

Academy News

This column is a regular feature of the *Bulletin*, reflecting news of members of the Academy who have distinguished themselves or who have information of significance to convey to other members or to other professionals. It also communicates to the members information about meetings of significance or of special interest. Members and readers are encouraged to send to the editor information they would like to have published in this column.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Karl Menninger, recipient of this year's Golden Apple Award for his distinguished service to forensic psychiatry during the many years of his long and productive career. Dr. Karl is the third recipient of this award, which was initiated in 1973 when Walter Bromberg was presented the Golden Apple Award and Henry Davidson received the award posthumously.

Another of our members, John Torrens, M.D., is currently Chairman of the Isaac Ray Award Committee of APA. This award is presented to a lawyer or psychiatrist who, in the opinion of the committee, has contributed significantly to the field of forensic psychiatry during his lifetime. Nominations for this award may be sent to John Torrens, M.D., 3220 Silver, SE, Albuquerque, NM, 87106.

The third annual educational meeting, co-sponsored by the Academy and the Committee on Law & Psychiatry of the APA, will be held on March 13, 1975, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Melvin S. Heller, M.D., Chairman of the Education Committee, has prepared an outstanding program on the theme: "The Clinical Gamble: Risk-taking in the Practice of Psychiatry." Dr. Heller will present "The Dangers of Predicting and Not Predicting Dangerousness." Professor Paul Rheingold of Fordham University School of Law will present "Problems of Malpractice in Psychiatry," and Dr. Robert Sadoff will present, "Risks of State and Private Hospital Psychiatrists in Involuntary Hospitalization in re: Right to Treatment." Other participants in this program include Seymour Pollack, M.D., President, AAPL; Ephraim R. Gomberg, Esquire, Chairman of the American Bar Ass'n Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Psychiatry and Criminal Law; Browning Hoffman, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Virginia; Donald Kenefick, M.D., Dean, New York School of Psychiatry; Michael Peszke, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Connecticut; Stanley Portnow, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Psychiatry and Law of APA; Jacques Quen, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Cornell Medical School; John Torrens, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of New Mexico Medical School; Robert Trivus, M.D., Ph.D., Superintendent, Mayview State Hospital, Penna., and Ulysses S. Watson, M.D., Assistant Deputy of Research and Training, Commonwealth of Penna.

This one-day educational program will precede the bi-annual medical-legal symposium of the American Bar Association and American Medical Association, which will be held on March 14-15, 1975, in Las Vegas. For further information about this meeting, please write to Melvin S. Heller, M.D., c/o Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, Henry Ave and Abbottsford Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19129.

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The Devil's Advocate will be resumed in the December number.