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(Program information regarding the Theory Development and Methods Workshop and Round Tables follows the program details.)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1977

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### OPENING PLENARY SESSION

"Values, Morals, Ethics and the American Family," Landrum Bolling, Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana

Introduction of Speaker: Mary Lou Purcell, Stephens College

Presiding: William C. Nichols, Consulting Psychologist, Birmingham, Michigan, NCFR President

9:00 p.m.

### RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS

Session B

University

Presiding: Mary McAnaw Welsh, New Mexico State University

Innovations: Learning by Doing  
"Love as a Learning Activity," Marcelle Straatman, Oregon State University

"Researching Mate Selection: On the Urge to Merge," Jean E. Kleber, Janine S. Zeuschel, University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Brent Barlow, Brigham Young University

"Undergraduate Practicum Programs in Family Studies," Alicia S. Cook and Tricia C. Housley, Colorado State University  
Presiding: C. Jay Skidmore, Utah State University

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1977

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Counseling

### SECTION MEETINGS I

COUNSELING SECTION BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Presiding: James W. Maddock, University of Minnesota

Education  
Session A

### Values, Morals, Ethics and Family Life Education

"From Implicit to Explicit: Recognizing the Influence of Teacher Values in Family Life Education," Diane Levande, Michigan State University

"The Abuse and Appropriate Use of Humor in Teaching Family Life Education," Samuel T. Gladding, Rockingham Community College, and Edward F. Kezar, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

"Moral and Religious Education: Impact on Family Life," Gail Peterson, North Dakota State

Family Action  
Session A

### Work and Family: Emerging Research

"Unemployment and the Family," Patricia Voydanoff, Merrill Palmer Institute

"Work and Family—Friends or Foes" (A Project Report of a Business Sponsored Effort), Joyce Portner, University of Minnesota

"The Organization of Household Work and Role Problems for Employed Women and Men," Margaret Lynne Willis, Pacific Lutheran University

"An Analysis of the Relationship between Wife's Fertility and Employment in the Early Stages of Marriage," Phyllis A. Ewer and Eileen Crimmins-Gardner, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle

Presiding: Douglas Sprengle, Purdue University

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 CONTINUED

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Family Action  
Session B

## SECTION MEETINGS I

### Alternative Family Structures: Research and Policy

"Support Systems for Family Androgyny," John DeFrain, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

"How to Divide the Wages of Living in Sin: Unmarried Couples, Property Rights and the Law," D. Kelly Weisberg, Santa Cruz, California

"Child Rearing Attitude Changes in Single-parent Fathers," Richard Smith, Craig Smith and Darrell Swanson, University of Arizona

"Multilateral Relationships: Early Family Experiences and Present Involvement in Unconventional Family Forms," Helen Pitsiou, California State University at Los Angeles

Presiding: Robert Allen, Pennsylvania State University

Research and Theory  
Session A

### Marriage and Mate Selection

"Soviet-American Marriages," Wesley A. Fisher, Columbia University

"The Role of Marriage in American Society," Walter R. Gove, Vanderbilt University

"Sociocultural Heterogamy, Dissensus and Conflict in Marriage," Stephen Jorgensen, University of Arizona

"Mate Selection: A Propositional Formulation," Mark A. Roosa, Michigan State University

Discussant: Ramona Marotz-Baden, Utah State University

Presiding: Shimon Camiel, San Diego, California

Session B

### Love: Measurement and Process

"Love American Style: A Test of Role Structure Theory on Changes in Attitudes Toward Love," Brenda Munro, University of Alberta and Gerald R. Adams, Utah State University

"The Concepts of Love: Their Historical Evolution and Current State," Bernard Murstein, Connecticut College

"Sex, Age, and Life Course Experiences as Variables Associated with the Cognitive Referents of Love," Terry Hatkoff and Thomas Laswell, University of Southern California

Discussant: Anita S. Kolman, University of Minnesota  
Presiding: Shelley Hirschl, Medford, Oregon

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## INTERNATIONAL SECTION

### Organizational Meeting

Presiding: Constantina Safilios-Rothschild, Wayne State University

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

### Counseling Session A

## SECTION MEETINGS II

"Clinical Applications of the Inventory of Premarital Conflict," David Fournier, Joel Springer, and David H. Olson, University of Minnesota

"Therapists' Assessment of Healthy Family Functioning and Its Relation to the Goals They Employ in Family Therapy," Douglas H. Sprenkle and Barbara L. Fisher, Purdue University

"Saving Sinking Ships: Implications from a Theory of Marital Dissolution," Mary R. Laner, Arizona State University at Tempe  
Presiding: Bert Kaplan, Adelphi University

Session B

"The Marital Power Struggle," Elaine Levin and Jan Kelley, Georgia State University, Atlanta  
"Selecting a Mode of Conflict Resolution for Dealing with Value Conflicts—Helping Families to Find a Way," Elam Nunnally, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

Presiding: Mary Warmbrod, Institute for Human Relations, Walnut Creek, California

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# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 CONTINUED

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  
Education  
Session A

## SECTION MEETINGS II More About Values

"Dealing with Value Judgments:  
A Rational Approach to Values  
Education," Margaret Arcus,  
University of British Columbia  
Presiding: Dorothy Martin, Uni-  
versity of Northern Colorado

Session B

## Some Key Issues in Parent Educa- tion

"Voluntary Sterilization—The  
Right to Know, the Right to  
Choose: Educating for a Free  
Choice," Betty Gonzales, Assoc-  
iation for Voluntary Steriliza-  
tion; Winifred Kempton, Planned  
Parenthood Federation of Amer-  
ica, and Carole Goldman, Nation-  
al Organization for Non-Parents  
"Parent Education—Bandwagon,  
Bastard, or Bonafide?" Florence  
G. Kerckhoff, Purdue University  
Reactor Panel: Deanna Eversoll,  
University of Nebraska; Gordon  
Geddes, Colorado State Univer-  
sity; and Loretta Hatfield, Purdue  
University  
Presiding: Judith L. Kuipers, Uni-  
versity of Tennessee

Family Action

FAMILY ACTION SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Presiding: Helen Thun Hartness,  
Lewis and Clark College, Port-  
land, Oregon

Research and Theory  
Session A

## Work and the Family

"The Firefighter Occupational  
Role and Dyadic Adjustment,"  
Margaret A. Fjelstad, California  
State University at Sacramento  
"The Family of the Industrial  
Worker and Residence of Relo-  
cation," John F. Peters, Wilfrid  
Laurier University  
"Routine Father Absence and  
Family Boundary Mainte-  
nance," Pauline Boss, University  
of Wisconsin  
Discussant: Jane C. Hood, Uni-  
versity of Michigan  
Presiding: Barbara Johnston,  
Waco, Texas

Session B

## Sex and Scandinavia

"Sex and Scandinavia," Ira L.  
Reiss, University of Minnesota  
Discussant: Jan Harrell, Texas  
Tech University  
Presiding: Robert Larzelere,  
Pennsylvania State University

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## NCFR STATE CHAPTERS BUS- INESS MEETING

Presiding: Thelma Dunn Hansen,  
Michigan State University

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## MEETINGS OF STATE CHAP- TERS

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

## NCFR STATE CHAPTERS LUN- CHEON

"A Hindsight View: Some Do's and  
Dont's for State Chapters," with  
a panel of NCFR past presidents:  
F. Ivan Nye, Florida State Uni-  
versity; Harold Christensen, La  
Jolla, California; Blaine Porter,  
Brigham Young University;  
Richard K. Kerckhoff, Purdue  
University; David Mace, ACME;  
William F. Kenkel, University of  
Kentucky; and Eleanore B.  
Luckey, University of Utah,  
Moderator and Presiding

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## NCFR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding: William C. Nichols, Jr.,  
Consulting Psychologist, Birming-  
ham, Michigan, NCFR president

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



A. Sidney Johnson III

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

"Government Policies and Famil-  
ies: The Need to Reexamine," A.  
Sidney Johnson III, Family Im-  
pact Seminar, George Washington  
University

Presentation of the 1977 Burgess  
Award: David H. Olson, Univer-  
sity of Minnesota, presenter

Presentation of the 1977 Osborne  
Award: Stephan Bollman, Kansas  
State University, presenter

Presiding: Carlfred B. Broderick,  
University of Southern California

5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**STUDENT BUSINESS MEETING  
AND HOSPITALITY HOUR**

Presiding: Judy Albert, Senior Student Representative to Executive Committee, Long Beach, California

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1977**

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Counseling  
Session A

**SECTION MEETINGS III**  
Sequence on Divorce

"Counseling Families Through Separation: A Developmental Approach," Terry M. Levy, Biscayne College, Florida

"Facilitating the Divorce Process," Wendy Joffe, Biscayne College, Florida, and Melvin Black, Attorney, Miami, Florida

Presiding: Sheila Kessler, Georgia State University at Atlanta

Session B

"On the Counseling Needs of Black Women: Broadening the Base of Feminist Psychology," Patricia B. Scott, University of Tennessee

"Chronic Pain Management in Families," Alletta Hudgens, University of Minnesota

"The Child Abuse Consultant: A Cognitive Behavioral Consulting Model," David G. Smith and Mary L. Otto, Oakland University

Presiding: Marilyn Mason, University of Minnesota

Education  
Session A

Model Programs for Public School Educators

"Dimensions for Living: A Family Life Education Program for Students and Their Parents," Sharon Gibb, Lethbridge School District, Alberta, Canada

"Parent Education Over the Life Cycle: One Community's Program," Patricia Edmister, Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland

Reactor Panel: Donald Andersen, Cubberly High School, Palo Alto, California and Margaret Slingerland, Detroit Public Schools, Michigan

Presiding: Doris McKellar, Rocky Mountain High School, Ft. Collins, Colorado

Session B

Attitudes: Their Impact on Educational Programs

"Attitudes of School Boards and Superintendents in Pennsylvania Toward Sex Education," Carolyn B. Foust, Pennsylvania State University

"Implications of Research and Theory for Teaching About Sex Roles," Patsy Skeen-Walker, University of Georgia

"Midwestern Attitudes Toward Parenthood," Karen W. Bartz, University of Missouri at Kansas City

Presiding: Lester Kirkendall, Portland, Oregon

Family Action  
Session A

Ageism in Family Life Materials

"Ageism and College Family Textbooks," W. Ray Avant, DeKalb Community Council on Aging, Georgia, and Paula A. Dressel, Earlham College

"Curriculum Development at Elementary and Secondary Levels: A Unit for Aging," Vicki L. Schmall, Oregon State University

"Aging in Cross-cultural Perspective: India," Rose Somerville, San Diego State University

"Ageism in Family Life Materials: Definitions and Implications," Susan Meyers, University of Minnesota

Discussants: Lou Isbell, University of Missouri and Lawrence Sneden, California State University at Northridge

Presiding: Timothy Brubaker, Miami University

Session B

Divorce: Laws, Policy, and Characteristics

"Mediated Negotiations in Divorce and Labor Disputes," Bruce Tuchman; Morton Deutsch, Columbia University; Kenneth Dressel, Rutgers University; Carol Watson and Nancy Jaffee, Columbia University

"The Law as a Source of Barrier Strength in Divorce," Thomas Abernathy and Margaret Arcus, University of British Columbia

"A Comparative, Cross-cultural

Research and Theory  
Session A

Study of Divorced Canadians,"  
Pamela Deckert, Concordia Uni-  
versity and Regis Langelier, Laval  
University  
Discussant: Lenore Weitzman, Uni-  
versity of California at Davis  
Presiding: Gay Kitson, Case West-  
ern Reserve University

Race, Ethnicity and Family Inter-  
action

"Racial Status, Mobility Aspira-  
tions and Fertility: A Social Psy-  
chological Test of the 'Minority  
Group Status Hypotheses,'"  
Barbara T. Stahura and John M.  
Stahura, Purdue University  
"Race, Family Dynamics and  
Adolescent Achievement Orien-  
tation," Walter R. Allen, Univer-  
sity of North Carolina at Chapel  
Hill  
"A Comparison of Life Career Ex-  
pectations for Women Among  
Black and White Southern Stu-  
dents: Joseph H. Fichter Revis-  
ited," Leland J. Axelson, Virginia  
Polytechnic Institute and  
Kathleen C. Shelander, Florida  
State University  
Discussant: Marie F. Peters, Uni-  
versity of Connecticut  
Presiding: Carollois Sturman, Los  
Angeles, California

Session B

Methodology and Research Trends  
in Parent-Child Relations

"Analysis of Methodological and  
Conceptual Trends in Parent-  
Child Relationships Research  
Published by Child Development  
and Family Research Speciali-  
sts," Richard C. Endsley and  
Gene H. Brody, University of  
Georgia  
Presiding: James Jorgenson, North-  
ern Illinois University

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**INTERNATIONAL SECTION**  
Program to be announced  
Chairperson: Constantina Safilios-  
Rothschild, Wayne State Univer-  
sity

10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.



Rosabeth Moss Kanter

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



F. Ivan Nye

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Counseling  
Session A

**THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

"Working and Loving in America:  
Strains, Struggles and Strategies  
for Change," Rosabeth Moss  
Kanter, Yale University  
Presentation of 1977 Distinguished  
Service to Families Award:  
Dorothy Blanchard, Masconomet  
School, Massachusetts, presenter  
Presentation of 1977 NCFR Stu-  
dent Award: Judy Albert, Senior  
Student Representative to Exec-  
utive Committee, Long Beach,  
California, presenter  
Presiding: Gerhard Neubeck, Uni-  
versity of Minnesota, NCFR Pres-  
ident Elect

**ROUND TABLE LUNCHEONS**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

"Some Basic Issues for Family  
Policy," William C. Nichols, Con-  
sulting Psychologist, Birmingham,  
Michigan, NCFR President  
Presiding: Sandra Halperin, Jack-  
sonville, Florida

**BURGESS AWARD ADDRESS**

"Is Choice and Exchange Theory  
the Key?" F. Ivan Nye, Florida  
State University, 1976 Burgess  
Award Recipient  
Presiding: Paul Glick, Bureau of  
the Census

**FILM AND FILMSTRIP AWARDS**

Presiding: Mary Lou Purcell,  
Stephens College

**SECTION MEETINGS IV**

Sequence on Divorce

"Cognitive Developmental Consid-  
erations for Divorce Counseling  
with Children," Nancy V. Moore,  
University of Texas at Austin  
"Children of Divorce—A Commu-  
nity Support Group," Lucy  
Jordon and Louise Guernsey,  
Pennsylvania State University  
Presiding: Sheila Kessler, Georgia  
State University at Atlanta

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 CONTINUED

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Session B

## SECTION MEETINGS IV

"Video-Impacting the Marital System: An Epistemological Inquiry," Michael D. Nugent, private practice, Santa Monica, California, and John Talmadge, University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Presiding: Robert Reitman, Valley Center for Marital and Sexual Therapy, Tarzana, California

Education

## EDUCATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting and Planning Session—"What NCFR's Education Section Should be Doing for Its Membership," Facilitators: Jerry Strouse, Central Michigan University; Lois J. Whisler, Kern High School District, Bakersfield, California; and Mary Lee Wood, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Idaho

Presiding: Gladys K. Phelan, Colorado State University

Family Action

Session A

## Adolescent Sexuality and Parenthood

"An Overview of Social-Psychological Research Concerning Adolescent Sexuality: Some Implications for Policies and Programs," Catherine Chilman, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

"Factors Related to Adolescent Pregnancy," James Walters, Lynda Henley, and Patrick McKenry, University of Georgia

"Internal and External Constraints on Teenage Mothering," Ramona Mercer, University of California at San Francisco

"Parent Education: White Elephant in the Classroom," Vladimir de Lissovoy, Pennsylvania State University

Presiding: John A. Bruce, E. C. Brown Foundation, Portland, Oregon

Session B

## Family Policy Issues

"A Global Family Policy: Means and Aims," Carl Slawski, California State University, Long Beach

Research and Theory

Session A

"Policies Regarding Fertility Regulation for Mentally Handicapped Women," Winifred Kempton, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania

"Economic Well-being and Marital Stability," Richard Galligan and Stephen J. Bahr, Brigham Young University

Discussant: Sharon Houseknecht, Pennsylvania State University

Presiding: Richard Gelles, University of Rhode Island

## Sexual Attitudes and Behavior in the Family and Society

"The Relationship Between Perceived Marriage Contract and Extramarital Involvement," Jeffrey Wise, St. Cloud State University

"Attitudes Toward Extramarital Sexual Relations," G. C. Sponaugle, University of Minnesota

"Cohabitation and Marriage Trends in Sweden, Jan Trost, Uppsala University

"Sexual Conservatism and the College Student," Mary R. Laner, Roy H. Laner, and C. Eddie Palmer, Arizona State University

Discussant: John F. Crosby, University of Kentucky

Presiding: Luther B. Otto, The Boys' Town Center for the Study of Youth Development

Session B

## Values, Morals, and Socialization Orientations

"Cross-Cultural Antecedents in the Socialization of Parental Values," Godfrey Ellis, Larry Peterson, and Gary Lee, Washington State University

"The Family, Values and Quality of Life," Margaret M. Bubolz, Michigan State University

"The Equal Rights Amendment and Family Patterns: Some Obstacles to Institutional Change," Viktor Gecas, Washington State University; F. Ivan Nye, Florida State University; and Don Dillman, Washington State University

Discussant: Dennis K. Orthner, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Presiding: Shirley Hunt, Corvallis, Oregon

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, CONTINUED

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Research and Theory  
Session C

## SECTION MEETINGS IV Power and the Family

"Determinants of Adolescent Perceptions of Paternal and Maternal Power in the Family," Gerald W. McDonald, Florida State University

"Family Power, Support and Moral Development: An Empirical Investigation of the Interface Between Stage Psychology and Family Development," Richard N. Hey, University of Minnesota and Gail B. Peterson, North Dakota State University

"Decision-Making Rationality Versus Interaction," Robert Milardo and Maximiliane E. Szinovacz, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: Ralph Abbott, Michigan State University

Presiding: Jeri Friedman, Storrs, Connecticut

4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
Counseling  
Session A

## SECTION MEETINGS V Sequence on Divorce

"Creative Uncoupling: A Therapeutic/Educational Program for Relationship Dissolution," Weldon P. Sams, Pennsylvania State University

"Post-Divorce Guidelines for the Late Divorced Woman," Regis Langelier, Laval University, Quebec

"Remarriage Counseling: A Current Challenge," Catherine Cameron, La Verne College, California

Presiding: Sheila Kessler, Georgia State University at Atlanta

Session B

"Homework in Marital and Family Therapy," Nathan Hurvitz, private practice, Los Angeles, California

"Sexual Relations Between Therapists and Clients," Nathaniel N. Wagner, University of Washington and Barbie Taylor, V.A. Hospital, Long Beach, California  
Presiding: Michael Terezakis, Central Connecticut State College, and Lee Ende, Van Nuys Family Institute, California

Education  
Session A

## Audio-Visual Mini-Workshop

"The Use of Explicit Visuals in Education on Values," Deryck Calderwood, New York University

Presiding: Thomas Frankum, Henry Gunn High School, Palo Alto, California

Session B

## Research Implications for Family Life Education

"Enriching Family Life Classes Through Interaction Analysis," G. Hugh Allred, Brigham Young University

"Intimacy: A Value, A Concept and Its Diagnostic Application in Family Life Education," Mark T. Schaefer, University of Minnesota

"Teaching Family Relations More Effectively: A Comparison of Couple and Non-Couple Classes," Arthur W. Avery, Carl A. Ridley, Leigh A. Leslie, and Marla Handis, Texas Tech University

"Fathers: A Comparison of Black and White," Sharon Price Bonham and Bron Ingoldsby, University of Georgia

Presiding: Joseph G. Turner, Colorado State University

Session C

## Enriching Classroom Experiences

"Increasing Interpersonal Competence in a Family Relations Course," Debi Hegi, Texas Tech University

"Creating Supportive Atmospheres in Family Life Education," Terrance D. Olson and J. Joel Moss, Brigham Young University

"The Student Enrichment Project: A Self-Directed Growth Experience to Augment Classroom Learning," Robert E. Larson, Texas Tech University

Presiding: Dianne Kieren, University of Alberta

Family Action  
Session A

## Contraception and Sexual Behavior Among Youth

"The Sexual and Contraceptive Behavior of Feminine and Androgynous Women," Bruce R. Fox, United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, CONTINUED

4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
Family Action  
Session A

### SECTION MEETINGS V

Greer Litton Fox, Merrill-Palmer  
Institute

"The Influence of Parents, Peers,  
and Partners on the Contracep-  
tive Behavior of College Men and  
Women," Linda Thompson and  
Graham B. Spanier, Pennsylvania  
State University

"The Sexual and Contraceptive Be-  
havior of Never-married College  
Students: Some Preliminary  
Remarks," Judith J. Stephenson,  
David J. Kallen, Carol A. Darling,  
Raja Tanas, and Jo Dossey, Mich-  
igan State University

Presiding: J. Ross Eshleman,  
Wayne State University

Session B

### Love, Sex, Marriage and Divorce in the Middle Years

"Reflections on the Course of  
Human Development and An In-  
dividual's Willingness to Encoun-  
ter Change and Risk in the Middle  
Years," Fred Stultz, Ohio State  
University

"The Second Time Around: Ro-  
mantic Love in the Middle  
Years," Rebecca Stafford, Uni-  
versity of Nevada at Reno

"Sex in Marriage: At 40 and Be-  
yond," Martha Cleveland, Univer-  
sity of Minnesota

"Past and Present in Middle Age  
Marriage: Observations from a  
Longitudinal Study," Arlene  
Skolnick, University of California  
at Berkeley

"Coming Out of the Closet: Mar-  
riage, Divorce, and Other Crises  
of Middle Age," Florine Livson,  
University of California at Berk-  
eley

Presiding: Dean Hoffman, Indian  
Health Service, U.S.P.H.S., Reno,  
Nevada

Research and Theory

### RESEARCH AND THEORY SEC- TION BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding: Jay Schvaneveldt, Utah  
State University

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### NO HOST COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 p.m.

### BANQUET AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

"The Marriage Relationship,"  
William C. Nichols, Consulting  
Psychologist, Birmingham, Mich-  
igan, NCFR President  
Presiding: Mary Lou Purcell,  
Stephens College

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1977

8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

### SPECIAL SESSION

Gerhard Neubeck, University of  
Minnesota Interviews David and  
Vera Mace, ACME Presidents,  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina,  
on "Values, Morals, Ethics and  
the American Family"

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Counseling  
Session A

### SECTION MEETINGS VI

"A Comparative Study of Two Ap-  
proaches to Marital Counseling,"  
Lillian B. Macon, Family Service  
Association, Tustin, California

"Research on Marital and Family  
Therapy: Progress, Perspective  
and Prospect," Alan S. Gurman,  
University of Wisconsin Medical  
School, and David P. Kniskern,  
University of Cincinnati College  
of Medicine

Presiding: Charles Cole, Iowa State  
University

Session B

"The Art of Intervention in Coun-  
selor Supervision," Manfred  
Sonstegard and Heather  
Hagerman, West Virginia College  
of Graduate Studies

Presiding: Mary Jane Hungerford,  
American Institute of Family  
Relations

Education  
Session A

### Special Panel Discussion

"Bridging the Gap Between the  
Research Scholar and the Family  
Practitioner," Panel: F. Ivan Nye,  
Florida State University; Mollie  
and Russell Smart, University of  
Rhode Island; Blaine R. Porter,  
and Glen McClure, Brigham  
Young University

Moderator and Presiding: James  
Walters, University of Georgia



# **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 CONTINUED**

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Education

Session B

## **SECTION MEETINGS VI**

### **Education For and About the Middle Years and Aging**

"Community Programs for Middle-Aged and Aged Families: Implications From Research," Richard K. Kerckhoff and Raymond T. Coward, Purdue University

"Living Through Aging and Dying: A Course for Teenagers," Jane Rodgers Dill, El Modena High School, Orange, California

"Aging with Grace—and Harry, Hazel and Fred," Ann Roberts, Family Life Council of Greater Tucson and William Roberts, University of Arizona

Presiding: George P. Rowe, North Dakota State University

Family Action

Session A

### **Research and Intervention with the Elderly**

"Segregation of the Elderly: A Dilemma in Family Values," Bruce Pringle, Southern Methodist University

"Methodological Issues in Interdisciplinary Research with the Elderly," J. Richard Connelly, Rocky Mountain Gerontology Center, and Charles B. Hennon, University of Utah

Presiding: Wayne Seelbach, Lamar University

Session B

### **NCFR Task Force Members Meet with their Respective Task Forces**

Aging—Timothy Brubaker, Miami University, Ohio, Chairperson  
Child Maltreatment—Hope Bernstein, Flower Hill Psychotherapy and Counseling Center, New York, Chairperson

Impact of Business and Industry on the Family—Douglas Sprenkle, Purdue University, Chairperson

Middle Years—Dean Hoffman, Indian Health Service, U.S.P.H.S., Reno, Nevada, Chairperson

Population and Family Planning—John Bruce, E. C. Brown Foundation, Portland, Oregon, Chairperson

Research and Theory

Session A

### **Kinship Alliances and Interactional Behavior**

"In-Law Relations: A Research Note," Debby Johnson, Texas A and M University

"Bridging the Gap Between Theory, Research, and Policy-Making: The Case of Interaction with Kin After Divorce," David J. O'Brien and T. Neal Garland, University of Akron

"A General Framework for Building Dynamic Markovian Models, Representing Social Processes: Including An Analysis of Changes in Income of Divorced and Non-Divorced Couples," Randal Day and Stephen J. Bahr, Brigham Young University

"The Effect of a Broken Home Upon Children's Feelings and Expression," Jack Balswick, University of Georgia

Discussant: Ephraim A. Frankel, University of Wisconsin

Presiding: Catherine Surra, Pennsylvania State University

Session B

### **Singles, Alternative Styles: Variations on a Theme**

"The Child Rearing Attitudes of Single Parent Fathers," Richard M. Smith, Craig W. Smith, and Darrell Swanson, University of Arizona

"Sex Roles and Singlehood," M. A. Najmi, Bradley University

"Brief Group Psychotherapy for Married Couples: Innovations and Assessment," Donald R. Soeken and Ronald W. Manderscheid, National Institute of Mental Health

Discussant: Margaret M. Poloma, University of Akron

Presiding: Richard Galligan, Brigham Young University

## **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP ON THEORY DEVELOPMENT AND METHODS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1977**

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Session A

Cuyamaca Room

"Reconstruction of Family Development Theories," Reuben Hill, University of Minnesota

**THEORY DEVELOPMENT AND METHODS WORKSHOP CONTINUED—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Session B Laguna Room	"The Mathematical Theory of Catastrophes Applied to the Process of Chance in Families," Martin Denker, University of South Florida
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Session A Cuyamaca Room	"Biosociology and the Family: A Theory of the Family Life Cycle," James White, University of Alberta "Some Suggestions for Continuing Toward a Theory of Family Development," James White, University of Alberta
Session B Laguna Room	"The Home Observation Assessment Method (HOAM): Real-time Naturalistic Observation of Families in Their Homes," Peter Steinglass, George Washington University
Session C Palomar Room	"The Familial Antecedents of Instrumentally Competent Independence and Mutually Compatible Parent-Peer Relationships in Adolescence: A Deductive Theory," Gary Peterson, Brigham Young University
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Session A Cuyamaca Room	"The Career Planning Game: A Measure of Interpersonal Interaction in Families," Boyd Rollins, Godfrey Ellis, Darwin Thomas and Gary Peterson, Brigham Young University
Session B Laguna Room	"The Multiple Family Group as a Small Society: Fitting Theory and Method," David Reiss, Peter Steinglass, and Ronald Costell, George Washington University
Session C Palomar Room	"Family Stress Theory: An Assessment," Hamilton McCubbin, University of Minnesota "The Corporate Wife: Coping Patterns in Response to Executive-Husband Absence in the Family System," Pauline Boss, University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Hamilton McCubbin, University of Minnesota

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Session A  
Cuyamaca Room

Session B  
Laguna Room

Session C  
Palomar Room

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1977**

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Session A  
Cuyamaca Room

Session B  
Laguna Room

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Session A  
Cuyamaca Room

Session B  
Laguna Room

Session C  
Palomar Room

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Cuyamaca Room

"Pilgrim's Progress III: A Trend Analysis of Family Theory and Methodology," James Hodgson and Robert Lewis, Pennsylvania State University

"Are Conceptual Frameworks Necessary for Theory Building? The Case of Family Sociology," Hyman Rodman, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

"Family Conflict: A Conceptual Framework," Keith Farrington, University of New Hampshire

"Family Development and the Family Life Cycle: Conceptual Aids or Empty Concepts," Graham Spanier and William Sauer, Pennsylvania State University

"Yes, Virginia, Propositions Can be Derived from Systems Theory," Melvin Wilkinson, University of Northern Iowa

"A Theory of Socialization Processes," Irving Tallman and Marilyn Ihinger, Washington State University

"Temporal Patterning in the Family," Bradford Keeney and Ronald Cromwell, University of Missouri at Kansas City and Bert Adams, University of Wisconsin at Madison

"Value-Resource Relations in Interpersonal and Managerial Family Systems," Ruth Deacon and Mary Heltsley, Iowa State University

**THEORY DEVELOPMENT AND METHODS BUSINESS MEETING**  
Presiding: Lyle Larson, University of Alberta, 1977 Chairperson

## A CHALLENGE TO MEMBERS

### WANTED: PERSONS COMMITTED TO HELPING NCFR AND ITS STATE CHAPTERS GROW!

A special workshop will be offered Wednesday afternoon, October 12, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop participants will share membership growth ideas, and will help prepare a membership handbook.

Write **John Metler, NCFR Membership Chairperson, 33245 Franklin, Wayne, Michigan 48184 (313-728-4813)** before September 30th, telling him that you will be there to be involved in this significant service.

## ROUND TABLES

Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.:

1. "Personality Need Patterns Among Couples Who Have Vital-Total Marriages," Paul Ammons, University of Georgia and Nick Stinnett, University of Nebraska.
2. "The Military Family," William Arkin, San Jose State University and Lynne R. Dobrofsky, Mills College, California
3. "Developing Community Acceptance of Sex Education," Medora S. Bass, Haverford, Pennsylvania
4. "A Behavioral-Systems Approach to Marital Dysfunction," Gary R. Birchler, V.A. Hospital and University of California Medical School at San Diego
5. "Experiential Environments for Family Study," Frank Bocus, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin
6. "Role, Identity, and Plight of the Widower in American Society," Jane Burgess-Kohn, University of Wisconsin at Waukesha
7. "A Positive Parenting Course for Parents Experiencing Problems of Abuse and/or Neglect of Their Children," Winifred J. Colton, National Family Communication Skills Center, Menlo Park, California
8. "Aging-Related Values, Norms, and Beliefs: Implications for Marital Interaction," James E. DeBurger, University of Louisville
9. "The Changing Father Role: Implications for Parent Education Courses," Deanna Eversoll, University of Nebraska
10. "The Process-Oriented Relationship: Implications for Sex-Role and Moral Development," Bill E. Forisha, Bowling Green State University and Barbara Forisha, University of Michigan at Dearborn
11. "Student Attitudes Toward the Marriage Contract: Functions and Dysfunctions," Lucy Jen Huang and Wilbert M. Leonard, Illinois State University
12. "Adolescent Parents and Their Need to Work," Bron Ingoldsby and Michael Martin, University of Georgia
13. "The Families of Men Committed to Prison," J. Daniel McMillin, California State University at Bakersfield
14. "Problems and Potentials of Family Impact Analysis," Phyllis Moen, University of Minnesota
15. "Family Diagrams in Education and Counseling," Richard C. Morley, University of Wisconsin-Stout
16. "Contemporary Trends in Marriages and Singlehood in America," M. A. Najmi, Bradley University
17. "What's Happening in the Arena of Interactions Between Family Systems and Work Systems," Jean R. Renshaw, University of Southern California

18. "Childfree Lifestyles—A New Morality?" Martha Garrett Russell, St. Olaf College and Linda S. Budd, University of Minnesota
19. "Models of Family Enrichment—Their Place in Value Education," Margaret M. Sawin, Rochester, New York
20. "Relationships Between Body Self-Concept, Sex, Nudity," Marilyn D. Story, University of Northern Iowa
21. "A Factor Analytic Study of Potential for Foster Parenthood," John Touliatos, Auburn University

Friday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

22. "Why Adolescent Runaways Resort to the Flight Tactic: An Examination of Contributing Factors Within the Family Unit" or "Relationships as a Cause of Juvenile Delinquency," Linda L. Blood, University of Rhode Island
23. "Liberation, Stereotypes and the Interesting Taboo Against Marriage Between Older Women and Younger Men," Marilyn C. Blossom and Larry Ganong, University of Missouri
24. "Interpersonal Resource Exchange for Affectively-Based Dyads: An Enhancement Program," Rodney M. Cate, Pennsylvania State University
25. "Are There Behavioral Interaction Consistencies in Problem Families?" Rand D. Conger, University of Georgia
26. "The Role of Sexual Fantasies in Marital Adjustment," J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr., University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire
27. "Morality as a Function of Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Competence in Situational Contexts," Candace Fake, Syracuse University
28. "The Role of Continuing Education in Services to the Aging: A Model Project," Robert A. Famighetti, State University of New York at Albany
29. "Marriage Contracts: A Way to Explore One's Marital Future," C. Daniel Fisher, St. Lawrence University
30. "To Parent or Not: Implications for the Educated Couple," Pamela J. Fisher, Modesto Junior College
31. "Treating the Adolescent Offender by Treating the Family," Steven Gurgevich, Behavioral Research Associates, Tucson, Arizona
32. "The Work-Family Interface," Jane C. Hood, Chaya Piotrkowski, Sue Golden, and Joseph Pleck, University of Michigan
33. "Developmental Models of Close Relationships," Ted L. Huston, Pennsylvania State University
34. "New Opportunities for Family Programs in Cooperative Extension," Robert Jackson, Kansas State University
35. "Relationship Quality as Related to Stress and Adaptation in Family Housing," Pamela Kemp, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point
36. "Coping Mechanisms at Critical Role Transition Points of Family Members," William F. Kenkel, University of Kentucky
37. "Research on the One-Child Family," Jeannie S. Kidwell, Purdue University
38. "Sex and Chemicals: The Romance and Reality of the Relationship," Marilyn Mason, University of Minnesota

39. "The Ethics of Intervention," Joan McCord, Drexel University
40. "Working with Informal 'Helping Persons'," Ronald L. Pitzer and Jeannie Mark, University of Minnesota
41. "Family Support Systems for the Aged: Victim of Social Change?" Judith Treas, University of Southern California
42. "Step-parenthood Today: What We Do and Don't Know," Kay Palsey Tudor, California State University at Sacramento

Round Table registrations must be made in advance. Please see reservation form enclosed with this Newsletter. Round Tables are limited to 10 persons.

## POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

**"The Relationship Enhancement Program for Family Therapy and Enrichment,"** Edward Vogelsong, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University and IDEALS, Inc., and Ferdinand van der Veen, Ph.D., Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago. (See enclosed flyer for details).

**"Parenting, Family Communication and Valuing Workshops for Instructors,"** Saturday, October 15, 1:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 16, 5:00 p.m., Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel.

"Positive Parenting"—ways of teaching useful parenting skills; "Family Focus"—Introduction to T.A. skills for parents; "Peoplemaking Through Family/Communication"—family systems communication based on Peoplemaking by Virginia Satir; "Valuing Families"—value learning experiences. Led by professional workshop directors. Programs developed and tested by Family Communication Skills Center, Values Education Center, and Family Focus, projects of the National Board of YMCAs. One unit extension credit available for each workshop. Workshop fee \$65 (second person, same family \$45). Instructor's Manual, participant materials, planning aids included. Register by September 15. Contact: Jo Ann Bitner, Human Development Department, San Diego Metropolitan YMCA, 1115 Eighth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.

## COMBINED BOOK EXHIBIT

The Combined Book Exhibit, David Milne, San Diego State University, Chairperson, will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Victoria Room.

## FILM AND FILMSTRIP EXHIBIT

The Film and Filmstrip Exhibit, chaired by Aina Summerfelt, San Diego Public Schools, will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the San Antonio Room.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Those of you who plan to avail yourselves of the benefits of the Annual Meeting Employment Service please be reminded that said benefits are even greater if you pre-register. Please send requests for either candidate application or position order form, stating which you desire, to **Betty Morrison, Coordinator, NCFR Employment Service, 1219 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55414.** The Employment Service will be open Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Alvarado and Carrillo Rooms.

## ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Aloha World Travel Agency has quoted the following group rates for travel to the Annual Meeting:

Groups of 40 or more travelling together both ways:  
Atlanta—Depart 10:15 a.m. Delta Flight 1211  
San Diego Arrive 11:12 a.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$266.00

Chicago Depart 11:45 a.m. American Airlines Flight 253  
San Diego Arrive 1:41 p.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$204.00

New York Depart 8:15 a.m. American Airlines Flight 295  
San Diego Arrive 12:18 p.m. or  
Depart 10:00 a.m. American Airlines Flight 381/253  
(change in Chicago)  
Arrive 1:41 p.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$269.00

Groups of 15 or more - may return separately:  
Edmonton Depart 7:55 a.m. Hughes Air West Flight 725  
San Diego Arrive 12:58 p.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$203.00

Salt Lake City Depart 12:00 noon Western Airlines Flight 411  
San Diego Arrive 1:31 p.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$120.00

Vancouver Depart 12:40 p.m. Western Airlines Flight 216  
San Diego Arrive 4:17 p.m. Group Fare Round Trip \$171.00

Some excursion fares or Super Saver Fares or night coach fares are also available from certain cities; excursion fares are available from almost any point (stay one week or more). Some of these fares might be as good or better than the group fares—even with the 1 to 1-1/2% increase for which the airlines are asking. For further information on either group or individual travel arrangements, contact **Anne-Marie Kaukonen, Aloha World Travel Agency, 5700 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92115 (Phone 714-583-2564).**

## HOTEL RESERVATION CARDS AVAILABLE FROM NCFR

The conference hotel is the Sheraton Harbor Island. When you send your registration to the NCFR office, hotel forms will be sent you at once. Reservations are guaranteed only if received by the hotel by September 9th. A block of quads is available at a reduced rate **FOR STUDENTS ONLY.** Please specify if you are interested in student housing at the Sheraton Harbor Island or other hotels.

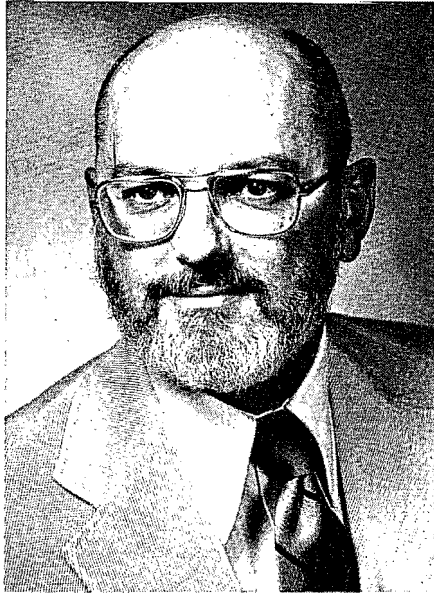
## ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Registration will be open at the Annual Meeting Tuesday evening, 7:30 to 9:00, and again on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

## EXPENSES

An income tax deduction may be allowed for expenses of education (including travel, meals, lodging) undertaken to maintain and improve professional skills. (See Treas. Reg. 1.162.5; Coughlin vs Commissioner, 203 F2d 307.)

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Some goals for the NCFR this year were set forth in an earlier newsletter. It's time to report on the progress made toward reaching them. One has been reached, another has been attained to a significant degree, and efforts have been made toward the accomplishment of the third.

First, the goal of the establishment of an International Section has been reached. Under the able and energetic leadership of Constantina Safilios-Rothschild, the requisite number of names for a petition has been secured and a statement of purpose approved. There are other details to be taken care of, but the International Section is a reality.

Second, the task of involving the NCFR in the public policy area at the national level has been accomplished in significant ways. Some details will be found in Steven Engelberg's Washington Report which follows. As important as the forthcoming White House Conference on Families may be, the establishment of a cooperative relationship with the Family Service Association of America, the American Home Economics Association, and the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (Coalition of Family Organizations—COFO) may turn out to be our most significant accomplishment in this area for the year.

Third, with regard to the matter of enlisting minority family field leaders in the membership of the NCFR, we are able to report a considerable amount of letter writing and contacts, along with other efforts such as the encouragement of program leaders to seek out minority speakers and presenters wherever possible. What the outcome will be on this front remains to be seen, but let's hope that we can make increased contact with leaders in the family field from minority groups.

There are other things underway and still much to do in the time that we have remaining in this year. For example, important steps have been taken by the Board of Directors with the establishment of the state chapter arrangement. This promises, as we can see it fully into operation, to strengthen the family life movement not only at the national level but also at the important state level. In order to bring about effective change, it is necessary to devise ways of exercising leverage not only in Washington but also in state capitols and cities across the country. Equally important, for the

NCFR to grow and keep pace with the need for leadership in the family life field, it is essential to develop strong state chapters of the organization. Approximately twenty exist at this time and there is the potential for bringing to life another twenty in the near future. More will be forthcoming on this significant matter.

Once again, we extend an invitation to join us for the annual conference in San Diego. I hope that many of you will be able to be present to participate, as well as to tour Tijuana and to plunge into the Pacific. Best wishes for a good summer and fall.

**William C. Nichols, President**

## WASHINGTON COLUMN

On May 20, 1977, representatives of four organizations concerned with family policy—NCFR, the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, the American Home Economics Association and Family Service Association of America—met in Washington to discuss the formation of a formal Washington-based coalition. As a result of this meeting, an agreement in principle has been reached to create this coalition (subject to final Board confirmation by several of the organizations).

The first major objective of this new Coalition—which has been named the Coalition of Family Organizations—will be to produce a quarterly Washington newsletter, reporting on significant developments affecting American families at the federal level.

A joint editorial board will be created, consisting of myself and representatives of the other organizations, and the American Home Economics Association has offered to produce the newsletter. The production and mailing costs will be apportioned among each of the organizations based on the number of copies requested by each organization. It is hoped that the first edition of this newsletter will be ready to roll in the Fall of 1977.

In addition to publication of this Washington newsletter, the Coalition will also work cooperatively—in providing technical assistance, in presenting joint Congressional testimony, and in joint advocacy efforts—on issues of common concern to the membership of each organization. For example, we have received requests for technical assistance and political support from several Congressional offices interested in developing legislation dealing with the growing problem of "battered wives"; and we have discussed the possibility of Coalition support for the Administration's hospital cost containment proposal—a proposal which will have an obvious impact on all American families.

This new Coalition is a very important development and I will keep you posted on future developments.

### **White House Conference on Families**

NCFR also has been actively involved with a larger number of national organizations, exploring the creation of a coalition to influence the planning and implementation of the White House Conference on Families, tentatively scheduled for 1979.

After a two day meeting in Washington on May 25-26, 1977, representatives of approximately 15 national organizations (including myself on behalf of NCFR) formally agreed to form such a coalition with two broad objectives:

1. To share and discuss information on developments concerning the White House Conference on Families; and

2. To influence the planning and implementation of the White House Conference.

At the conclusion of this two day meeting, three officers were elected for a brief term to carry out various tasks of this new coalition. The interim chairman was authorized to write to Secretary Califano, informing him of the creation of the coalition, and of the desire of the coalition's representatives to be included in any and all meetings at HEW concerning Conference planning.

The membership in this coalition initially has been limited to those organizations signing the original letter to Secretary Califano. While no organizations will be solicited to join the coalition, requests to join will be considered as they are received.

There is still very little to report concerning the Government's activity in the pre-planning of this Conference. The only significant development since my last Newsletter column has been the decision by Secretary Califano to place the responsibility for the Conference under the jurisdiction of HEW's Office of Human Development, which is headed by Assistant Secretary, Arabella Martinez. There are also reports that either the President or Secretary Califano will issue a formal statement on the Conference some time this summer.

#### **National Health Insurance**

At NCFR's Executive Committee Meeting in May we discussed the importance of NCFR being in a position to participate effectively in the debate on national health insurance. Secretary Califano has created an advisory committee on national health insurance to report to him by the end of 1977, and the Administration has indicated that proposed legislation on national health insurance may be ready some time in 1978. In addition, the President's Commission on Mental Health, which is chaired by Mrs. Carter, is expected to develop major recommendations concerning the mental health aspect of any type of national health insurance plan.

Accordingly, NCFR should be in a position, as this debate develops, to recommend family strengthening initiatives for any type of national health insurance proposal. Toward this end, NCFR President Nichols has appointed an ad hoc committee on "Special Mental Health Concerns in National Health Insurance," chaired by

Lawrence Gaughan, professor of law at Washington and Lee University, who specializes in health issues. Other committee members are Emily M. Brown, Helen Raschke, Clark E. Vincent, and Gertrude Zemon-Gass.

I will work closely with Professor Gaughan and his committee over the next several months, with the goal of developing an effective NCFR position paper. The committee will focus on such issues as the need for marriage and family therapy, crisis intervention services, and the like.

Once this paper is completed, NCFR should be in a better position—as one of the few national organizations devoted solely to family issues—to influence the debate over national health insurance. NCFR is uniquely able to address itself to a "family impact analysis" of various national health insurance proposals. An effective position paper expressing NCFR's views on this issue could influence the development of the final legislation.

#### **Welfare Reform**

One of the twelve basic goals for welfare reform announced by the Carter Administration in May was that "incentives should be designed to keep families together."

The specifics of the Administration's legislative proposal—and particularly the specific proposals to eliminate the obvious discriminations against intact families under the existing welfare system—will be known when the Administration submits its formal proposal to the Congress, which is scheduled for August 1977.

Like national health insurance, the "family impact" of any welfare reform proposal is of major concern to an organization such as NCFR. Accordingly, I have recommended to the Executive Committee that an ad hoc committee—like the one created on national health insurance—should be formed so that NCFR can be in a position to respond effectively to the specifics of the Administration's welfare reform legislation.

#### **President's Commission on Mental Health**

Shortly after taking office, President Carter announced the creation of a new Commission on Mental Health, chaired by Mrs. Carter. This Commission has been given a very broad mandate, with directions to prepare a comprehensive report to the President on a series of major issues—from the rights of the mentally ill to financing mech-

anisms for the delivery of mental health services.

In May, I met with Dr. Betty Hamburg, the Commission's Director of Studies, to discuss the work of the Commission and to offer NCFR's assistance in developing the Commission's recommendations. Dr. Hamburg will be responsible for the entire area of family mental health.

I have submitted to Dr. Hamburg a list of names of prominent NCFR members who might be available to serve as members of various task forces which will be created by the Commission over the next several months. In the Fall of 1977, the Commission will make a preliminary report to the President. I intend to follow closely the work of the Commission, and at some point in the near future, the position paper prepared by NCFR's ad hoc Committee on National Health Insurance, if adopted by the Board, will be submitted to the Commission as the NCFR position.

#### **Foster Care, Adopting, and Child Welfare Services**

The House recently passed legislation introduced by Representative George Miller, to reform the federal Government's role in foster care, adoption and child welfare services; similar reform proposals are underway in the Senate, under the leadership of Senators Cranston and Moynihan.

On July 12, 1977, Vice President Mondale, on behalf of the Administration, announced the Administration's proposal to deal with these significant problems. In introducing the Administration's proposal, Vice President Mondale stated:

One of President Carter's principle goals is to strengthen, rather than undercut, the family. No area needs this redirection more than the joint federal-state programs which remove children from their families and place them in foster care. Foster care is an important part of our effort to protect children from abuse and neglect, and dedicated foster parents provide priceless love and support to thousands of American children. But too often children are needlessly taken away from their natural families. Too often these children are consigned to large, remote institutions instead of less restrictive forms of placement. Often children

are simply swallowed up in the system—not intentionally, but almost mindlessly.

The Vice President pointed out that about 350,000 American children are now living in foster care homes and institutions, and many of these children are now considered hard to adopt, either because they have been separated from their natural families or because they have special medical and emotional problems. The Vice President also stated that studies show that some of these children could be returned to their natural families with a little extra help, and others could be adopted, by willing families, including foster care parents, if only assistance were available for medical and other expenses.

The Vice President then noted that "This Administration believes that no American child should be forgotten or abandoned to an institution when there are families who could provide a permanent home, and that a special effort should be made at both the federal and state level to ensure the right of every child to a loving, stable family," a step which the Vice President pointed out could actually save money for state and federal governments in the long run, as an alternative to the higher cost of institutional care.

Accordingly, the Administration's proposal is in two basic parts. The first part proposes to reform the incentives in the federal foster care system in two basic respects. Under existing law, children in foster care receive federal Medicaid insurance, to pay for serious medical and emotional problems. However, if these children are adopted, they lose the Medicaid assistance, and accordingly, the Administration proposes to amend the law to permit Medicaid benefits to follow the child.

Furthermore, the federal Government now spends approximately 200 million dollars to support 117,000 children in foster care at an average federal cost of nearly \$2,000 annually per child. If these children are adopted, they lose eligibility for federal maintenance assistance. The Administration proposes to reform the current system, to help low and moderate income families willing to provide a home for hard to place children, by permitting the use of foster care funds for adoption subsidies. Over the long term, the Administration proposes to

place a cap on the federal AFDC Foster Care Program, to provide an incentive to keep children with their natural families, where possible, or to permit adoption where that is the best alternative for the child.

The second major part of the Administration's proposal calls for a substantial expansion of the Federal Child Welfare Services Program, with strong incentives for systematic reform at the state and federal level. Emphasis will be placed on preventive services, so that the children are not removed from the home needlessly, and on reunification services to bring families back together wherever possible. The purpose of this aspect of the proposal "is not simply to encourage adoption, but also to reunite families and to prevent unnecessary placement outside the home." The Administration's proposal also would encourage states to develop better information and tracking systems, to develop and follow individual case plans for every child, and to provide due process protections for the natural families, children and foster care parents.

Under this second part of the Administration's proposal, an additional 209.5 million dollars would be provided by the mid-1980s to expand state child welfare services. The first 63 million dollars would be granted in the next fiscal year, which would provide, among other things, family and marital social services.

According to news reports, Senator Cranston of California (the sponsor of the original Senate bill in this area) plans to introduce new legislation worked out with the White House. With the Administration's backing, Senator Cranston predicts that the revised bill will be enacted this year.

While there remain significant differences between the Administration's proposal and the House-passed version of this legislation, it seems likely that a compromise position will be worked out over the next several months. Such legislation obviously will have a major impact on current adoption and foster care practices now in place in most states.

This is an important proposal on its merits; however, it is also significant in that it is the first concrete legislative proposal by the Carter Administration which has as its explicit underlying purpose strengthening the stability of American families.

I have recommended that NCFR consider formal support of the basic principles

contained in both the Administration's proposal and the House-passed measure.

### **Abortion and Family Planning**

Shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court held that the federal government was not compelled to pay for elective abortions under the Medicaid program, HEW announced—in accordance with President Carter's prior opposition to financing abortions under Medicaid, that all funding for Medicaid—financed abortions will terminate as of July 25, 1977. (The House-passed version of the HEW Appropriations bill also contains a provision barring the use of Medicaid funds for abortion.)

As a result of these recent developments, the debate on this issue has intensified. On July 15, 1977, approximately 40 of the Administration's top women officials met to develop a letter to the President, expressing their strong opposition to his position on the use of Medicaid funds to finance abortions. Furthermore, an Ad Hoc Committee for Women's Health and Reproduction (consisting of Planned Parenthood, the National Women's Political Caucus, the American Public Health Association and several other organizations) has been formed to urge the President to reverse his position on this issue.

This Ad Hoc Committee has also urged the President to increase federal support for contraception and family planning services, pregnancy detection, and other related health and research programs. Specifically, the Committee has urged an increase in federal funding from the 225 million dollars budgeted in FY 1978 to 410 million dollars in 1979, 586 million dollars in FY 1980, and 783 million dollars in FY 1981.

While I recognize that there probably is a great deal of controversy within NCFR on both the abortion issue and the related family planning funding question, the NCFR Board should consider at its October meeting whether NCFR wants to take a position on either issue.

### **HEW Appropriations Bill**

As of this writing, the HEW Appropriations Bill is moving toward final passage; it is now in the final stages of the House-Senate Conference. According to news reports, the Conference Committee has reached agreement on a final figure in the range of 60 to 60.2 billion dollars. While the President has threatened to veto any bill in excess of 61.3 billion dollars, it now appears that the final figure will be close enough to the President's request so that a veto will be avoided.

**Steven Engelberg**



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### FAMILY ACTION SECTION

The continuously rising number of divorces and the impact on marriage and the family have caused concern among members, who are now inquiring about the possibility of the Family Action Section's establishing an interest group that could pursue the study of this social problem.

Also, the Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities is no longer in existence. Many members have expressed the need to reestablish an avenue of communication for those who are specifically interested in Women's issues. A time can be arranged at the Annual Meeting for members interested in these two social issues to explore the possibilities for the formation of these specific interest groups.

Any members who would like to participate in one or both of these groups should send the following information to me: name, mailing address, identity of group interest, and any comments that would be helpful.

The Family Action Section program for the San Diego meeting promises to be a stimulating experience. Graham Spanier, program chairperson, and I encourage members to consider attending and becoming involved in the Family Action Section.

**Helen Thun Hartness, Section Chairperson**  
1825 Northeast Clackamas Street, Portland, Oregon 97232.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

#### ALBERTA, CANADA:

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, DIVISION OF FAMILY STUDIES, FACULTY

OF HOME ECONOMICS is seeking to fill the position of Assistant or Associate Professor in Family Studies. A Ph.D. is preferred, with some experience in teaching and research. Job description: Teaching courses in Family Studies, developing research interests, supervision of graduate students. Family Life orientation preferred for this position. Current salaries: Assistant—\$16,587; Associate—\$21,543. Salaries for 1977-78 are expected to increase by about 7%. Position available July 1 or September 1. Applications accepted until position is filled. Write to Dianne Kieren, Chairperson, Division of Family Studies, Faculty of Home Economics, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2E2. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### IOWA:

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA: Department of Sociology is seeking a specialist in family sociology or related areas as an assistant professor, starting in August 1978. The position requires teaching and research activity. The specific areas are less important than a person of excellence with an earned Ph.D. in Sociology (completed by June 1978). However, persons with training and interests in one or more of the following will be given preference: history of the family, cross-national research, policy-related and evaluation research, or interpersonal behavior. If you meet the above requirements, send vita and official graduate transcripts plus a letter outlining your interests and

capabilities to Hallowell Pope, Chairperson, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Also request a letter of support from your dissertation advisor. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### ALABAMA:

AUBURN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT announces an opening for Assistant Professor with a specialization in Marriage and Family Counseling. Clinical experience in the field is essential. Responsibilities include: teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Family Studies, supervising the clinical practicum, and directing research. An earned doctorate is required along with research and publishing potential. Address inquiries to Murray Krantz, Ph.D., Head, Department of Family and Child Development, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36830. Auburn University is an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer.

Craig Everett, Ph.D., Clinical Director of the Marriage and Family Counseling Program will be available to interview potential candidates at the meetings of the AAMFC—San Francisco and NCFR—San Diego. Contact him directly at Auburn or at these meetings.

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Due to a lack of space, all other items will be held for the next Newsletter.