

## HAPPENINGS

I regret to report that I received very few notices of meetings sponsored by local organizations in forensic psychiatry. This column would be fuller and far more significant if it included on a regular basis a list of local and regional meetings in which Academy members participate. In this way it would offer us a means of keeping informed of our own activities, and could be the nucleus of a central information clearinghouse.

However, the two meetings of which I learned were particularly deserving of publicity. The first of these, a symposium on "Treatment in a Correctional Setting," is scheduled to be held on May 25-26, 1973 at the Forensic Psychiatry Service of the Erie County (N.Y.) Department of Mental Health in Buffalo. Bruno M. Cormier, M.D., of Montreal, Past President of the American Society of Criminology, will participate. The meeting will discuss both intra- and extramural settings as well as a variety of clinical approaches.

I was also informed, alas belatedly, of the series of meetings held on four Tuesdays during March 1973 at the University of Virginia School of Medicine under the theme, "Manipulation of Human Behavior." The first session was on the child, and centered on the role of the family in school and behavior control and modification. The second dealt with the consumer, with a focus on drug advertising on television and the need for regulation of such commercials. Social deviance, with emphasis on the prediction, control and elimination of

skyjacking, was the theme of the third session. The fourth dealt with the importance of ethical and social factors in control and manipulation of human behavior. One of our members, Dr. Browning Hoffman, was on the faculty of this program, as were Margaret Mead and several law professors from the University of Virginia.

Finally, we have initiated a national survey of the teaching of law and psychiatry in medical schools throughout the United States. Questionnaires have been sent to all medical schools in the AAMC directory. Should your school have failed to receive this questionnaire, please let me know. We expect to make the results of the survey available to all engaged in teaching of forensic psychiatry, and hope to bring those who are so engaged and interested together in an invitational meeting which will be held in Philadelphia in the fall of 1973. We also hope that this meeting will develop into an annual one, focusing on the training in legal psychiatry. One purpose of this proposed annual meeting will be to maintain and elevate standards of training and provide a means for development of training and courses where no such facilities now exist. Your cooperation in responding to this questionnaire is greatly appreciated.

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