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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear NCFR Members:

The 1963 Annual Meeting of the NCFR highlighted the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of its founding. The theme, "The American Family and NCFR - Retrospect and Prospect," provided us the opportunity, at this quarter century milestone in our history, to review the past, assess the present, and chart our future course. The Plenary Session addresses delivered by Evelyn Duvall, Reuben Hill, and Jessie Bernard were outstanding. (Note availability of these speeches on enclosure).

A special banquet was held honoring those who have served as President of NCFR and reinstating a past tradition of an address from our President, which this year was thoughtfully prepared and eloquently delivered by Wally Fulton. Another highlight of the Conference was the special panel discussion regarding the "Relationship Between the Academic-Professional World and Mass Circulation Magazines." Those in attendance were very enthusiastic about the stimulating remarks and challenges which were presented by Robert J. Levin, Senior Editor, Redbook Magazine; Ernest Havemann, author and free-lance writer; Ivan Nye, Editor of Marriage and Family Living; Vladimir deLissovoy, Pennsylvania State University; and Bill Smith, moderator, Penn State. The new four-section system was in effect for the second year, with interesting and challenging papers presented in the sections on Counseling, Education, Research, and Special Emphases.

As the Program Chairman, I would like to express appreciation to the Program Committee who worked so diligently to give us what many have described as an outstanding program. I am particularly grateful to the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts and contributions in helping make our stay on the University of Denver campus pleasant, convenient, and comfortable.

For the second time in history, the Annual Meeting of the International Union of Family Organizations was held on the American continent, in Rio de Janeiro in July. The theme was "The Family in the Space Age," and we are deeply indebted to the NCFR International Liaison Committee, with Evelyn Duvall as Chairman, who worked very closely with Wally Fulton in planning the program presented by our delegation. Out of this conference came the formation of a United States Committee of the IUFO, explorations of the role of the IUFO in sponsoring and coordinating family research, and further discussion toward planning a world family year.

During the past summer I had the privilege of conducting a student study tour through Europe, and took the opportunity to visit the IUFO headquarters in Paris. I had a very pleasant and hopefully profitable visit with Lucien Guibourge and Robert Boudet, President and Secretary General of IUFO respectively. We explored ways in which our two organizations could work more closely together and discussed the possibilities of cooperative international research in the area of the family.

The members of the NCFR in the South for several years have suggested the desirability of holding our Annual Meeting there, and the Board of Directors has set Miami Beach as the 1964 site. The meetings will be held at the luxurious Deauville Hotel, the scene of the 1963 Governors' Conference. Also as a result of the balloting which took place through our Newsletter, the time of the meeting has been changed to October 9th-11th. We hope all of you will begin now to make plans to attend. Our President-elect and Program Chairman, Clark Vincent, is well underway with preparations for a very stimulating conference, on the theme, "The Sixties - the Decade of the Teenager."

Twenty five years ago a small but dedicated group of people established what is now the NCFR. Through the years NCFR has experienced growing pains, has expanded its horizons, and has strengthened its determination to fulfill original and new commitments. We have set before us important goals, and we now have considerable momentum in our drive toward achieving them. We are very much a going concern. I feel greatly honored in having the privilege of serving NCFR as its President in 1963-64, but at the same time I feel exceedingly humble. We need the active and loyal support of each of our 3,000 members. If each of you would accept the challenge of bringing in one new member to our organization, we would not only double our membership, but perhaps would double our strength and influence for improving the welfare of family life throughout our nation. We represent a worthy cause. Let us not fail in our responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Blaine R. Porter, President

THE COUNSELING SECTION AT DENVER: For the first time, the American Psychiatric Association sent an official representative, Dr. Warren Walker, to participate in our meeting. My notes have been discarded, since in the process of moving from our home of more than a quarter century, my wife "ordered" the disposal of a "lot of junk you have accumulated." Such an injunction might pose a disturbing challenge to ROBERT K. LEIK, with his "Scheme for Analyzing Marital Problems." JUDGE SHERMAN FINESILVER, Denver Domestic Relations Court, urged the implementation of high school courses offering preparation for marriage, a form of instruction which reports indicate to be diminishing rather than increasing. He advocated raising the legal age for marriage. High school students who have witnessed a divorce trial in his court have been tremendously impressed by the tragedy and personal havoc of impulsive adolescent marriage. DALE WOMBLE offered an astute analysis of the tribulations experienced by married college students.

GERALD LESLIE pointed out the direct ventilation of hostility generated in conjoint therapy but expressed doubt that the method will prove of ultimate value. DOROTHY BARRIER discussed motivation and the practical problems of counseling; no solution appears at the moment to resolve difficulties of the type which all of us experience.

DONALD TAYLOR believes that the martyrdom of which some counselees complain represents the expression of a neurotic need to be good. Perhaps a masochistic defense against self depreciating anxiety, it is perpetuated in unrealistic epigrams handed down from generation to generation. VAL DELISSOVOY and his panel raised the significant question: Who is the counselor's counselor? They were concerned with the potential danger to the therapist stimulated by transference phenomena and possible harm to the client thereby created.

RENEE NELL, 420 W. 24th St., New York City, showed the film, "The Initial Interview - a Teaching Aid in the Education of Marriage Counselors," which she wrote, produced, and directed.

DOROTHY BARRIER, Marriage Counseling Centre, 501 Pine St., Montreal, chairman for the 1964 meeting of the counseling section, will welcome any suggestions as to program content. She would be especially grateful to those who volunteer to discuss a particular phase of our art.

Finally, I again express the appreciation of all who attended these sessions to the essayists and discussants who gave freely of their knowledge and wisdom that each of us might add to our own skill in helping distressed and despairing spouses discover a more contentment-producing kind of marriage.

Bert Glassberg, Chairman

THE SPECIAL EMPHASES SECTION AT DENVER: "Family Life and Parent Education with Low-income Families" was the theme of three lively sessions for this section at the NCFR Anniversary Conference. Under the leadership of moderator EDWARD POPE, the speakers and audience tackled head on the "people who need it most don't get it" cliché.

DR. CATHERINE CHILMAN of the Children's Bureau brilliantly set the stage at the opening session in her presentation on "Current Problem Situations of Socially and Economically Deprived Families". What works, how, and why it works was described by speakers involved in ongoing family life programs with the so-called "hard to reach." DR. FREDA KEHM, Director of the Association for Family Living, Chicago, told of the practical program developed as a pilot project on Chicago's near South side. The project serves a low-income Negro community living in public housing units. CORTEZ PURYEAR, Coordinator, Strengthening the Family Project in Baltimore, Maryland, described the community-wide program of family life education now being carried on in that city by dozens of groups. Both speakers stressed the importance of abandoning preconceived program ideas and using instead a variety of new approaches, of adapting a flexible "your time is my time" schedule, and of meeting human, concrete needs on a practical, realistic level.

DR. HERBERT GREENBERG, Senior Consultant, Parent Education & Child Development, City School District, Rochester, New York, focused his presentation on the role of attitudes and feelings of the professionals who work with lower class families. He pointed out the importance of recognizing and understanding the feelings of insecurity, fear, hostility, sympathy or anxiety which the middle class professional worker may carry with him into a situation and into the relationship between him and his group.

At the closing session, DR. CHILMAN presented a strong plea for basic research and for evaluation of current and ongoing programs. "We can help people most when we can be specific about our programs," she stated. "We need to add to our experience the dimension of inquiry, of searching, of objectivity."

Selected lists of sources of federal funds available to institutions and individuals for research, demonstration and evaluation projects were distributed as a practical aid to implementing her suggestion.

Elizabeth S. Force, Chairman

RESEARCH SECTION AT DENVER: Due to the fine cooperation of those who were asked to participate and the excellent quality of their contributions, as well as the high caliber of the contributed papers, the Research Section, I feel, played an important role in making the 1963 meeting of NCFR the outstanding success that it was.

Our purpose was to design the program in harmony with and to contribute to the general theme of the meeting. The first session particularly was planned to conform to our 25th anniversary theme. HAROLD CHRISTENSEN presented an excellent review of family research during the past 25 years, showing the various trends and shifts in interest and in the nature of the problems attacked. An interesting reaction and discussion of the paper by MURRAY STRAUS followed. The remainder of the session was devoted to presentation and discussion of a paper by JOHN MOGEY. In this paper the focus was more on the future - on developing points of view, present trends and approaches in family research. IVAN NYE was the able discussant of this paper.

The second session was a symposium planned and conducted by DANIEL HOBBS, JR. on the problems of dealing with impediments to effective research in our field. There was agreement among the panel members that adequate finances are now available to support family research and that the greatest impediment was perhaps the insufficiency of imaginative ideas which are theoretically relevant, methodologically sound and which are pursued to completion. The need for theory-guided research was repeatedly emphasized. It was felt that reluctance on the part of people to reveal data of an intimate nature is not so much an impediment as the feelings on the part of the researchers themselves. The whole panel was optimistic about the prospects of more and better research.

The third session, chaired by DON CARTER, consisted of contributed papers. LEE BURCHINAL and WARD BAUDER reported on their findings regarding relationships among types of kinship aid patterns. HERBERT LIPTON and STANLEY KADEN gave a paper based on their study of the adjustments of married male schizophrenics and their wives in the post-hospital period. ROBERT BELL and ROBERT KLEINER in their paper compared geriatric patients with individuals of comparable age in the community as to degree of family anomie manifest. Vasectomy as a method of birth control and some of the attitudes of those who chose that method was the subject of a paper by JUDSON LANDIS. The papers were interesting and the response was good.

The closing session, organized and chaired by KENNETH CANNON, began with an interesting report by LARRY BARNETT on recent interracial marriages in California. The final paper, by RUTH SHONLE CAVAN, was entitled "Promising Areas, Ideas, and Techniques in Family Life Research." DR. CAVAN re-emphasized the fact that theory is often lacking in family research and that so much of the research is piecemeal and not systematically related to other research. There is a need, she feels, for systematic, cooperative effort. She suggested 5 specific areas in which research is needed, and offered some provocative ideas as to approach and sources of data for research in each of the areas.

Leland Stott, Chairman

EDUCATION SECTION AT DENVER: About 150 people attended the Education Section meetings, and after each session many remained to talk with the speakers. At the first meeting, a lively panel led by LESTER KIRKENDALL discussed attitudes of youth toward sex.

The second session was devoted to evaluating marriage and family living courses in high schools. ALAN E. BAYER discussed courses in Florida public schools; EDWARD DAGER presented research on education for marriage and family living in the high schools in Indiana; and MARGARET PROSHEK NOLTE, a high school family living teacher, had as her topic "A High School Family Life Course - Teacher Eye-View." Both DR. DAGER and MRS. NOLTE agreed that on the high school level family living is most frequently taught in Home Economics departments. Most high school family life educators are women. Only a scattering of students receive family life education. There is a need for

constant reassessment and evaluation of these classes.

The third session was devoted to a paper by OSCAR FEUCHT on family life education, including sex education, in the Lutheran Church. There is a strong trend toward parent education classes. There is a need for good sex education materials at various age levels. DR. FEUCHT observed that the church is aware of this need and is moving toward meeting it.

At the fourth meeting, MARY LOU PURCELL presented a paper entitled "New Trends in the Education of Women." Among the stumbling blocks in the path of any new design for the education of women one of the most serious is limited goals. Educators need to accept the changing life cycle of women and plan the curricula with a real awareness of it. The needs for perspective, pride in womanhood, and self-fulfillment must be translated into concrete terms. Following this, W. CLARK ELLZEY and BLAINE R. PORTER, who had conducted student travel tours to Europe during the summer, talked on "European Travel as Family Life Education." Both agreed that when prolonged contacts with families and person to person relationships are possible, it is the best possible family life education.

W. Clark Ellzey

NCFR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Two members newly elected to serve two-year terms: Elizabeth S. Force, Director of Education, American Social Health Association; MSGR. John Knott, Director, Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

NCFR NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Lester Kirkendall, Chairman; Elizabeth Force; Harold T. Christensen.

SECTION CHAIRMEN FOR 1964: Counseling, Dorothy E. Barrier, Executive Secretary, Marriage Counseling Centre, 531 Pine Avenue W, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Education, Christine Beasley, Dept. of Child Development and Family Relations, College of Home Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; Research, Howard R. Stanton, Director, Social Science Program, Dept. of Health, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Santurce, Puerto Rico; Special Emphases, Harold J. Belgum, Director of Family Life Education, Department of Parish Education, American Lutheran Church, 422 S. 5th St., Mpls., Minn.

FOUR NEW COMMITTEES proposed at the Denver Executive Committee meeting: Family Life Education in the Public Schools—purpose to consider training of teachers in the family life field and how to make information available to teachers; Membership—with representatives from each of the major disciplines; Committee on ways to find financial support for family life research; Committee concerned with mass media relationships. IVAN NYE, Washington State University has been appointed chairman of the last.

LARGER JOURNAL, DUES INCREASE VOTED AT DENVER BOARD MEETING: To cover cost of new, standard 128-page issues of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING, and to tool up for nation wide NCFR membership drives, the Board and Executive Committee voted at the Denver meeting to increase membership dues, beginning with renewals of February, 1964.

Increased editorial and publishing costs necessitate a dues increase, even if the Journal remains its present size. Burgeoning recognition of the Journal, with a wider range of top notch articles of research and program activity being submitted, dictates a new Journal length, to serve member and field interests more extensively.

Surplus funds from the dues increase will be used to finance a wide range of aggressive membership drives, coincident with the release of new, lengthier Journals. New member dues will permit, eventually, increasing executive staff personnel to provide a greater range of professional placement, consultation, and affiliated group services.

As things now stand, the Minneapolis office is attempting to handle with insufficient personnel the mounting tide of personal, professional, and mass media requests for research, counseling, and information assistance. The dues increase simply permits NCFR to play, center stage, a new and dynamic role in the national and international family life movement to the benefit of all who are professionally associated with family life.

Wallace C. Fulton, NCFR Past Pres.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS: In July, 1963, the IUFO made its biggest venture yet by organizing an International Conference on the Family in South America. This was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the major burden of organization was assumed by Dr. Paes de Carvalho, a Vice-President of the Union.

In spite of difficulties in the early stages, the Conference was a resounding success. Well over 400 delegates were present, representing at least 25 countries. All the continents except

Australia were represented. According to my calculation, there were 39 from Europe, 35 from North America, 9 from Asia, and 2 from Africa. The rest came from Latin American countries.

The North American delegation, nearly as strong as that from Europe, represented a major achievement. The contribution made by the delegates to the Conference was of a very high order, and made a deep impression.

Five North Americans made major presentations to the entire Conference. Harold Christensen presented an excellent analysis of marriage in our modern world; Elizabeth Force spoke convincingly on family life education; Celia Bunker, of Puerto Rico, explained marriage counseling, which was a very new idea to many of the delegates. Mr. Emilien Lafrance, the Minister of Social Welfare in the Province of Quebec, made an excellent presentation on the responsibility of governments for the welfare of the family; and Mrs. Moorehead, First Vice-president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, made an eloquent plea for better cooperation between home and school.

Three other North Americans - Edward Staples, Beatrice Paolucci, and Ralph Ojemann, gave papers in section meetings. Much of the credit for this excellent achievement goes to Evelyn Duvall, who organized the North American platform, although she was unable personally to attend the Conference.

David R. Mace

NOTICE TO PROFESSORS WHO USE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING in their classes: Until January 1, 1964, students may still subscribe to the journal for \$3.00 a year. Write the NCFR Office for a student membership form if you did not receive one.

NCFR ANNUAL MEETING SITES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS: 1964 - Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, October 9-11. We have been offered excellent rates, which will be comparable to those on a campus. Details will appear in the March Newsletter. 1965 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 1966 - Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 1967 - West Coast. The time of the year for meetings after 1964 will be decided depending on the success of the October date.

#### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

LESTER A. KIRKENDALL, Professor of Family Life, Oregon State University, Corvallis, has noted much evidence of a deep concern for understanding and dealing with sexual problems, usually as they relate to youth. He believes this to be a reflection of the turmoil resulting from subtle, and often unrecognized social forces, which have seriously undermined the typical and traditional way of thinking about morals and sexual standards. During the past 3 years, he has participated in programs too numerous to mention, all over the country, and all centrally concerned with sexual standards and practices as related to values and morals.

In addition to the many programs in which he has taken part, he has noted several other evidences of concern: the issuance of a pamphlet in England, entitled "A Quaker View of Sex"; a week-long discussion conference entitled "Sex in Human Relations" held at Oberlin College last spring; a series of 5 lectures on this subject, entitled "Being Male and Female," held at Kansas State University; a three-day institute directed by counselor trainees from the Menninger Clinic, held at Nebraska Wesleyan College; a program at the University of Alaska; numerous articles in popular and professional magazines, as well as a number of books, expressing a keen concern for what is happening with respect to sexual standards.

Dr. Kirkendall believes that what young people need more than anything else is competent and understanding guidance in thinking through the perplexities which face them in the realm of sex. One of the ways this could be done is by penetrating dialogues on college campuses between young people and responsible, mature adults. An exploration in depth of the various patterns of sexual behavior, of motivations, of reasons for the outcomes and consequences of different sexual practices, and similar matters would be required.

JOHN POWELL, Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, San Bruno, California is convinced that the suburban church should be doing more effective work in family counseling. He is preparing some suggestions for a course for parish use in family relations, material for premarital counseling, and a survey of the resources available in his area for marriage counseling; and he is helping to work out a set of procedures and standards to guide clergy in deciding whether to make a referral.

MARY CATHARINE STARR, professor of Home Economics, Sacramento State College, is on a sabbatical leave this year, studying the extent to which increasing industrialization and more married women

working have influenced the home economics curriculum in several Scandinavian countries. She reports that "Family Knowledge" is a basic requirement in Danish primary education, and is integrated into many subjects.

WILLIAM E. CRANE, Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee has conducted workshops on pastoral counseling for several years. In August, Dr. Crane; Dr. William J. Donaldson, Jr., Georgia State College; and the Rev. Del Poling, Northmore Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio conducted an intensive workshop on pastoral counseling. Dr. Crane led the group in a study of the use of personality inventories. The highlight of the workshop was the group dynamics experience each day. Dr. Crane is now conducting a training course on pastoral counseling for the Presbytery of Union.

MILDRED WIEGLEY WOOD, Phoenix, Arizona, an authority on home management and family life education, and author of many publications, died in September. At one time she was head of the Department of Home Economics at the University of Minnesota. The University of Arizona conferred the LL.D. on her in 1954.

RUTH BANBURY, president of the Charlotte, North Carolina Council, helped plan and man an exhibit of past and present history and future plans of the North Carolina Family Life Council at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Public Health Association in September.

JOSEPH WAGNER, Consultant in Parent Education, Niagara Falls, was professional consultant for a workshop on pastoral counseling October 15-16, co-sponsored by the Family Life Advisory Committee and the Council of Social Agencies and presented by the Adult Education Division, Board of Education, Niagara Falls. This was a follow-up to the first workshop held last spring. All but two of the participants were in the earlier workshop.

ELIZABETH MIDDLETON, President of the North Carolina Council, is teaching full time in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina in Raleigh.

ROSE SOMERVILLE had an article entitled "Imaginative Literature in Family Life Education" in the June, 1963 issue of the Journal of Home Economics. Dr. Somerville is again teaching at the New School for Social Research, New York City. She gave a lecture on "Recent Trends in the American Family" at the summer institute of Zagreb University, held on the isle of Korkula, Dalmation coast; and spent several weeks in Yugoslavia, Russia, etc., this past summer.

OSCAR FEUCHT and BERT Y. GLASSBERG, M. D., St. Louis, Missouri, recently participated on a TV panel entitled "Speaking Frankly" on Marriage, Family, Divorce. Dr. Glassberg continues to conduct his radio program, "Ask the Marriage Counselor."

RENEE NELL, Certified Psychologist, New York City, was chairman of the Eighth Annual Conference of the American Academy of Psychotherapists, held in New York City. The theme was "The Creative Use of the Unconscious by the Artist and by the Psychotherapist."

MURIEL BROWN, Stephens City, Virginia attended the World Federation of Mental Health Conference in Amsterdam during the summer.

DONALD BRIELAND is Director of Children and Family Services for the state of Illinois.

MILDRED MORGAN, Family Life Consultant, Black Mountain, North Carolina conducted a workshop for parents and young people this fall, entitled "Operation: Christian Personality." At the final banquet parents and teens discussed "Searching for New Solutions to Old Problems;" and Dr. Morgan reported that the audience participation was tremendous.

COLONEL JANE E. WRIEDEN, National Consultant, Women's and Children's Services, the Salvation Army, 120 W. 14th Street, New York 11, has available a handbook of information, entitled "The Salvation Army Services to Unmarried Parents and Their Children--Maternity Homes and Hospitals."

PAUL C. KOCHAN, Professor of Sociology and Chairman of the Sociology Department, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, has been appointed Chairman of the Division of Social Science.

J. JOEL MOSS, Brigham Young University, is co-author with David Potter and Herbert F. A. Smith of Southern Illinois University of "Photosituations: A Technique for Teaching." The book is based on a study of problem situations presented in photographs. With the illustrations, prospective teachers can test and improve their powers of observation, sensitivity, analysis and problem solving. The photos "freeze" individual situations, allowing unlimited time for observation, study,

and discussion among prospective teachers. An introduction preceding each photo structures the situation, focusing student attention to pertinent issues in teacher training, while questions that follow are designed to add depth as well as breadth to the discussion. Burgess Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota is the publisher.

ROBERT W. BURNS, Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, has written "The Art of Staying Happily Married." The book is based on his 40 years of counseling experience, and is available from Prentice-Hall for \$3.95.

CLINTON E. PHILLIPS, Marriage Counselor, and formerly Director of Counseling for the American Institute of Family Relations; and ERMA PIXLEY, Education Department, AIFR, have written "A Guide for Premarriage Counseling." This booklet may be obtained from the AIFR, Los Angeles for \$1.50. Mr. Phillips participated in the first Annual Workshop of the United Churches of Canada on "The Techniques of Marriage Counseling" this summer.

GLADYS H. GROVES is now Family Life Specialist, Extension Service, University of Maine.

RICHARD F. CAMPBELL, formerly at the University of Mississippi, is now in the Home Economics Department, San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California.

MARY RUSSELL taught at the University of Colorado this summer.

FLORENCE L. D. HEAL is a New Jersey state supervisor of Home Economics.

DON W. RAPP is in the Department of Home Economics, University of Georgia, Athens.

BOYD C. ROLLINS has joined the staff at Brigham Young University.

LEE BURCHINAL is Acting Chief, Research Grants Branch, Division of Research, Welfare Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., 20201.

KENJI TAMURA, Sociologist and Marriage Counselor, National Institute of Mental Health, Japan, attended the 8th International Seminar on Family Research sponsored by the International Sociological Association in Oslo in August. He reports that because of RALPH BRIDGMAN'S stay in Japan, where he supervised a seminar on marriage counseling, marriage counseling is booming.

ELEANORE LUCKEY, Head, Department of Child Development and Family Life, University of Connecticut, gave a paper at the Annual Meeting of the APA entitled "Self and Spouse Perceptions Concomitant with Marital Satisfaction." She served as senior consultant on family counseling in Ohio University's NDEA Institute on Counseling and Guidance, Athens during the summer. Dr. Luckey announces that JESSE TARWATER, formerly with the Asia Foundation, and earlier Dean of Students at Whittier College, has joined the Connecticut staff as Associate Professor of Family Relations.

DAVID M. FULCOMER, Director, Family Living Center, Colorado Woman's College, addressed the AHEA's Annual Conference in June on the topic, "What Are American Families Like?"

THOMAS POFFENBERGER is a visiting professor with the Dept. of Child Development, Baroda University, India, where the Ford Foundation in cooperation with Iowa State University has established a research program in child development and family relations. An infant testing program is underway in cooperation with Nancy Bayley, NIMH. In addition, a village study of child rearing practices, along with a number of smaller projects, is being carried out. Dr. and Mrs. Poffenberger will be in India for nearly four years. Publications so far include "Two Psychological Factors in Malnutrition in India;" "Health Problems and Sex Differences of a Sample of Urban Children in Gujarat State;" and "Interview Report of Fifty-six Sterilization Cases Performed at a Rural 'Camp'."

CHARLYCE KING, Acting Director, Family Life Institute, Extension Division, University of Oklahoma; and L. MACK POWELL, Program Director, have offered several programs on Family Life Education this past year: a conference on Marriage Counseling with DON YOUNG, Menninger Foundation; Clinical Pastoral Psychology Seminars; a Conference on Delinquency, for Religious Workers; a Conference on Family Relations for Wives; a Conference on Alcoholism, with Harry Roy, M.D., Psychiatrist; and a Conference on Parent-Child Relations, with Dr. Bruno Bettelheim.

RUBY HARRIS, Specialist in Family Relations and Leadership Training, University of California, Agricultural Extension Service, Berkeley was responsible for two conferences last spring. At the first, JUDSON T. LANDIS delivered the keynote address on "California's Changing Family Life." Other topics considered were the changing roles of men and women, the role of communication in the helping relationship, know your community, characteristics of creative children and their parents,



implications of a world of change on home economics programs, and new directions with families. The second conference was on the theme "Woman's Challenge - Today's Family." DOROTHY DYER spoke on "Family Roles in 1963"; RALPH ECKERT spoke on "Our Changing American Family" and "What are the Real Values in Today's Family?" RUBY HARRIS discussed "Handling Conflict in the Family." Other topics were managing change; from today's family - tomorrow's leaders; and decision making in a family. Pamphlets available from Dr. Harris include "Your Child Starts to School;" and "Pressures on Children and Youth."

ELIZABETH S. FORCE, Director of Education, American Social Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, has prepared a pamphlet, "Family Life and Family Life Education - Selected and Annotated Readings."

PETER T. VAN SUETENDAEL is a social worker with the Mental Hygiene Consultation Center of Bergen County, Weston, Connecticut.

MARTHELIEN R. VAN SCOYOC is now at Fresno State College.

KEN ESLINGER will be a graduate assistant in sociology at Ohio State University.

JULIA KNAFF HURLBURT is at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

NATHAN STILLMAN has joined the staff of Yeshiva University, New York City.

JEAN ENGELMANN is a Home Economics teacher, University High School, University of Minnesota.

LOIS FISH is with New York State Extension - 4H Clubs, Cornell University.

THE BOARD OF FAMILY AFFAIRS, Lutheran Church of Finland, Helsinki, Vuorik, 22.A. 18, which has an organizational membership with the NCFR, has published a pamphlet entitled "Family Counseling." This board is the leading body for family counseling and family education work in Finland. There are 8 family counseling centers, with about half of the workers clergymen and half social workers. In each center there are, in addition, a psychiatrist and a lawyer as part-time consultants. The pamphlet discusses the counseling program and family life education, including the "school for marriage" in colleges.

JOHN G. CHANTINY is Leader of the Family and Society, Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit.

CAROL DOTY, formerly at Kansas State University, is now in Tuscon, Arizona.

VLADIMIR de LISSOVOY, Pennsylvania State University, was a visiting professor in the Department of Home Economics, Douglass College, Rutgers University this summer.

WILLIAM E. RHODES, Chaplain, University of Denver, spent the summer in Africa.

GEORGE CHAMIS, Mott Foundation, Flint, Michigan represented the NCFR at the University of Michigan's 16th Annual Conference on Aging in June.

MME. BANON, Haut Rhin, France, has reproduced some of GORDON SHIPMAN'S article, "Speech Thresholds and Voice Tolerance in Marital Interaction," M & F L, August, '60, in her publication for parents.

LELAND AXELSON has moved from Florida State University to Colorado State University.

RICHARD KLEMER, MARJORIE STITH, and EDNA AMIDON were among NCFR members who addressed the Annual Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in Kansas City in July.

ELIZABETH S. FOSTER has gone to the Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Virginia, as Associate Professor of Social Research in the School of Social Work.

BERNARD J. OLIVER, JR., Chapman College, Orange, California has written a book soon to be released, entitled "Marriage and You."

PHYLLIS C. MARTIN, formerly at Chatham College, Pennsylvania, is now heading the Biological and Behavioral Sciences Department at Point Park Junior College in Pittsburgh. Dr. Martin is president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science for 1963-64.

DAVID WEISS, Executive Director, Baron de Hirsch Institute, Montreal has published a volume of verse, "Advice not Judgment," available from him or from the Book Centre of Montreal, at \$1.50.

JAMES A. PETERSON has revised his book, "Education for Marriage," and it will be available in Jan,

MILDRED I. TURNEY is head, Dept. of Home Economics, Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond.



DUANE E. SPIERS is now Clinical Supervisor of the Department of Counseling and Acting Clinical Supervisor of the Department of Research for the Pastoral Counseling Center, Inc., in San Diego.

RUTH HOEFLIN, Associate Dean of Home Economics, Kansas State University, spoke at the AHEA meeting in Kansas City and the National Catholic Council on Home Economics in Atchison in June. At present Dr. Hoeflin is Acting Dean of Home Economics.

RUSS MAHAN, Extension Specialist in Human Development and Family Relations in Iowa, taught a two week family life short course at South Dakota State in July.

#### COUNCILS

TRI-STATE: Annual Meeting, October 19, 1963, at Teachers College. Theme: "The Urban Family and Individual in Community Development." Afternoon session: "Experiments in Urban Communities". (East Harlem Parish Adult Groups, Bridge Project, Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited). Dinner and Evening Session: "Impact of Housing on Urban Families, with Joyce Kirby, Chief of Social Service, New York City Housing Authority speaker. Program co-chairmen: Lester Baker, Myran P. Lapidus. President: Margaret Benz, New York University.

IOWA: Conference on "The Older Person in the Family: Challenges and Conflicts," co-sponsored by the Iowa Council on Family Relations, and the Institute of Gerontology, State University of Iowa. October 7-8, 1963 in Des Moines. On the conference program: Ruth Shonle Cavan, whose dinner address was entitled "A Sociologist Looks at the Role of the Older Person in the Family;" Don C. Charles; Jacob D. Gold; H. Lee Jacobs; William F. Kenkel; Eugene Litwak; Russ Mahan; Woodrow W. Morris; Ira L. Reiss; Clark Tibbits; Rosalie Wax. President is Ira L. Reiss, University of Iowa.

LOS ANGELES: New president is Zelpha Bates, Dept. of Home Economics, Long Beach State College.

NORTH CAROLINA: Annual Meeting October 27-29, 1963, Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem. Theme: "Adolescents in American Society in the 1960's." Co-program chairmen: Daniel F. Hobbs and Herbert Zerof. Local Arrangements Coordinator: R. Winfred Tyndall. Keynote address, "The World Confronting American Adolescents," Dale B. Harris, Chairman, Dept. of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, who later in the conference will discuss "Work in the Lives of Adolescents." Helen Buchanan is delivering another conference address on "Values and Decisions in the Lives of Adolescents." An afternoon session will be devoted to a demonstration of techniques in working with parents and adolescents in the community. Teenagers will participate in a panel, "Teen-age--A Time for What?" Daniel Hobbs will conduct a Worry Clinic for Parents and Adolescents--an opportunity for parents and teenagers to question a panel of experts. Council president is Elizabeth Middleton, 903 Runnymede Road, Raleigh.

Mrs. Middleton reports that there will be a post-conference workshop, concerned with reciprocal relationships between the Council and its member organizations. A proposal will be made that a team from member organizations attend the NCFR Annual Meeting, meeting later at a workshop to exchange ideas and suggestions which could be used on the local and state level.

SOUTHEASTERN: Annual Meeting at Hillsboro Hotel, Tampa, Florida, October 20-22. Theme: "Strengthening Communication Within the Family." Among the principal speakers: Blaine R. Porter, Brigham Young University; John Hudson, Merrill-Palmer. President is William Crane, Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: The fall conference November 9th will be a cooperative venture with Dorothy Dyer and her program in Santa Clara County. Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA, will be the featured speaker. A spring conference is also planned, hopefully featuring Lester Kirkendall. The Northern California Council has invited the NCFR to hold its Annual Meeting in that area in 1967. J. Martin Weber, 6011 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, is president; Dorothy Dehr is newly elected secretary.

MICHIGAN: Two-day conference on Youth, October 17-18, co-sponsored by Michigan Council and the Starr Commonwealth for Boys, at Starr Commonwealth, Albion. Among the speakers were Louis Norris, Albion College; D. M. Anderson, Children's Charter, Detroit; Jack Logan, Flint Youth Study; Sam Rabinowitz, Governor's Youth Commission; Alison Davis, University of Chicago; George Hill, Ohio University; Ethel J. Alpenfels, Professor of Educational Anthropology, New York University.

Beginning October 3rd, the MCFR is again co-sponsoring with the Mott Adult Education Program of the Flint Board of Education an Inter-Professional Family Relations Seminar. Thirty ministers, physicians, attorneys, social workers, and educators meet once a week for talks in the area of Marriage and Family counseling, under the leadership of Dr. Ray Jaarsma, psychiatrist. George

C. Chamis, 923 East Kearsley Street, Flint, is coordinating the seminar.

The Detroit Regional Council is planning a conference at Merrill-Palmer on November 7, with "A New Look at Adult Child Relations" as the theme. John Chantiny, Merrill-Palmer, will speak on "Teacher-Teen-Age Relationship." Mrs. Aline B. Auerbach, Child Study Association of America, will discuss "Adult-Child Relationships." The Lansing Area Council and the Grand Rapids Area Councils will announce meeting plans later.

Officers are Dr. Chamis, president; Mrs. Wave Granger, Vice-president; the Rev. John D. Rozeboom, 3221 Lapeer St., Flint, Michigan 48503, Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

MINNESOTA: Annual Meeting November 14, at Citizen's Aid Building, Minneapolis. Theme: "The Employed Mother as a Factor in American Family Life." Luncheon speaker, Mrs. Paul Guzie, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, on topic "What Makes It Possible for Mothers to Work?" Afternoon panel: "Satisfactions and Frustrations of the Employed Mother." Dinner speech on program theme, Robert O. Blood, Jr., University of Michigan. Charles Martin, Family Life Specialist, is president.

The newly revised edition of the annotated bibliography, "FAMILY LIFE, Literature and Films," published by the Minnesota Council, is now available at \$1.25. Sections include: Adolescence, Looking Toward Marriage, Married Living, Parent-Child Relations, Sex Education, Older Family Members. Write NCFR, enclosing check made out to Minnesota Council.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: New officers are: President, Stanley Thomas, 822 Elm Street, Moscow, Idaho; President-elect, Elba Crum, Seattle Public Schools; Vice-president, Ivan Nye, Washington State University; Secretary-Treasurer: Gladys Bellinger and Florence Aller, University of Idaho.

VIRGINIA: New officers are: President, Philip J. Allen, Dept. of Sociology, Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, Fredericksburg; 1st Vice-president; William E. Barnett, Bridgewater College; 2nd Vice-president, Winifred Tumblin, First Baptist Church, Richmond; Secretary, Mrs. Alis L. Bailey, Superintendent, Department of Public Welfare, Fredericksburg; Treasurer, Sarah Thomas, Executive Secretary, Virginia League for Planned Parenthood, Richmond.

SOUTH CAROLINA: The second annual Family Life Institute in South Carolina was held at Winthrop College, Rock Hill in August, with many participating organizations and agencies represented. Dr. Wallace A. Kennedy, Chairman, Human Development Clinic, Florida State University, gave the keynote address on "Relationship of Early Family Structure to Personality." Small groups discussed "Purpose and Meaning in the Family" - Through Communication; For Teenagers; For Families Unaware of Needs; For Oneself as a Family Member; For Solution of Individual and Family Problems. A panel discussed "Developing Family Potential: Implementation and Coordination of Family Life Program and Contributions of Agencies and Organizations."

A session was devoted to "Development of a Community Family Life Council." Two new Councils have been formed in South Carolina: the Rock Hill Family Life Council, with Mrs. Alton Brown, 904 Myrtle Drive, Rock Hill as president; and the Salisbury-Rowan Family Life Council, with John C. Whitfield, Rowan County Mental Health Clinic, Salisbury as president.

The Rev. J. Overt Kempson was Director of the Family Life Institute. Co-chairmen were Lutitia Anderson and Kathryn S. Powell.

Alma Bentley, State Department of Education, Columbia, is president of the South Carolina Council on Family Relations.

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PERSON TO TEACH FAMILY LIVING is wanted at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg—a city of 10,000 about 50 miles east of Kansas City. Position is open in December. Central Missouri State

College is a rapidly growing institution in which there has been considerable development both from the standpoint of curriculum and enrollment; registration is high in the area of Family Living. Both undergraduate and graduate work is offered. Person with doctorate is preferred, but lesser training will be considered. Salaries are competitive. Write Mr. D. W. Tieszen, Dean of Instruction

PLACEMENT SERVICE: The NCFR hopes to begin a placement service at its 1964 Annual Meeting. Details will be announced in a later newsletter.

#### NEWS RELEASES

RESEARCH BULLETIN ON INTERGROUP RELATIONS: Most recent issue is available for \$1.50 from Dr. Morton J. Sobel, Director, National Dept. of Colleges & Universities, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Suite 300, 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. Contains nearly 200 abstracts of projects in progress and completed studies awaiting publication, offers an extensive view of recent accomplishments and approaches in the human relations field. Particular emphasis is placed on the problems of race relations and desegregation. Contributors are from fields of sociology, psychology, education, political science, anthropology and civil rights. Those interested in having their work included in the 1964 edition may ask Dr. Sobel for a 1963 Census of Research Questionnaire.

SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEX: Sixth Annual Conference will be held November 2, 1963 at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, 106 Central Park S., New York City. During the morning session (9:30 a.m.) a panel will discuss Sex Problems of the Teenager. In the afternoon (2:30) a symposium will deal with Transvestism and Transsexualism. Write the Society at 138 East 94th St., New York 28.

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY: In commemoration of its seventy-fifth anniversary, 1889-1964, four conferences are announced, which will be of service in disseminating newer knowledge now available, and will assist in gaining depth of understanding of the challenges that individuals and families face in today's world.

The conferences are: Advances in Nutrition, November 15-16, 1963; Textiles in our Modern World, January 17-18, 1964; The Consumer in an Affluent Society, February 21, 1964; and Changing Values and the Family, April 17-18, 1964. On the April Program are JESSIE BERNARD, ARTHUR E. GRAVATT, ROBERTA FRASIER, LESTER KIRKENDALL, LUTHER G. BAKER, AND HELEN R. LeBARON.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HEALTH EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC will hold a joint meeting with the School Health and Public Health Education Sections of APHA November 11th, on the theme "Developments in Health and Education Around the World." HOWARD ENNES, Vice-president of ANCHEP, and President of the International Union for Health Education, will be among the speakers. Mr. Ennes is Director of the Office of Community Services and Health Education, Equitable Life Assurance Society.

THE DIALOGUE, a project of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 43 W. 57th St., New York City, may be ordered at 15¢ a copy. The Dialogue is a summary of news reports from leading newspapers, wire services and the Religious News Service, and excerpts from articles and editorials in leading church magazines dealing with religious issues as they affect public affairs. These items are not intended to provide an exhaustive report on the issues in question, but do represent, however, the most current information available. They are suggestive of the complex nature of these issues and are intended to stimulate further study and conversation across religious lines. Dr. Claud D. Nelson is editor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN announces Fellowships for Doctoral Study in Social Work and Social Science leading to the following Ph.D. degrees: social work and economics, social work and psychology, social work and social psychology, social work and sociology. For information and application forms, write the University of Michigan, Supervising Committee for the Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, 1065 Frieze Building, Ann Arbor.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICAN and NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: Miss Edna P. Amidon, chairman of the advisory boards of these two organizations, announces that Miss Mildred Reel has been appointed national advisor of Future Homemakers of America; and Miss Betty Ruth Joyce has been named associate national advisor of Future Homemakers of America and national advisor of New Homemakers of America. The two organizations have a total membership of 591,080 young people in 11,804 chapters in junior and senior high schools.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS: Headquarters have been established in Washington, D. C., at 1025 Connecticut Avenue N.W. President is Daniel Blain, M. D., Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for California. Harry C. Schnibbe is Executive Secretary.

CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: Annual Conference, March 9, 1964, Commodore Hotel, New York City. Theme: "Current Stresses on Children: Implications for Healthy Growth." Among the speakers: Benjamin Spock, M. D., Peter B. Neubauer, M. D., Erich Lindemann, M. D., Mary Ellen Goodman, Ph.D.

Annual Institute for workers in Parent Education: March 10th, Commodore Hotel.

For information write Elinore E. Apter, Administrative Assistant, CSAA, 9 East 89th Street, New York 28, New York.

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: The president of the FSAA made the following announcement in his recent Newsletter: "FSAA and the Child Study Association of America have received a grant jointly from the NIMH for a three-year period to train family caseworkers in the leadership of family life education groups composed of parents...

Central to the aim of the project is the expansion of these preventive mental health programs so that more parents in local communities can be reached. The workers who are trained will experiment in developing techniques for recruiting into family life discussion groups those parents previously not reached by the agency. It is the hope of both FSAA and CSAA that, as a result of the stimulation and impetus afforded by this project, the entire FSAA membership will be encouraged to develop their family life education programs and extend this service to a wide segment of the community...

To participate in the program FSAA will select 15-18 agencies each year, each of which will select one caseworker to participate in the training project. An effort will be made to select agencies of varying size, serving different types of communities, agencies with established programs in family life education and agencies with little or no experience in this service. Since this project is limited because of financial costs related to field visits, only agencies within a 1,000 mile radius of New York City can be included."

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: The Center for Agricultural and Economic Development, in cooperation with the College of Home Economics sponsored a conference on "Family Mobility in our Dynamic Society" in October.

INTERACTION: Will begin publication in October at Washington University, "...a social science magazine that is reaching for a new kind of audience. We are presenting social science research and discussion in a readable and interesting way to persons who are influentials in their profession and the community. We hope to sell them on the value of using the social sciences in solving problems they face from day to day. We will publish six issues a year..." Write Doreen C. Simpson, Business Manager, Interaction, Box 175, Washington University, St. Louis 30, Missouri.

AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION: Velda Brickler has succeeded Mary Hawkins as Editor of Publications. Mrs. Hawkins has joined the staff of the N.E.A. Edna Poyner has been named AHEA Program Assistant. AHEA has a new series of booklets available on entertaining foreign visitors, such as "How to Cherish an Indian Guest," written by MOLLIE and RUSSELL SMART. Cost: 15¢ each.

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: "Strength to Families Under Stress" is the theme for the FSAA's 1963 Biennial Conference November 13-16 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Discussions will be concerned with a variety of topics including: family strength and mental health; the population explosion; family diagnosis and treatment; families under acute stress; the responsibilities of Family Service agencies in improving community conditions; the relationship of Family Service agencies to mental health clinics; today's moral climate; equality of opportunity; some new approaches to casework with the aging; and a round-up on what is happening to families today, embracing such problems as divorce, the role of grandparents, school failure, juvenile delinquency, and our changing sex mores.

AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC.: 8th Annual Institute and 21st Annual Conference will be held January 22-25, 1964, at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel in New York City.



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