

ICASSI 1963, Eugene, USA

Eugene, Oregon, was the site of the second International Summer School with Dr Rudolf Dreikurs as Director. The first week had morning and evening sessions at the Country Squire Motel with afternoon sessions at the University of Oregon campus where participants observed and took part in Parent Study Groups, Group Dynamics, Family Counselling, Psychodrama, Adolescent Group Counselling and Practice in Family Counselling.

The second week was held at Albert's Lodge on the McKenzie River, where demonstrations, discussions and panels dealt with such topics as Group Therapy, Music Therapy, Pupil-Personnel Services, Nursery Schools, Psychodrama, Marriage Counselling and Life Style.

A lecture on "The Total Impact of Individual Psychology in Today's World and the World of the Future" was given by Dr Dreikurs. There was also a presentation by Dr and Mrs Dreikurs, sharing their experiences during their trips to India, Australia, Greece and Israel, which was taped by Maurice Bullard.

The Staff members with Dr Dreikurs were Dr Ray Lowe, Dr Oscar Christensen, Dr W. L. Pew, Dr Loran Grey, and Dr Adele Davidson of the United States and Erik Blumenthal of Germany. In attendance were 36 full-time and 15 part-time students. Participants included Jai Godrej and Lalit Walawalker from Bombay, India, Ruth Bichel from Denmark, Dr Marcelle Robinson (who had been trained under Dr Lydia Sicher) Helen Millman, the John Platt family and Mr and Mrs Brodsky.

Two highlights gleaned from correspondence were recorded:

"Dr Dreikurs' masterful conducting of the marriage counselling session before a group was dramatic, moving and skilful" and "As part of a social evening, Dr Dreikurs played people's personalities on the piano and the rest of the group would guess the person. It was unbelievable how few guesses it took because of his adeptness at playing the piano in such an interesting way".

There were outdoor sessions and Chamber music in the evenings and weekend excursions available to famed Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves, through pine covered mountains and a countryside of lush pastures and lakes.

Participants expressed such sentiments as: *"there was an atmosphere of closeness and mutual stimulation"; "a full sharing of experiences, expectations and aspirations" and "a unique and unforgettable experience".*