FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON
GENDER IDENTITY

Aims, Functions and Clinical Problems of a Gender Identity Unit

Chairman: Professor C. J. Dewhurst

Piccadilly Hotel, London, W1
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
25, 26 and 27 July 1969

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Erickson Educational Foundation
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This Symposium aims to focus attention on the problem of gender identity disorientation, not only as a psychiatric entity but as an area requiring specialised medical study and treatment as well as social understanding.

Much has still to be learned about the transsexual phenomenon—the fixed conviction of an individual that his or her psychological sex does not conform to their anatomical sex—roughly estimated to occur in one in every 100,000 children. Transsexuals (who are usually neither homosexual nor transvestite) are often socially maladjusted and, if denied positive help, may commit suicide.

Since 1953, some 1,000 conversion operations have taken place in various parts of the world. There are now six gender identity units functioning in the United States, where hundreds of patients are receiving pre-operative hormonal treatment, sometimes followed by surgery, from a growing network of specialists concerned to alleviate their condition. In Britain the treatment of transsexuals has also been undertaken by specialising teams of psychiatrists, physicians and surgeons but there is as yet no permanent gender identity unit.

In addition to the medical and research aspects of the problem, there is urgent need for greater academic and professional understanding and for education of the public at large. Recent legal decisions, reports in the scientific press, and current books and articles on the subject, as well as activity in the psychotherapeutic and social work fields, are all helpful but these mark merely the beginning of what must be a wholehearted effort to initiate, encourage and co-ordinate an intensive programme of study and help.

The international co-operation of scientists, researchers, teachers and social workers, as well as the active assistance of socially concerned citizens and the use of every medium of communication, are needed to make the public aware of the scope of this problem and of the need to reduce the social waste and human misery associated with it.
PROGRAMME

Friday 25 July 1969
2000-2030 hours Registration
2030-2200 hours Reception

Saturday 26 July
0900-0930 Late Registrations
0930-1000 Opening Address by the Chairman
   PROFESSOR C. J. DEWHURST, Professor
   of Obstetrics, Queen Charlotte’s Hospital,
   London, UK
1000-1115 Paper and Discussion
   “Clinical Aspects and Introduction”
   Dr. PETER SCOTT, MD, MRCP, DPM,
   Consultant Physician, Bethlem Royal and
   Maudsley Hospitals, London, UK
1115-1145 Morning Coffee
1145-1300 Paper and Discussion
   “Indications for Sex Reassignment Surgery”
   Dr. JOHN RANDELL, MD, FRCP, DPM,
   Physician or Psychological Medicine
   Charing Cross Hospital, London, UK
1300-1415 Luncheon
1415-1530 Paper and Discussion
   “Surgical and Psychiatric Treatment In
   Private Practice of Transsexuals in
   California”
   Dr. FRED OREMLAND
   Surgeon and Physician, Los Angeles, USA
1530-1600 Afternoon Tea
1600-1715 Paper and Discussion
   “Social Aspects of Transsexualism”
   Mrs. MARGARET BRANCH
   Senior Psychiatric Social Worker, Guy’s
   Hospital, London, UK
1930 for 2000 Dinner
   Guest Speaker Dr. DAVID KERR, MP

Sunday 27 July
1030-1115 Paper and Discussion
   “Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Gender Identity Disorders during Childhood”
   Dr. RICHARD GREEN, MD
   Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
1115-1145 Paper and Discussion
   “The Transsexual’s Female Image. Male Partners are Not Homosexual”
   Dr. JOHN MONEY, PhD, MD
   Associate Professor, Psychology and Pediatrics, John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, USA
1300-1415 Luncheon
1415-1530 Paper and Discussion
   “Gender Identity. Some Legal Problems”
   Mr. DAVID GREEN
   Messrs. George Davies & Co., Manchester, UK
1530-1600 Afternoon Tea
1600-1700 hours  "Private Problems and Public Attitudes"
Mrs. ZELDA SUPLICK
Assistant Director, Erickson Educational
Foundation, New York, USA
Mrs. DOREEN CORDELL
Caseworker, Albany Trust, London, UK

1700-1730  General Discussion
1730-1745  Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Proceedings will be published in volume form and as single
papers as soon after the Symposium as possible, and may be
ordered in advance or at the Symposium. It is hoped that offprints
of some Papers may be available at the Symposium.

Registration Fee
(payable in advance)

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(Note: This fee covers the Friday evening Reception, morning coffee,
buffet luncheons and afternoon teas on Saturday and Sunday)

Dinner
Saturday 26 July (reservations in advance)

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Hotel Accommodation

Limited reservations for the nights of 25, 26 and 27 July inclusive
have been made for the convenience of delegates as follows:—

Rubens Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1
Single room with bathroom  $9.50 £3 17 6
Single room without bathroom  $7.95 £3 4 0

Mostyn Hotel, Portman Street, London, W1
Single room with bathroom  $7 25 £2 18 6
Single room without bathroom  $7 25 £2 18 6

(There is a 12% service charge on hotel prices)

Both hotels are within easy distance of the Piccadilly Hotel. Arrange-
ments can be made for reservations to continue for the International
Congress of Social Psychology to be held in London from 4 & August
if required and with advance notification.

Proceedings of the Symposium

Bound copies of the Proceedings of the Symposium will be available
at £1.00 ($2.50) per copy (£1.15.0.—$4.50—to non-attenders) and
can be reserved on the Registration Application Form.
was founded in 1958 to promote psychological health through research, education and social action. It is especially concerned with psycho-sexual difficulties and has so far worked mainly upon the personal and social problems of homosexuality.

The Trust is also concerned at the increasing evidence which its casework is revealing of need in other deviant areas, and this Symposium is the outcome of its involvement since late in 1967 with the phenomena of transvestism and transsexualism.

The Trust's friendly links with the Erickson Educational Foundation, which is promoting research and experimental work in the United States, have proved a particularly happy means of bringing together American, European and British specialists for this international discussion.
is primarily a medical research foundation engaged in the conduct of investigations, experiments, and studies to discover, develop, or verify knowledge relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, prevention or control of physical or mental diseases and impairment of men and women.

Within this framework, one of the purposes of this tax exempt foundation has been to underwrite or initiate essential but unusual medical type research projects that might find support difficult to come by from the larger foundations. Emphasis is on support of endeavours likely to lead to permanent benefits rather than to temporary alleviation.