

PROFESSOR'S VIEW

# Monogamy's Failure Cited

ESTES PARK, Colo.—"True monogamy is not and never has been a possible way of life for human beings," a University of Minnesota professor declared during a discussion on extramarital relations held as part of the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations.

"Those words in the marriage vow, 'keep thee only unto her (or him)' are asking for a kind of behavior which is not humanly possible," said Dr. Gerhard Neubeck.

"No one person can satisfy the multiplicity of emotional needs which every human being has," he continued, "and those who speak of a monogamous union are restricting their thinking to one small phase of interpersonal relations."

In our society, Neubeck said, the "failure of monogamy" is

shown in that husbands and wives will accept a wide variety of intense business, professional and personal relationships by the other marriage partner—"just as long as the sexual relationship is restricted to marriage.

"At the opposite extreme," he continued, "are those who have no serious objection to their mates engaging in an occasional sexual affair just as long as no deep emotional involvement results.

"Modern mate-swapping is a sample of that type of thinking but is usually condemned in our society because of our special sexual hang-ups.

"If marriage is to survive as a workable institution," Neubeck said, "our society is going to have to take another look at the myth of monogamy."

CLOSING SESSIONS

Closing sessions of the four-day meeting Saturday morning included a videotaped demonstration of marriage counseling by Dr. Duane E. Spiers and Dr. Mary Muehlig of Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.; and a discussion of counseling unmarried pregnant teenagers by Miss Margaret Holmes of the Grand Rapids, Mich. public schools.

Dr. Ira Riess of the University of Minnesota discussed new research on premarital sexual behavior, and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Martinson of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., presented new work on the sexual encounters of the very young.

More than 900 family-life educators, counselors and researchers from all 50 states, Canada and Mexico participated in the Estes Park conference.

Dr. Eleanor Luekey, a Denver native who teaches at the University of Connecticut, was elected president of the National Council on Family Relations for the coming year.

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## Group to Hear Talk On Family's Future

ESTES PARK, Colo. — The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) will end its annual convention Saturday with discussions on marriage counseling and sex education and an address on the future of the American family.

More than 900 NCFR members participated in sessions at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies which began Wednesday.

A highlight of Thursday's meetings was Miriam Kieffer's attack on the "myth of motherhood."

Dr. Kieffer, of Fordham University, said at a family plan-

ning and population workshop. "In almost every part of the world, a woman's need to bear children is taken for granted."

However, she added, there is no scientific evidence to support any innate female desire for having babies.

"Having children is the only way a woman can get 'brownie points' in our society, so she isn't willing to give up that opportunity," Dr. Kieffer, who is with Fordham's experimental Bensalem College, said.

The NCFR is composed of family life educators and researchers.



## Family-Life Action Urged

ESTES PARK, Colo.—Dr. Gerald Leslie of the University of Florida, president of the National Council on Family Relations, Wednesday opened the group's national convention here with a challenge to the

membership to get involved in action rather than mere discussion.

"White families across our country are being torn apart by conflicting views on such things as sexual freedom, Women's Liberation, marriage and divorce laws, population control and abortion legislation," he said, "the nation's largest group of family-life educators should not be content to meet and talk rather than move and act."

Dr. Leslie urged the many divisions of the council to think in terms of recommendations for action in the 50 states from which they come.

More than 900 council members are meeting this weekend at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies, Estes Park, for the group's national convention.

Dr. Eleanor Luckey of the University of Connecticut is in charge of the conference program. Sessions are being held Thursday through Saturday and will include some 200 small group discussions on a wide range of family-related topics.

Major time Thursday was given to discussion of abortion legislation led by Dr. Carl Broderick of the University of Southern California and Dr. David Olson of the National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md.

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## Council on Family To Meet at Y Camp

Some 1,000 delegates are expected at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations at the YMCA Camp near Estes Park, Colo., Aug. 25-28.

The council is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. Local arrangements for the conference are being handled by the Rev. Paul Hansen, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver.

Dr. Eugene Koprowski, associate dean of the Business School at the University of Colorado Denver Center, will speak on "Business Technology and the Family: Social Synergy or Puritan Pollution?" Later he will discuss the topic in two conversation hours.

### EDUCATION MEETINGS

Education meetings will be concerned with community programs as resources for family life education and development, a council spokesman said.

Presentations for small group discussions will include "Starting with People: The Volunteer Clearing House," by Frances Thompson of the Volunteer Clearing House, Fort Collins, Colo.; "How Social Security Serves the Family," by Paul E. Webb of the Social Security Administration, Denver, and "Education for Families through Community Legal Services," by John Purvis, public defender, and Jonathan Chase, Colorado Rural Legal Services, both of Boulder.

Others scheduled include "Creative Involvement of Community Agencies and Programs: Planning and Action," by Raymond D. Buckles of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Denver; "A Dialogue: Dealing With the Opposition to Family Life and Sex Education," by the Rev. James Miller of Denver and David Torbett of Temple Buell College, and "Family Life Education in the YWCA," by Elizabeth Brown of the Denver YWCA.

On the family action program, Ivan Scheier and Judith Berry of the National Information Center on Volunteers in Courts, Boulder, will discuss "Use of Volunteers in Court Services."

The family planning and population workshop will include

"Practical Aspects of Family Planning" with Sheri S. Tepper, Planned Parenthood of Colorado, and "Implementing the Family Planning Act of 1971" with Stephen A. Smith of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Family Planning Service, Denver.

James Jorgensen of the University of Denver will speak on "Creative Use of Volunteers."

The research and theory program will include "Research on Living Together" with Richard Driscoll and Judy Lyness of the University of Colorado. A special session will feature Elwood Murray and Alton Barbour of the University of Denver on "General Semantics in Family Relations."

An exhibit by publishers of books in the family field will be directed by Dr. Galdys Phelan of Colorado State University.

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## Family Expert Cites 'Myth'

ESTES PARK, Colo. — "The problem of family sex education" and teach human population in human society cannot be solved as long as the culture maintains the 'myth of motherhood,' a speaker said Thursday at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations.

Dr. Miriam Kieffer of Fordham University said at a family planning and population workshop, "In almost every part of the world, a woman's need to bear children is taken for granted."

Dr. Kieffer added that there is no scientific evidence to support any innate female desire for having babies.

"Having children is the only way a woman can get 'brownie points' in our society, so she is not willing to give up that opportunity."

The problems of contraception are not only problems of ignorance but also are closely related to women's needs for equal rights and opportunities for fulfillment, Dr. Kieffer concluded.

Dr. Jessie Potler, head of a Chicago vasectomy clinic, insisted teachers ought to discontinue what she called "procre-

sexuality apart from child rearing.

Sheri Tepper of Planned Parenthood of Colorado discussed the inadequacy of current family planning programs.

She listed four groups of people who are being deprived of contraception information — those deprived because of (1) poverty, (2) geographical area, (3) social pressures, or (4) personal inhibitions.

She asked, "Is a wanted child necessarily a child that should be born? Families need to discuss the reasons why children are wanted before adding to the human population."

Topics at Friday's session were counseling in extramarital relations, led by Dr. Gerhard Neubeck of the University of Minnesota, and marriage counseling in the light of the new morality, led by Dr. Roger Lohby of Washington State University and Dr. Ben Ard of San Francisco State College.

The program also included a discussion of transsexualism and alternate life styles, led by Dr. Martha Arnold of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Conference sessions continue at Estes Park through Saturday noon.



13 years of oral education

## Deafness hasn't stopped Susan's life



Griffin when Susan told him one day "I'm happy. I can do everything but hear."

"I hope parents of deaf children can see this film and realize that something can be done," remarked Susan who has been profoundly deaf since birth.

**SHE KNOWS HOW** to use sign language, but only applies this when the deaf person with her cannot read lips or speak. Her knowledge of manual communication was tested Friday morning when she "talked" with deaf and mute workers in the Rocky Mountain News composing room.

Susan wears a hearing aid which she said "helps a little" and noted "if someone is screaming, I can feel the vibrations." As for any advantages to being deaf, she commented "I have good concentration and it's easier to study when you aren't bothered by noise."

The attractive blond completed instruction at Clarke in 1968 and since has been attending public high school in her hometown where she

is scheduled to graduate after finishing one more course.

**CLARKE HAS 276** pupils and Kathy Bush of Ft. Collins, who graduated this year, was president of the student body. Mary Pat Graham of Denver is presently attending Clarke.

"Everything But Hear," which shows what is being accomplished through the strictly oral approach to teaching the deaf without recourse to any form of manual communication, will be entered in the Greater Columbus (Ohio) Film Festival in October and the International CINE competition in February.

Prints of the 16 mm color and sound motion picture are available for rent or sale. Type of bookings are: one day for \$5, one week for \$8, two weeks for \$15 and one month for \$20. Sale price is \$12.50.

Further information may be obtained by writing Clarke School for the Deaf, Round Hill Road, Northampton, Mass. 01060.

### Family relations council will meet

The annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations will open Wednesday at the YMCA camp near Estes Park.

About 1,000 persons are expected to attend the four-day conference. Delegates will hear presentations on community legal services, involvement in government agency programs, sex education and family life, among other topics.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Rev. Paul Hansen, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver, who is handling local arrangements.

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in Estes Park. She is shown with Daniel P. Griffin of Clarke School for the Deaf who wrote the script for the documentary.

tion since only seven were presented in the entire nation.

The writer also felt recognition would not come because "we did not consider our film of specific interest to this type of organization."

The 15-minute documentary includes scenes from an earlier (1955) work, "Susan's Wonderful Adventure," which featured Susan at age four learning the basics of lip reading and speech. Prints of it have been circulated throughout the world and it wasn't retired until 1968.

The up-to-date segments show Susan in school, talking with friends, working (she has two part-time jobs), shopping and engaging in social activities. The title for the film came to

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