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NEWS AND NOTES

The Seventh Annual Conference of the American Society of Adlerian Psychology was held in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 17 and 18, 1958. The program of papers read was published in the preceding issue of this Journal. Among business transacted, Alexandra Adler, M.D., was elected delegate to the World Federation of Mental Health meeting in Vienna, August 24 to 29, 1958. The following officers were re-elected for the year 1958-1959: Heinz L. Ansbacher, Ph.D., president; Lydia Sicher, (M.D.), Ph.D., and Kurt A. Adler, M.D., vice-presidents; Bernard H. Shulman, M.D., secretary; and Oscar Pelzman, M.D., treasurer.

*Adler's biography* by Phyllis Bottome, third edition, has been published in the United States by The Vanguard Press, New York, price $5.00. The English edition was reviewed in the November, 1957 issue of this Journal.

*Time Magazine,* June 30, 1958, carried an extensive review of the new American edition of Phyllis Bottome's biography of Adler and of the principles of Individual Psychology which the book sets out "so clearly and completely."

An English edition of *The Individual Psychology of Alfred Adler,* edited by Heinz L. and Rowena R. Ansbacher, has been published by Allen & Unwin, the end of May, 1958. The price is 30 shilling.

*Contemporary Psychology,* 1958, 3, 143-144, contains a communication by Ronald Taft, senior lecturer in psychology, University of Western Australia, according to which Adler ranks first among those who have had a major influence on other theories of personality. This conclusion is especially remarkable in that it is based on the results of a statistical analysis. Taft applied the technique of cluster analysis to a table of dimensional comparison of 17 personality theories presented by Calvin S. Hall and Gardner Lindzey in *Theories of Personality,* a recent and widely used college textbook. Taft found, among other results, that the theories of Adler, Horney, Fromm, Sullivan, Murray, and Lewin form one cluster, representing the "field theory approach to the interaction between the individual's