling, China. He held two Ph.D.'s — in the Philosophy of Religion (Drew Univ., 1942) and in Clinical Psychology (Columbia Univ., 1955). A Methodist clergyman, Dr. Ranck was, at his death Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Religion at Drew University, a member of the Teaching Faculty of the William Alanson White Institute of Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry and Psychology in addition to maintaining a private practice in clinical psychology.

These are some of his words from a lecture he gave at the Fifth International Forum for Psychoanalysis, held in Zurich, Switzerland in 1974: "All mythology is religious in that it expressed truth which is beyond mere verbal communication, and is perhaps too big, too transcendent, too wunderbar, to be completely encapsulated in time and space. It helps us to glimpse and at least partially understand the physical and ethical considerations of our finitude and of our majesty. Indeed, perhaps our survival as human would be in question were we without the mandala, without Adam and Eve, without the Phoenix or Noah's Ark, without Yggdrasil, and yes, without Kris Kringle."
natural high to 300 men who have never known nature, and therefore are ignore – any of its vital interplay with growth of the self.”

The book is an earthy vision of the possibilities of moving beyond addictions of all sorts, i.e., narrow visions and drugs. To sample some of Dr. O’Connell’s aphorisms: “Don’t con the God within.” “The ultimate in natural highs is produced within your inner universe by the stimulus of ‘simply existing.’” And “Most people learn to get power in ways which seriously limit their self-esteem and social interest.”

Volume 4, Number 2 (April-June, 1979) issue of Journal of Dharma, ($2.00 for the single issue) published by
Dharma Research Association
Center for the Study of World Religions
Dharmaram College
Bangalore, 560 029, India

The issue, which is published in collaboration with several academic departments in India as well as the Department of Asian Studies, Seton Hall University, New Jersey and the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Lancaster, England focuses on Mysticism and begins with a Western theological reflection by Donald Gray of Manhattan College, New York who has centered on what he sees as an expansion of consciousness arising within the Christian community. Katherine Henn of Drew University in New Jersey continues with the treatment of the 12th century monk Aedred of Rievaulx. Introduced here is the potentiality for a friend to introduce a person to his/her “meta-self.” Following the Henn article is an exploration of Ignatian mysticism as a mysticism of action by Robert Schmidt who is currently Director of Jesuit Novices in California. In his presentation Schmidt makes it clear that discipline, strict meditation, and convergent direction of imagination and will are attributes of the spiritual pathway—initially practiced and ultimately taught by Ignatius of Loyola (16th century). Nevertheless, these practices merely lead to a “mysticism of action.” Katherine Byrne of Darlington Seminary, New Jersey highlights the journey of Thomas Merton. He is seen here as “a man who turned away from nothing, no one, no faith, for all proved pathways to Reality.” Next Anand Nayak of the University of Sorbonne, France, probes the scriptural text Bhagavata Purana as one means of acquainting a devotionalist to a “cosmic yet personal experience of transcendence.” Then Gerald Carney of Boston College explores the erotic mysticism of the 15th century Bengali Caitanya whose unique comprehension of incarnation was formed by devotion to Radha and Krishna. Unrelated to the main theme, yet of vital interest is the survey of

Indian scholarship done by Daniel Sheridan of Duquesne University, Pennsylvania. And lastly is an extensive bibliography by Winand M. Callewaert of the University of Louvain, Belgium on the Hindu-Christian Dialogue.

The International Commission for
Scientific Religious Psychology
announces that it will award its
FOURTH QUINQUENNIAL PRIZE
FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1980

A prize of $600 is offered to young researchers practicing a scientific approach to religious phenomena: experimental or clinical psychology, psycho-sociology, scientific psycho-pedagogy, cultural anthropology. Exciting additions to the prize include:

a) A distinction conferred on the winning entry, selected by a specially composed Jury among the researches presented before September 30, 1980;
b) An introduction to French publishers specializing in the subjects researched, and (according to the recommendations of the Jury) the possibility of financial assistance with a view to publication; c) An opportunity to discuss the methods and findings with specialists interested in the publication and development of these researches.

For information contact: Prof. Andre Godin, 186, rue Washington, B-1050, Brussels.

FINCH SYMPOSIUM

The 10th Annual John G. Finch Symposium in Psychology and Religion will be held at the Graduate School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, January 9, 10, and 11. Lectures on ‘Can Psychology Be Christian?’ will be delivered by John G. Finch, the Tacoma, Washington psychologist whose efforts led to the founding of the school in 1964. All the public is invited to presentations at 10:00 each morning.
DIVISION 36 PLANNING COMMITTEE
TO STUDY WOMEN’S ISSUES IN SEMINARIES

Dr. Carole A. Rayburn, Division 36 liaison to the APA Committee on Women in Psychology, is heading a Planning Committee to study the following issues concerning women and seminaries: (1) the sexism in the language used in many seminar classrooms, (2) the lack or inadequacy of counseling and consulting for women in seminaries and departments of religion, and (3) the lack in many such settings of a course in the psychology of women. The latter has greater relevance in the fact that must ministers and rabbis will preach to congregations composed of over 60% women. Dr. John Griffin of St. John’s Seminary in Boston, Mass., and Dr. Samuel M. Natale of Fordham University in New York have volunteered to serve on the Committee. A presentation of concrete ways to resolve some of these issues in seminaries across denominational lines will be made by Dr. Rayburn on January 12, 1980 at the Division 36 Mid-Winter Executive Board Meeting at Fordham University. The input of any interested members is urgently needed. All interested in serving on the Committee should contact Dr. Rayburn at 535 North Bluff Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103 (phone 616-473-5623).

A SUMMARY OF DIVISION 36 BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS:
September 1 to 3, 1979

1. Election Results:
   President-Elect 1980-81 – Dr. Orlo Strunk, Jr.
   Secretary-Treasurer 1979-82 – Dr. M. E. Donnelly (re-elected)
   Member-at-Large 1979-82 – Dr. H. Newton Malony

2. Fellows:
   Dr. Richard L. Gorsuch
   Dr. Ralph W. Hood, Jr.

3. Division Membership as of January 1, 1979:
   Fellows 58
   Members 658
   Associates 92
   Total 808 (681 paid dues and assessments = $4767)

4. Assessment: The five-dollar yearly assessment was approved for 1979-80.

5. Contributions: The following contributions were approved:
   $30.00 in support of the Public Interest Coalition
   $30.00 in support of Research-Academic Psychologists
   $100.00 as corporate sponsor of the Association for the Advancement of Psychology

6. Proposed Budget for 1979-80:
   This budget amounts to $6025.00. An itemized breakdown will be supplied by the Secretary-Treasurer upon the request of interested members.

7. Financial Summary:
   Balance on hand, 1978 $2729.99
   Income, 1978-79 $4812.00
   TOTAL $7571.99
   Expenditures, 1978-79* $3843.25
   Balance on Hand* $3728.74

   *Some outstanding bills have not been received by the Secretary-Treasurer.

8. The By-Laws revision is still under study by the Executive Committee. It is hoped that the proposed changes will be ready for members’ action during the coming year.

9. The 1980 William James Memorial Award: This award was presented to Professor Andre Godin (in absentia). Dr. Joseph Dounce of Fordham University accepted the award for him.

10. The reports of the various Division committees were accepted with appreciation. Reports of the liaison persons were accepted with thanks.

11. The report of Division 36’s Council Representative, Dr. William C. Bier, was printed in the Spring-Summer, 1979 issue of the Newsletter.

At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, September 2, 1979, Dr. Eileen A. Gavin, President (1978-79) introduced Dr. Paul J. Cinti, incoming President (1979-80) who thereupon assumed the duties of that office,

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret E. Donnelly
Secretary-Treasurer
A REQUEST FROM YOUR EDITOR

This Newsletter is the living autobiography of Division 36. Each of you is the life-blood of our cluster. We want your words — scoops of forthcoming meetings, publications and other events — calls for research collaboration — gossip about “available” funding — notes on new courses — new laws affecting psychology, religion, and any combination of each — notes on books you wish other members of our Division might read — complaints about (?) — you/us. Send them to Dr. E. Mark Stern, Editor — Newsletter, Division 36 Graduate Division of Pastoral Counseling — Iona College, New Rochelle, New York 10801.

NEW OFFICERS

Your Division is proud to announce that Dr. Orlo Strunk of Boston University has been selected by the members to be the new President-Elect — Dr. Margaret Donnelly was reelected for another term as Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Newton Maloney was chosen on the same ballot to serve as a member-at-large on the Executive Committee.

During the annual meeting on the Division held in conjunction with the yearly convention of the American Psychological Association, outgoing President Eileen Gavin handed over the invisible gavel to our new President, Dr. Paul Centi.

DEATH AND DYING

A new informative newsletter has appeared on the scene: Thanatology Today. It is offered as a source of information "for professionals in the fields of dying, death, grief and bereavement." Cost $35 yearly from: Atcom, 2315 Broadway, New York, New York 10024.

HEALING

According to his biographers, Williams James sought the services of Christian Science practitioners for the kind of help he might have found within the medical, or even the psychological, establishments. Christian Science Practitioners, Religious Science Practitioners, Jewish Science Practitioners and a whole host of establishment and cult-connected healers make up an impressive force of alternative health service providers. It may be of interest to members of our Division to note that a First World Congress of Folk Medicine will be taking place in South America. For information regarding dates, program and proceedings, write to Dr. Marlene Dobkin de Rios, The Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton, California 92634. The Congress is to explore the proliferation of folk and religious healers in all areas of society — serving all socio-economic groups. The "healer" tends to help the person affected with any disorder of health to find him/herself in greater concord with an expanded understanding of God.

ERIKSON ON CHILDELESSNESS

At the recent Congress of the International Psychoanalytical Association held in New York City, Professor Erik Erikson speculated that the tendency toward non-child bearing marriages may well be the expression of an up-to-date repressive liability. For those of you interested in the text of his talk, Erikson may be reached at 1705 Centro West, Tiburon, California 94920.