

# NEWS LETTER

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## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear NCFR Members:

The recently held International Conference on the Family was both a tremendous job and an outstanding success. The theme "Personal Maturity and Family Security" was explored from many angles throughout four plenary sessions, twenty separate section meetings, twenty concurrent discussion groups assembled on two separate occasions, and two special sessions titled "Consultations with World Leaders." The International Flavor was provided by the participation of approximately 200 delegates from 30 separate countries from outside the United States. Papers and summaries of papers were translated into English, French, German, and Spanish and were duplicated for distribution. Most of the sessions had the assistance of interpreters. Over-all attendance was in the neighborhood of 800.

This was the first time NCFR has undertaken the sponsorship of an International meeting and also the first time that the International Union of Family Organizations, with headquarters in Paris, France, has ever held its meeting on the American side of the Atlantic. I feel confident that both organizations have benefited through this experiment. Though there were numerous problems and difficulties in planning and in working out all of the details, most of the people we called upon were willing and anxious to do their full part. As a result, we experienced few disappointments and the conference went off relatively smoothly from beginning to end. There have been numerous testimonies of the high quality of the program and of the enjoyment and stimulation that came from mingling with people from various parts of the world. It was an experience in friendship and in the cross fertilization of ideas.

As Program Chairman, I would like to express appreciation to all of those who helped in any way. The general Planning Committee with Aaron Rutledge at the head carried the major responsibility and each member of this committee experienced nearly a full-time job extending over several months. I personally want to thank the various section chairmen and discussion group leaders as well as the actual participants in the various sessions for their parts in making the program a success.

The following quotation is from a letter over the signatures of the officers of the International Union of Family Organizations--Xavier Ryckmans, President; Jean Delaporte, Secretary General; and Robert Boudet, Director:

We were impressed by the work accomplished by all NCFR members for the preparation of the Conference, and we were deeply touched by the friendly relations which were shown toward us during our stay.

We were very pleased that we could have this experience on the American continent, and we believe that we have acquired a better knowledge and understanding of Family Life and Family Services in the U.S.A.

We hope that the links between IUFO and the United States will be further tightened after this Conference, and we are sure that we can now count on your help to strengthen them.

At our Board meeting in New York City, it was voted that we should establish a new International Liaison Committee, as recognition of an emerging world movement in the strengthening of family life, and to explore additional ways for NCFR to cooperate. Suggestions concerning membership or line of action for this new committee are invited.

It is time now to start thinking about NCFR's next annual meeting scheduled for August 23-25 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. David Mace, our President-Elect, is Program Chairman, and he has already formulated some exciting plans around the general theme: "Our Differences and Our Common Ground." Local Arrangements Co-Chairmen are Veon Smith and Hulda Garrett at the

University of Utah. Please address any suggestions or requests for information to the appropriate persons; and mark the dates on your calendar; and plan to attend. Here is an opportunity to combine the work of our professional organization with a wonderful vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

Our National Council on Family Relations has a larger membership, a larger library subscription to the Journal, a more extensive program, and perhaps greater enthusiasm among its members than at any previous period in its history. The objectives of our organization are described in its Constitution as follows: "To provide opportunities for individuals, organized groups, and agencies interested in family life to plan and act together on concerns relevant to marriage and family living, including establishment of professional standards, promotion and coordination of educational efforts, and encouragement of research." These are important goals and we now have considerable momentum in our drive toward achieving them. I feel greatly honored in serving NCFR as its President during the 1960-61 period; but, at the same time, I feel exceedingly humble. Please let me have any ideas for improving the work that may occur to you at any time throughout the year.

Harold T. Christensen, President

#### REPORTS FROM SECTION MEETINGS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY

THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SECTION, with its chairman, Paul Vahanian of Teachers College, Columbia University presiding, heard David Mace, Executive Director of the American Association of Marriage Counselors, speak on "Goals in Premarital Counseling." He was followed by Lena Levine, of the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau in New York City, who discussed "Education for Marriage and Parenthood" from a Gynecological and Psychiatric frame of reference. The third speaker, the Reverend M. O'Leary, Director of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council of England and Wales, wrestled nobly with the theme, "Sexual Differentiation in Premarital Education."

The second meeting of the Counseling Section saw Albert Ellis, Clinical Psychologist and Marriage Counselor in New York City, present his paper, "A Rational Approach to Premarital Counseling." He was followed by Father George S. Hagmaier, C.S.P. of the Institute for Religious Research in New York City, who took a diametrically opposed position to the foregoing in his paper, "A Client Centered Approach to Pastoral Premarital Counseling."

The meetings proved to be informative, interesting, and provocative. The consensus of the speakers and participants in the discussions reflected a belief in the potential values of premarital counseling in contributing to personal maturity and family security. Remaining at issue, however, was which orientation, approach--or combination of same--might best realize these goals.

1960-61 Chairman is Clark Vincent, National Institutes of Mental Health.

THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY SECTION was under the chairmanship of Dorothy Westby-Gibson, San Francisco State College. In the initial meeting of the Section, attention was directed first to the "Developing of Personal Maturity and Family Security in Multi-Racial and Multi-Cultural Neighborhoods" in the United States by Richard Kerckhoff and Flo Gould of the Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit; and secondly, on problems in "Family Life Education Among the Working Classes" in Belgium by Victor Michel, President of the Group of the Working Classes of the International Union of Family Organizations. Family life educators can no longer afford to focus solely on the happiness of family members; they must seek new ways of helping people see their relationships beyond the family. Home, school, church, and community must help children learn to develop a concept of "social space"--that is, the idea that there is room for co-existing differences in human society. More research must be directed to the best methods of educating children and adults to have this broad perspective in community living.

In the second meeting of this Section, Oscar Eggers, Research Center On Family Development, Community Studies, Inc., Kansas City, challenged family life educators to find creative "Implications of Early Marriage for the Community and for Family Life Education." One promising approach is the development of new ways of training people in interpersonal competence so marriages at all ages have a better chance of success. Pia Colini-Lombardi, Vice-President of the Fronte della Famiglia, Italy, shared some insights into "Family Life Education in the Community in Italy,"

where education by parents is supplemented through the work of Catholic Action and such groups as the Fronte della Famiglia, which use a variety of resources including mass media, literature, study groups, and marriage counseling.

The Chairman for 1960-61 is Stella Oaks, Provo, Utah.

THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS SECTION, under the leadership of its chairman, Elizabeth S. Force, Associate Director of Education, ASHA, featured five speakers: Juanita S. Winn, Washington, D. C. Public Schools; Marjorie M. Cosgrove, Highland Park Junior College, Michigan; Mother M. Berenice Rice, O.S.U., College of New Rochelle, New York; Elizabeth S. Force; and Lucien Guibourge, President de l'Union Nationale des Associations Familiales, France.

The section was planned with the interests of the foreign delegate particularly in mind. Juanita S. Winn described the pilot program in Washington, D. C.--a program which by 1961 will have encompassed every elementary, junior and senior high school in the city of Washington. This unique program points up the contribution that can be made on the elementary level by teachers who have been sensitized to the family life point of view. Two other pioneer programs, the Highland Park and Toms River experiments, which began twenty years ago, were described by Marjorie Cosgrove and Elizabeth S. Force; the philosophy of each was interpreted and the present status stated. Mother Berenice outlined family life courses as they are presented in the Catholic schools--in particular in the College of New Rochelle, New York. Mr. Guibourge pointed out the importance of having good parent-teacher relations and described the efforts of his organization to bring them about.

This section was well attended by prominent educators and leaders in the field and by many foreign representatives. There were many requests for copies of all the talks and much discussion followed the presentations.

Myrtle Gillespie, State Department of Education for Wyoming, is 1960-61 Chairman.

THE EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGES FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING SECTION had Lawrence S. Bee, University of Kansas, as its 1959-60 chairman. He reports that although there was no attempt to coordinate the presentations before the meetings, all six speakers played a variation on a common theme: The need for more experiential realism in our texts and thus, presumably, in the class room; the over emphasis on "ideal type" theory (both in the Max Weber sense of theoretical constructs and the moralistic sense of traditional Western values)--as illustrated in the distance between our best selling novels and plays, on the one hand, and the text for next term's course, on the other.

Frans van Mechelen, Louvain University, Belgium, described the still preponderantly "...strong theoretical and intellectual bias; attachment to ideology; intense specialization of the various faculties, schools, departments..." of Belgium universities offering family courses and a recent trend toward more emphasis on human relations in a context of facts as well as ideals.

Edgar C. Cumings, Director, Division of Education, ASHA, said that his experience in the ASHA's regional projects strongly indicate a need for family life educators to confront honestly the actual problems confronted by persons of all ages; that we write volumes on our presumed ideals such as premarital chastity, for example, while almost completely ignoring the majority who do not enter marriage virginal.

James A. Peterson, University of Southern California, described the phenomenal advances in mass-communication media, the possible uses of open and closed television and teaching machines; how these media, especially now that programs can be taped, can bring the realism of human experience to the class room and provide a valuable adjunct to traditional teaching methods.

Lester A. Kirkendall, Oregon State College, presented a non-moralistic approach to the study of sexual behavior; presented the "meaning" of a given experience on a "communication continuum"--from the casual pickup or prostitute to the couple for whom the experience had deep import, a mutual sense of identity and permanence; that morality cannot be judged by an act outside a larger context of meaning and consequence.

W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College, felt that we need a clearer concept of the meaning of "maturity"; that we cannot think of maturity alone in terms of theoretical traits but must think more in terms of the process of achieving greater maturation, spelling out what he meant in quotations from the writings of Leon Saul and David Abrahamsen.

Lawrence S. Bee (pinch-hitting for a foreign delegate) said that we need to develop a more wholistic approach to the family--a truly inter-disciplinary field, and include more of the content of

some fields that have been practically ignored in our literature such as physical anthropology, psychological pharmacology, literature (including plays) and philosophy, etc.; that it is encouraging to see the more recent plural marriage among Kierkegaard, Tillich, Freud, M. Mead, and Aldous Huxley, and that we "family" people might enter into the matchmaking.

The section Chairman for 1960-61 is James A. Peterson.

THE SECTION ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FAMILY SECURITY held three meetings during the conference, all of which were organized and chaired by Reuben Hill, University of Minnesota. Speakers for these sessions were drawn primarily from European countries because of their greater emphasis in their research and action programs on the interplay of economics, government and the family. The range and variety of patterns for equalizing the costs of rearing the nation's children to prevent large families from becoming a pariah caste carrying undue burdens was evident from the presentations of representatives from Belgium (Pierre de Bie), England (John Moge), France (Roland Lebel and Georges Desmottes), Germany (Franz Umstaetter), Holland (Reinier Schippers), Spain (Manuel Fraga Iribarne), Switzerland (Arnold Saxer) and the United States (Alvin Schorr and Gerald Leslie). In addition, speakers from Argentina, Haiti and Uruguay made contributions to the discussion.

Audience participation at these meetings was high despite the linguistic barriers, reaching a climax in a Friday afternoon panel where a four-language audience argued from the floor about the relative merits of the several schemes of government interventions in support of families with a two-language round table of experts from five countries. Americans in attendance at these meetings learned much about the power and influence of strong national organizations of families in affecting the quality and direction of legislative programs on behalf of families.

THE PARENT EDUCATION SECTION, under the chairmanship of Eleanore Braun Luckey, University of Iowa, faced some of the following questions at the recent IUFO-NCFR Conference: Is personal maturity a qualification for "good" parenthood? Can educational procedures add one iota to one's emotional stature? If so, how? By what methods and with what materials? What is the relationship of discipline and freedom to parental growth and to the growth of the child? What are some of the various approaches being made to help parents become "mature"?

Andre Isambert, President L'Ecole des Parents et des Educateurs, Paris, suggested that education probably is a roadway to better parenthood. He believes that carefully selected content material gives knowledge to the parent, that the personal effect of the educator's relationship with the parent is a meaningful influence toward maturity, and that the individuals and the groups with whom we interact are potent forces in our own individual patterns of development.

Karl S. Bernhardt, Assistant Director of the Institute of Child Study, University of Toronto, presented freedom and discipline as the essential ingredients of a training which leads to a maturity of self-discipline. He believes "The central principle of an educational approach to discipline is consistent enforcement of necessary reasonable situational requirements. The attitude of the adult is one of affection and understanding. The child is free to choose but must accept the consequences of his choices."

Ralph H. Ojemann, Iowa Child Welfare Research Station, long interested in parent education in the United States, reported on some of the research findings of his recent ongoing studies in what he calls the "causal approach." Proceeding on the assumption that adult education programs for parents must usually first help the learner to unlearn his arbitrary and judgmental approach to human behavior, he has instituted an experimental program in which specially trained teachers present a causal orientation as an integral part of the curriculum to school children. He says, "A causal orientation toward the social environment involves an understanding and appreciation of the forces operative in people's behavior. Also involved is an awareness of the many ways in which a given situation may be worked out and some of the probable consequences of these alternative methods under specified conditions." This is essentially an experiment in "growing" the parent through building an understanding of behavior from childhood, rather than waiting until after he has become a parent.

Programs of parent education in Finland were outlined by Heikki von Hertzen, Secretary General of Vaestoliitto; and Tonia Jauch reviewed the British experiment, "The Family Discussion Bureau."

Ernest G. Osborne, Columbia University, and Orville G. Brim, Jr., Russell Sage Foundation, served as discussants for the section meetings.

Eleanore Luckey will continue as section Chairman for 1960-61.

THE SECTION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, with Elba Crum, Family Life Education Consultant, Seattle Public Schools, as chairman, discussed some of the aspects of family patterns and early childhood.

It is in these early years that parents are most eager for help. This is a "teachable moment." Parents need to feel the value of their role--more status must be given to parenthood by the community.

Professional people need to do a great deal more research to have far more adequate information, in order to give the help needed. Professional people need more skills in interpretation, lest, in our attempt to help solve problems, we create more anxiety than we allay. Parents are the ones who know most about their own child, and need to be encouraged and supported.

Daniel G. Brown, Captain, U.S.A.F., MSC, Psychologist, Neuropsychiatric Services, USAF Hospital, Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, spoke on "Masculinity-Femininity Development in Children in Relation to Psycho-Sexual Maladjustment in Adulthood." Patterns of masculinity-femininity develop within the family and are dependent upon the child's idea and reaction to his concept of his father and his mother.

Katharine W. Taylor, Supervisor, Parent Education, Baltimore Public Schools, had as her topic "Personal Maturity and Family Security as Related to Early Childhood Development." There is a great need for "auxiliary help for the young autonomous families in our present day American culture, so often away from the kinship family."

Clara Appell, Brooklyn College, reported that parents have many questions about the dangers, or the values, of television. "The ground glass box mirrors the confusion of values within our culture. Those who work with families must help parents to understand its hypnotic and seductive powers." It can be "an exciting source of education, entertainment, and cultural enrichment."

Dorothy F. Berezin, New York City Consulting Psychologist, spoke on "Temperamental Differences of Infants as Noted by Boarding Mothers." Sarah T. Curwood, Antioch College, discussed "Mothers and Teachers as Socializing Agents of the Young Child: Their Guidance Techniques." Both agreed we have much to learn about adults' and children's roles in becoming more effective parents and teachers.

Mrs. L. J. de S. Seneviratne, Ceylon Council for Child and Youth Welfare, told of families' great need for help in Ceylon. Her contribution from the Far East enriched the discussion for all.

All participants felt that young families today need help, and perhaps the most help we can give them is to help them to help themselves. What the parents can give the children depends upon what they have to give each other.

1960-61 Chairman is Mrs. Donelda Clark, Triangle Nursery School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

THE RESEARCH SECTION held four meetings under the direction of Robert Blood, University of Michigan. The twelve papers which were presented were selected from among a large group of applicants for places on the program and, therefore, represented a high quality of research. The papers were grouped around a series of themes progressing from the impact of the larger society on family life through the internal dynamics of family life to the impact of family life on child development. Most of the sessions were widely attended and the papers enthusiastically received.

Speakers were Howard R. Stanton, New York School of Social Work; Hazel DuBois Stanton, Columbia University; Lois Pratt, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Eugene Litwak, University of Michigan; Carle C. Zimmerman, Harvard University; Philippe Garigue, University of Montreal; William A. Westley, McGill University; Harold Feldman, Cornell University; Yuzuru Okada, Tokyo Kyoiku University; Ezra Vogel, Yale University; Bernard Farber, University of Illinois; Anita Karsten, Swedish School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland.

1960-61 Chairman is William M. Kephart, University of Pennsylvania.

THE RELIGION AND THE FAMILY SECTION was presided over by Father Walter Imbierski, Cana Conference of Chicago. At the two sessions held by this group the following topics were discussed: "Religion and Family Systems," Father John L. Thomas, S.J., St. Louis University; "Family Religion as a Matrix of Personal Growth," Samuel Glasner, Board of Jewish Education, Baltimore; "Human Love and Religious Faith--From Dreams to Reality," Father Stanislas De Lestapis, S.J., Action Populaire, France; "Religion, Maturity and Creative Insecurity," The Rev. William H. Genne, Director, Department of Family Life, National Council of Churches, New York City; "Does the Modern Family Produce the Individual Needed for the Twentieth Century?" Rabbi Henry Kagan, Mount Vernon, New York; and

a paper by the Rev. M. Martin Donath, Sozialreferent der Evangelischen, Landeskirche Badens, Germany.

Section Chairman for 1960-61 is W. Clark Ellzey, Stephens College.

SPEECHES AVAILABLE. Packets containing complete texts of 5 plenary session addresses delivered at the International Conference on the Family, plus many summaries of talks given at section meetings, may be ordered from the NCFR office for \$1.25 a set. Evelyn Duvall's Conference Summary, delivered at the last plenary session, will be published in the February, 1961 issue of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING.

RESOLUTION RECEIVED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. -- October 11, 1960 -- To the National Council on Family Relations

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the National Council on Family Relations for its initiative and vision in the creative planning for and the successful carrying out of the International Conference on the Family, held at Teachers' College, Columbia University, this past August, 1960.

We believe that this was a highly significant step forward toward meeting the need for co-operation and planning across cultures.

The Committee on Family Life  
By unanimous vote, October 1, 1960  
William H. Genne, Secretary

POST CONFERENCE CONTACTS FOR FOREIGN DELEGATES. Opportunity was provided for professional contacts in the United States for the 217 foreign guests after the International Conference. The chairman of this program was Esther Middlewood, who reports that many took advantage of it. The Michigan Council arranged for the entertainment of several who wished to go to that state, and covered their expenses.

Dorothy Westby-Gibson entertained Victor Michel, President du Mouvement Populaire des Familles, Belgium, in San Francisco. He was on a U. S. tour planned by the State Department.

The European officers of the IUFO were in Washington for three days following the conference. Magr. DeBlanc arranged the program for them, which included contacts with government officials; a sightseeing trip; and a reception banquet in their honor, with family leaders in the Washington area present.

NCFR COMMITTEES, 1960-61. Harold Christensen, president, announces the following appointments: Finance--Reuben Hill, Chairman, Frederick E. Berger, Ruth Jewson; Program for 1961 Annual Meeting--David R. Mace, Chairman; Local Arrangements for 1961 Annual Meeting--Vern Smith and Hulda Garrett, Co-Chairmen; Membership Development--Gerald R. Leslie, Chairman; Nominating--William M. Smith, Jr., Chairman, Henry Bowman, Dorothy Dyer, Elizabeth Force, William Kenkel; Research Project--Wallace Fulton, Chairman; Sections--Blaine M. Porter, Chairman; Family and the Law--Thomas P. Monahan, Chairman, Marie W. Kargman, Jacob T. Zukerman; Burgess Award--Gerald R. Leslie, Chairman, Robert Bell, Donald Brieland, Mirra Komarovsky, Judson Landis; Committee on the Aging--Esther Middlewood; "Materials Available Service" (to replace Teachers Kit)--Ruth Jewson, Chairman; Interpretive, Promotional and Organizational Material for Branch Organizations--Nona Cannon, Chairman. A chairman for the New International Liaison Committee is yet to be appointed.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. Dorothy T. Dyer and Harold T. Christensen will be NCFR's representatives.

AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HEALTH EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, INC. Aaron L. Rutledge and Wallace Fulton are representatives from the NCFR.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. Letters were sent to 647 professors concerning the availability of student memberships for their class members. If any professors were missed, they may write the NCFR concerning this special offer.

TEACHER EXCHANGE. NCFR welcomes all possible help in promoting the Teacher Exchange for High School Family Life Educators. Sample copies may be obtained from the office. Lester Kirkendall is the new editor.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH. Mrs. Thomas Herlihy, Jr. of Wilmington, Delaware

has been named Chairman of the new National Committee for Children and Youth, successor group to the President's National Committee for the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth. Mrs. Herlihy is President of the Welfare Council of Delaware and served on the President's National Committee for the Conference. Donald Brieland, NCFR Executive Committee member, and Director of the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, Chicago, is a member of the committee. Mrs. Herlihy has announced that Mrs. Isabella J. Jones, Associate Director of the White House Conference on Children and Youth, has been named Director of the new National Committee for Children and Youth. Mrs. Jones will direct the Conference's follow-up activities to be undertaken by the new committee.

Aaron Rutledge, The Merrill-Palmer Institute, is a member of the executive committee of the Continuing Council of National Organizations of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

An album of twelve of the outstanding speeches at the Conference is still available from the White House Conference, 330 Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington 25, D. C. for \$12.75.

PARENT EDUCATION AND THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES. A report summarizing a conference jointly sponsored by the Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota, and the U.S. Children's Bureau is now available. This conference, held at the Center for Continuation Study of the University of Minnesota, focused on the relationships between research findings and policies and practices in parent education. The title of the publication is "Parent Education and the Behavioral Sciences."

Contents include a description of the purpose and plan of the conference and a report on the major issues discussed. Throughout the report the themes of these major issues are highlighted and the contributions of the participants are related to each of these. The major issues are: 1) the role concept in parental education, 2) determinants of parental behavior, 3) modification of parental behavior, 4) parent education and personality change, 5) parent education and research. The report closes with a list of suggested areas or problems for needed research.

The conference report was prepared by Armin Grams, Associate Professor of Child Development and Parent Education of the University, with assistance of Irving Sigel, Chairman, Research Area, the Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit; Richard G. Bell, National Institute of Mental Health, and Muriel W. Brown, Parent Education Specialist of the Children's Bureau.

Single copies of this Children's Bureau Publication No. 379, "Parent Education and the Behavioral Sciences" are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for 25 cents.

THE DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW has published a symposium on "Sex Offenses" as its Spring, 1960 issue of Law and Contemporary Problems. Titles included are "Social Control of Sex in Anthropological Perspective," Clellan S. Ford; "Sex and the Criminal Law: An Ethical View," Joseph Fletcher; "Sexual Offenses--The British Experience," J. E. Hall-Williams; "Adolescent Sex Offenders in American Society: A Case of Marginal Status," Albert J. Reiss; "Sociological Critique of Sex Offender Laws," Stanton Wheeler; "American Sex Offender Laws," Morris Floscowe; "The Sex Offender: A Clinical Approach," Bernard Glueck, Sr.; "Sex Variations: Their Medical and Legal Implications," Karl M. Bowman and Bernice Engle; and "Sex Problems and Sex Criminality in Scandinavia," Georg K. Sturup. The forward was written by Melvin G. Shimm.

The Symposium on Sex Offenses may be ordered from Law and Contemporary Problems, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina for \$2.50.

#### NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ROBERTA LOVELL, Rosemead, California psychologist, was in New Zealand for three weeks this summer, and reports that New Zealand is in the process of establishing a marriage guidance system similar to the English, i.e. utilizing mature non-professional people on a voluntary basis. She sent a gift membership in NCFR to Marie Griffin, Family Guidance Centre, Inc., Auckland.

HERBERT A. OTTO, Assistant Professor of Mental Health at the University of Georgia, has underway a Family Resource Development Program. He is interested in developing "a method or program of working with essentially health or average families which would utilize and reinforce the basic elements of health operationally manifest through the functioning of the family."

ELLIS WHITE is now chairman of the Department of Higher Education at New York University. For the past two years, he has been Executive Director of the Education Advisory Council of I.B.M. He was formerly the Director of the ASHA's Division of Education.



EDA J. LESHAN has accepted a position as Director of Education for the Manhattan Mental Health Society. Formerly she was with the Guidance Center of New Rochelle.

ELIZABETH S. FORCE, MILDRED I. MORGAN, DOROTHY DYER, and C. JAY SKIDMORE were NCFR members who took part in the Rocky Mountain Project sponsored by the ASHA and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers this past summer.

HAROLD CHRISTENSEN gave two addresses at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations the week of October 10th.

WINONA L. MORGAN (representative) and RUTH HOEFLIN (alternate) are AHEA representatives to the NCFR for 1960-61.

MURIEL W. BROWN's article entitled "The Growth of Values in Childhood and Old Age," based on a paper read at the NCFR Annual Meeting at Ames, appeared in the June, 1960 Journal of Home Economics.

ELEANORE LUCKEY is moving from Iowa University to Connecticut this winter, to head up the Connecticut University's Child Development and Family Relations Department.

MILDRED HORTON is retiring as Executive Secretary of the AHEA. She has held this post since 1947, during which time membership has grown to more than 25,00. She was awarded a special citation of service at the Denver AHEA meeting, and the AHEA Research Fellowship was named for her. Miss Horton will be succeeded by Miss A. June Bricker, Director of the Field and Community Health Bureau of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

KATHARINE WHITESIDE TAYLOR is acting as hostess for a series of special programs on baby care, entitled "You and Your Baby", which made its debut June 9th on WJZ-TV, Baltimore, Maryland, and which will continue for 17 weeks. She will have as her guests leading medical specialists and experts in the field of baby care. The program is scheduled in cooperation with the Baltimore Public Schools.

DONALD GRAY has accepted a position in the Sociology Department of the Highland Park High School of Highland Park, Illinois.

GEORGE GARVER is the new principal of Holly Junior High School in Flint, Michigan.

BERT GLASSBERG addressed the Canadian Medical Association in Vancouver in October on "Counseling on Sexual Problems of Marriage" and participated in a panel discussion on "Common Problems in Family Life."

MIRIAM PROCTOR, New York City psychotherapist, writes that the second annual meeting for Parents Without Partners, Inc. will take place at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City June 2-3, 1961. Those desiring information may write her at 310 West 8th Street, New York City 24. Parents Without Partners was established to further the common welfare of single parents and the well-being of their children.

EZRA VOGEL, Yale University has recently edited a book along with Norman W. Bell entitled "A Modern Introduction to the Family."

SAMUEL H. LOWRIE, faculty member at Bowling Green University is doing research on "Early and Late Dating: Patterns in Such Behavior" and "Some Conditions Associated with Early and Late Dating."

THEODORE R. SCHAFFLER, Professor of Sociology at Mankato, Minnesota State College reports that the departments of Biology, Health, Home Economics and Sociology, under the auspices of the Office of Special Services at Mankato State College, will hold a one day conference on Family Life Education, Saturday, November 12, 1960. This will be the first such conference held at the State College at Mankato and the objectives are to survey the interest in this area of education at the elementary, junior high and high school level, and to explore the needs and resources available to the schools in this area. REUBEN HILL, director of Family Life Education at the University of Minnesota will be the featured speaker at the opening session of the conference after which the conferees will divide up into work groups according to teaching level or interest and follow somewhat the workshop structure, closing with a general session where reports and summaries will be given. MARY KESLER, head of the department of Home Economics, is serving as general chairman.

DONALD S. LONGWORTH, Chairman of Bowling Green's Sociology Department, has underway a research project on "A Study of the Family Adjustment of Bowling Green State University Graduates." He is also writing a chapter on "Consumer Problems of Married People" for a book soon to be published.



REUBEN L. HILL, director of the Minnesota Family Study Center, has received a \$2,300 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to work with a Japanese sociologist in cataloging Japanese research on post-war marriage and family behavior using standard American categories. Working with Professor Hill in making the inventory will be Takeji Kamiko, assistant professor of sociology at Osaka City University, Japan, who will attend the University of Minnesota in the 1960-61 academic year to do graduate study in sociology. The year-long inventory and codification project will be an important step in facilitating comparative study of family behavior in the United States and Japan.

ROY E. DICKERSON, Executive Secretary of the Cincinnati Social Hygiene Society, was asked by the World Alliance of YMCA's to serve as its consultant in setting up a program of education for marriage and family life. He left July 4th for its headquarters in Geneva to prepare leadership training and other materials, make plans for the establishment of a World Commission on Sex Education, and prepare for consultations and program responsibilities at the Alliance's World Youth Conference which he attended in Amsterdam August 3-13. Hundreds of young people from 68 countries and at least 100 national YMCA adult leaders attended the Conference.

GORDON SHIPMAN, Chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee wrote that an Institute on Marriage Counseling was held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on July 28-29 featuring Dr. Gelolo McHugh of Duke University. The Institute was sponsored by Shipman's department and the Lutheran Welfare Society.

IRA L. REISS, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bard College, has been awarded a two year research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to continue his research on sexual standards. His book, "Premarital Sexual Standards in America," was scheduled to be published by Free Press this past summer.

LEONARD DE MOOR, Chairman, Departments of Philosophy and Sociology, Hastings College, and an ordained Presbyterian minister, has been teaching Marriage and the Family every semester, including Summer School, for fourteen years. He usually has a total of about 150 students each year.

#### STATE AND REGIONAL COUNCILS

A NEVADA COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS, with Dorothy Brownfield, Chairman of the Department of Child Development and Family Life, University of Nevada, Reno, as its president, has recently been formed. She represented her group at the International Conference.

THE KANSAS FAMILY LIFE ASSOCIATION met in Topeka, Kansas October 13-14. The over-all theme for the meeting was "The Family - Positively Speaking." Features speakers were Aaron Rutledge, David Buckmueller, and Lawrence Bee.

The Kansas Family Life Association is awarding a research grant of \$50.00 each year to encourage students doing research in the area of family life. Dale Womble is chairman of the committee.

The Kansas Family Life Association is supporting the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas Council on Children and Youth in efforts to secure changes in Kansas legislation concerning marriage and family matters, particularly in such areas as the family court and in the jurisdiction of the court over the children of divorce.

Officers are: Robert R. Noble, Kansas State College of Pittsburg, President; Samuel Widiger, Lutheran Hospital Chaplain, Wichita, President-elect; Helen Scheve, Dept. of Vocational Education, Topeka, Vice President; Elizabeth Hirschler, Dept. of Vocational Education, Topeka, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS has a new president, John Hudson of the Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit.

TRI-STATE's Annual Meeting took place October 14th at Hunter College in New York City. The theme was "Legal Trials and Human Tribulations." Judge Florence Kelley, Chief Magistrate of the Domestic Relations Court, presented and discussed a case involving family problems, with members of the Probation and Parole Department at the afternoon meeting. At the dinner meeting the first Tri-State Annual Award for "Outstanding Service and Community Leadership in Strengthening Family Life" was presented to Corrections Commissioner Anna M. Kross. In the evening there was a debate on between Harriet Pilpel and Walter Stokes, moderated by Judge Nathaniel Kaplan, on the subject "A Sense of Justice and the Quality of Mercy: Do Our Laws Serve Human Needs As We Understand Them Today?" Jane Mayer is president of the Tri-State Council; Margaret Benz, New York University, is treasurer; Fay Moeller is Secretary.

Special and heartfelt thanks go to Tri-State for their help with the International Conference.

THE NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY LIFE COUNCIL's 13th Annual Conference will take place at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina October 30-November 1, 1960. The theme will be "Early Marriages--Problem or Challenge?" Sunday evening a family life drama, "The Second Look", by Nora Sterling, will be presented and discussed. Monday morning Reuben Hill will deliver an address on "Early Marriages--Extent and Implications." In the afternoon, Irwin V. Sperry and Ruth Thompson will present a state study on "Married High School Students in North Carolina and Policies of School Systems Regarding Them." This will be followed by eight group discussions on the program theme. The meeting will close with a panel discussion on "Early Marriages--How to Meet the Problem or Challenge." The Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C. is Council president.

THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FAMILY LIFE and the Community Health and Welfare Council of Hennepin County co-sponsored a workshop on Teen-Age Marriage in Minneapolis October 7-8. The conference opened with a showing of five family life films. At the dinner a panel of teen-agers discussed teen-age marriage, with Wayne Anderson, president of the MCFL as moderator, and David Mace as consultant. At the evening meeting David Mace spoke on "A Marriage Counselor Looks at Teen-Age Marriage." The next day there were five workshop groups: The Churches' Responsibility to Teen-Agers, How the Schools Can Help Teen-Agers, Parent-Teen-Age Relationships, The Law and Teen-Age Marriages, and The Role of Social Agencies. Following this, David Mace and a panel composed of representatives from each discussion group presented a general summary of the teen-age question. Proceedings were taped, and will be made available to those in attendance.

The MCFL, under the direction of Maurine Hansen, has prepared an annotated bibliography, Family Life, Literature and Films, which may be ordered through the NCFR office for \$1.00.

THE FAMILY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA and several schools and organizations joined in sponsoring a workshop on Family Life Education in the Community on the Stanford University Campus in July. David and Frances Treat from the Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint, Michigan provided the leadership. Methods of developing relationships with other community organizations were illustrated by reference to the Fund's program. President of the Council is Curt Demele.

THE NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF THE TRI-STATE COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS held a workshop on "The Three Generation Family" as part of the annual conference of the N. J. Association for Adult Education. Phyllis Greer, chairman of the N. J. Chapter was General Chairman of the Conference. Tri-State participants in the Workshop program included: Chairman, Florence L. D. Heal; Discussion Leader, Merna Samples; Recorder, Gertrude Daniel; Consultants, Jean Abernethy, Dorothy Brower.

THE UTAH COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS has the following officers: Kenneth Cannon, Brigham Young University, Provo, President; Veon Smith, University of Utah, Past President; Dorothy Dyer, Utah State University, Logan, Vice-President; Frances Barlow, Brigham Young University, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Utah Council has prepared Family Life References, an annotated bibliography. This may be obtained for 50 cents from any of the above people.

THE SAN DIEGO COUNCIL is preparing for its second year's election of officers. It has met monthly during the year and interest has continued to grow. A family life speakers bureau from among council members is in the process of being formed to serve community organizations.

Current officers of the Council are: President, Nona H. Cannon; Vice-President, Velea Sickels; Secretary, Norma Leeds; Treasurer, Joseph R. White.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS will hold its annual meeting at the University of Idaho April 13-15, 1961. Emphasis will be on the problems of youth.

Officers are: Harry C. Harmsworth, Department of Sociology, University of Idaho, president; Carol L. Stone, Department of Rural Sociology, Washington State University, Vice-President; John Phillips, Department of Religion and Sociology, University of Puget Sound, President Elect; Gladys I. Bellinger, Department of Home Economics, University of Idaho, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE MISSOURI COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS is now planning for its April, 1960 meeting. The proposed theme is "Utilizing Current Family Strengths." Officers are: President, Esther E. Prevey, Director, Family Life Education, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools; Vice-President, Ruth I. Cooper, Chairman, Division of Child Development and Family Life, University of Missouri; Secretary, Mike Pulliam, Culver-Stockton College; Treasurer, Rev. Allen N. Zaehner, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis; President Elect, Marguerite Arand, St. Louis.

During the past three years, The American Social Health Association has been conducting a family life education project in the middle states consisting of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado. Recently each of these states has organized a state committee to promote family life

education projects within its own state. Esther E. Prevey, Director of Family Life Education, Kansas City, Missouri, Public Schools and Missouri Council President, is the Chairman of the Missouri State Committee. It is anticipated that there will be close working relations by this group and the Missouri Council on Family Relations.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL held its 13th Annual Conference at Colorado State College last spring, with 125 professional people in attendance. Their theme was "Frontiers of Family Service." Included were sessions on Recent Developments in Family Law in Colorado, Religion and Family Life, This Problem of Delinquency, The Child and His Development, Marriage and Family Counseling.

For the fiscal year 1960-61, they are anticipating a radio and TV series, as well as a workshop for school administrators and teachers around the area of family relations.

Rocky Mountain officers are: John Baird, President; Blaine Mercer, Vice-President; Walker Edwards, Secretary; and Sybil Renwick, Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA held its annual general meeting and conference August 30-September 4th. Papers were delivered on "Patterns of Illness Within the Family" and "Patterns of Therapy for the Family." Panel discussions were held on "Sex Attitudes and Behavior Before Marriage," and "Helping Young People to Understand Their Sex Roles."

They were represented by the Rev. E. P. Blamires at the International Conference on the Family.

POSITION OPEN. The New York State Education Department wishes to locate qualified candidates for the position of Associate in Child Development. For information write William Livingston, Personnel Officer, University of the State of New York, State Education Department, Albany 1, New York.

THE FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE OF THE HONOLULU DISTRICT COURT is a newly created division of the Court, being formally established by law in May, 1960. Its primary approach is to offer short-term psychiatric social work services to clients who would benefit from marital or family counseling; and refer the client, where feasible and appropriate, to the community agency best suited to give him long term services.

THE AMERICAN SOCIAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION and THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, in cooperation with institutions of higher education, local committees, civic and state groups, sponsored a series of family life education workshops in Nevada, New Mexico and Utah during the summer. These workshops were keyed to training school and community leadership as an integral part of the ASHA-NCPT Rocky Mountain Project in Family Life Education. This project, established a year ago, consists of pilot operations in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah geared toward establishing a partnership between education and the wider surrounding community to which education must look for support. The purpose of this Project is to make schools and community programs of family life stronger and better coordinated and, where such programs do not exist, to create them.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF PARENT COOPERATIVES: Mrs. Roy Hawkins is president of this newly formed organization, which includes groups from both the United States and Canada. Their first annual meeting was held at Teacher College in August. Katharine Whiteside Taylor was given first Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her volunteer service as editor of THE PARENT COOPERATIVE and convener of the first annual meeting. All parent cooperatives wishing to join the Council or wanting further information may write Mrs. Hawkins at 7315 Linda Lane Drive, Birmingham, Michigan.

THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND FAMILY has been called by the Canadian Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. April 30-May 5, 1961 at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. This will be a study conference, and the preparatory study book, entitled SEX WAYS - IN FACT AND FAITH: Basis for Christian Family Policy, edited by Evelyn M. and Sylvanus M. Duvall, will be ready February 1, 1961 through Association Press. The Duvalls are co-chairmen of the conference planning committee. Among the conference leaders are Jessie Bernard, Lee Burchinal, Harold Christensen, Alan Guttmacher, Lester Kirkendall, and Judson Landis. For information write William H. Genne, Department of Family Life, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City 27.

THE 1961 NATIONAL HEALTH FORUM to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, March 13-16, will consider the topic "Better Communication for Better Health."

THE THIRD WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY, June 4-10, 1961, Montreal, Canada, is being held at the invitation of McGill University and under the auspices of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. Meeting on the American Continent for the first time, the Congress is expected to attract some 3,000 delegates from 62 nations. Representatives will come from psychiatry and such allied fields as general medical practice, psychology, biochemistry, nursing, sociology, anthropology, social work, and pharmacology. For information regarding programme and registration, write the General Secretary, III World Congress of Psychiatry, 1025 Pine Avenue West, Montreal 2, P. Q., Canada.

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION will meet in San Francisco October 31-November 4. Reports will be given on progress in solving many of the major health problems facing mankind.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DAY CARE FOR CHILDREN. The Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor invited the NCFR to participate in the National Conference on Day Care for Children to be held in Washington, D. C. November 17-18, 1960. Katharine Whiteside Taylor was appointed to represent us.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN announces fellowships for 1961-62. Write Fellowships Office, AAUW Educational Foundation, 2401 Virginia Avenue, Washington 7, D. C.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A conference designed to identify problems, issues and needs in parent education, held jointly by the Children's Bureau and the Institute of Child Development and Welfare of the University of Minnesota, is reported in a new publication "Parent Education and the Behavioral Sciences."

The research specialists who attended the conference centered much of their discussion around relationships between research findings and policies and practices in parent education.

Such basic questions as: How is parental behavior determined?, Can it be modified?, If so, by what means and under what conditions? came in for intensive scrutiny.

Conferees also highlighted the gaps in present knowledge in the field of parent-child relationships, child development and family interaction. One section of the new publication lists these gaps in six broad classifications.

In a joint foreword, Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, Chief, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and Dale B. Harris, Director, Institute of Child Development and Welfare of the University of Minnesota, state:

"A followup program to actively involve members of all the interested professions and agencies is now under consideration. Cooperative projects can be planned, leading eventually to a conference in which cross-disciplinary groups can come to grips with . . . major problems."

The conference report was prepared by Armin Grams, Associate Professor of Child Development and Parent Education of the University, with assistance of Irving Sigel, Chairman, Research Area, the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit; Richard G. Bell, National Institute of Mental Health, and Muriel W. Brown, Parent Education Specialist of the Children's Bureau.

Single copies of this Children's Bureau Publication No. 379, "Parent Education and the Behavioral Sciences" are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for 25 cents.