

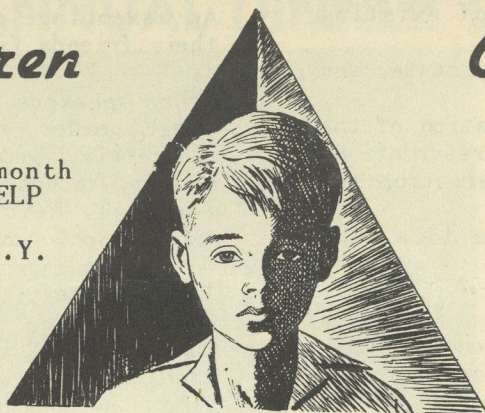
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NATIONAL PARENTS' GROUP FORMED!

AHRC AND OTHER STATE ORGANIZATIONS PLAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

A nation-wide organization of the parents and friends of mentally retarded children has been formed. This development came about at the National Convention of the American Association on Mental Deficiency at Columbus, Ohio, during the week of May 16th.

Representatives of more than twenty of the largest parents' groups throughout the country participated in two formal meetings on May 17th and May 20th. At these meetings, AHRC Executive Director Joseph T. Weingold presented a paper in which the national parents' group was first proposed.

Under Mr. Weingold's chairmanship, an organizing meeting led to the establishment of a five-man steering committee. Mr. Alan H. Sampson, of the Children's Benevolent League of Seattle, was selected as Chairman of this committee. Others on the committee were; Harold Bieber, Exception Children's Foundation, Los Angeles; Eleanor Hayes, The Association for the Advancement of Exceptional Children, Inc., Boston; Alfred Kamm, Council for the Retarded Child, Dayton; and Joseph T. Weingold of the AHRC.

The Committee submitted a nine point program of recommendations, which follow in digested form:

1. A National Organization of Parents' Groups shall be formed.
2. Affiliation shall be worked out in detail at a later convention.
3. That convention shall draw up a Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, and choose a name.
4. Purposes of the National Organization shall include:
 - A. Education of the public on all aspects of mental retardation.
 - B. Stimulate public financial support.
 - C. Stimulate and support research.



GOV. DEWEY CONFERS WITH AHRC REPRESENTATIVES

(L. to R.): Eugene Gramm, David Weiss, Gov. Thos. E. Dewey, Joseph T. Weingold, Nathan Feder.

1,500 ATTEND AHRC'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER JUSTICE PECORA, CONGRESSMAN CELLER AMONG SPEAKERS AT HOTEL ASTOR

Dewey, F.D.R., Jr. Wire Greetings

Congressman Emanuel Celler, State Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, and Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, of Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital were among the guest speakers at the First Annual Dinner of the AHRC held Saturday Evening, May 20th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor, New York City.

- D. Press for the implementation of existing legislation.
- E. Support new legislation on local, state, and federal levels.
- F. Set up a program for the amelioration of the conditions arising out of mental retardation.
- G. Act as a clearing house for information related to the above purpose.
- H. Integrate activities of various local and state groups.
- I. Set up standards of organization.

5. Individual parent groups in the National Organization shall maintain autonomy in all local matters, except as they affect the standards or interests of the National Organization.

6. That the National Organization at its Convention, shall explore methods of cooperation between it and the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

7. That the National Organization shall favor cooperation with organizations that will work for the implementation of its program.

8. That copies of these recommendations shall be sent to every parents' group and that they be invited to send their delegates to the Convention.

9. That the Organizing Convention of all groups of parents of mentally retarded children be held on the 28th, 29th, 30th of September, and 1st of October, 1950, at Twin Cities, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) by the Steering Committee.

"The formation of a national parents' group," Mr. Weingold stated, "represents the birth of a new era for the mentally retarded. By marshalling the determination and energies of millions of parents of the retarded into one unified force, we can look forward to accomplishments undreamed of in the past!

At the Columbus Convention, the A.A.M.D. announced its intention to form the American Foundation on Mental Deficiency for the purpose of fostering research and generally advancing the cause of those concerned with mental deficiency.

The parents' groups were requested to participate in the organization of this foundation. Action was deferred on this request until after the parents' convention in September, because it was unanimously felt that such affiliation needed official sanction on the part of all parents' groups, acting as a unified body.

Full details of the parents' groups meeting at Columbus have been made available to readers of OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE, upon request. Reports on professional panel-discussions dealing with medical, educational and social aspects of mental retardation will be printed in future issues of OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE.

An assemblage of 1,500 members of the AHRC and their friends filled the vast room to overflowing.

Other speakers included Aaron Jacoby, well known civic leader, noted for his work on behalf of under-privileged children, who also acted as toastmaster, Nathan Feder, president of the AHRC, and Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the Association. Among the many congratulatory messages were telegrams from Governor Dewey and Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

Congressman Celler and Justice Pecora joined in lauding the efforts of the AHRC during the past year, and pledged their support of its future activities. Mr. Feder reviewed briefly the history of the Association and the establishment of its Pilot Projects.

Mr. Weingold, who had just returned from the Columbus Convention of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, reported upon the formation of the National Parents' Group (see story on Page 1).

Other guests on the dais included: Edna Baer, Dr. Clemens E. Benda, Dr. Harold Berman, Dr. Emily Burr, Jessie Crampton, Chris DeProspero, Dr. Arthur N. Foxe, Hon. Julius J. Gans, Hon. Albert M. Goldman, Thomas G. Grace, Hon. Daniel Gutman, Col. Sydney G. Harnett, Rep. Edna F. Kelly, Hon. Albert M. Leavitt, Miss Dolly Lyon, Hon. Anthony Masciarelli, Dr. Vincent Mazzola, Mrs. Bety Raden, Mrs. Ruth Rosen, Prof. Louis E. Rosenzweig, Mrs. Lillian Segal, Hon. Morris J. Solomon.

The invocation was given by Rev. John J. Lennon. Rabbi Manuel Salzman rendered the closing prayer.

Dorothy Sarnoff, noted concert and opera soprano, sang several operatic selections. Prizes were presented to the winners of the raffle drawings.

Jack Max, Chairman of the Dinner Committee, in a statement to OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE, characterized the dinner as an overwhelming success, "both financially and otherwise." He stated, "The results were wonderful — and just about the most welcome kind of reward to all those marvelous people who worked so hard and unselfishly to make it all possible".

GERTRUDE VOS CHILDREN'S FUND GRANTS FELLOWSHIP FOR AHRC'S CLINIC

The Gertrude Vos Children's Fund has donated \$2300. to the AHRC for the purpose of establishing a full time fellowship which will provide for the services of a psychiatric social worker. The psychiatrist will join the staff of the Flower-Fifth Ave. Hospital Clinic.

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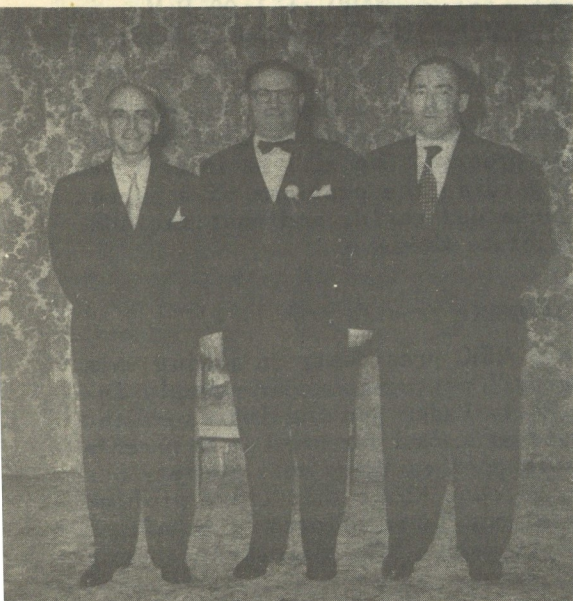
AT THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE A.H.R.C.



(L. to R.) Comm'r. Anthony Masciarelli, Jack Max, Thomas P. Grace, Rep. Edna F. Kelly, Nathan Feder, Aaron Jacoby, Justice Ferdinand Pecora, Rep. Emanuel Celler, Dr. Vincent P. Mazzola.

KEY MEN OF DINNER COMMITTEE

(L. to R.) Julian Banner, Jack Max, Sol Hulnick



DR. LAWRENCE B. SLOBODY DESCRIBES THE CLINIC



A VIEW OF THE DAIS

WINNERS OF DINNER RAFFLE PRIZES

1. Lady's Watch
2. Toilet Set
3. Warwick Hotel - Weekend
4. Pearls
5. 6 Place Mats
6. Grossinger Hotel - Week's Vacation
7. Toilet Set
8. Vase
9. Perfume Set
10. Tickets - South Pacific
11. Elec. Fountain
12. Man's Watch
13. Toilet Set
14. Rug
15. Concord Hotel - Weekend
16. Bedspread
17. Television - 16 inch screen

A. Scato, 1343 Edwards St., Bronx
 S. Klar, c/o Miss Swank, 112 Madison Ave.
 Harry Wolfe, 2060 Ocean Ave.
 Betty Garfinkel, 1022 Rutland Rd.
 Laky Sandor, P.O. Box 104, New Brunswick, N.J.
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 Ruth Landsman, Chicago
 John Hoffman, 1539 York Ave., N.Y.C.
 A. Goldfein, 36 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx
 Mary Kochin, 419 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C.
 Rose Beauty Shop, 918 Kings Highway, Bklyn.
 Herman Murow, 623 Parkside, Bklyn.
 Barry Reis, 1230 Spofford Ave., Bronx
 R. Benowitz, 754 Manida St., Bronx

AHRC PLANS FOR RETARDED IN INDUSTRY

As part of the AHRC long-range program, the training and placement of mentally handicapped individuals in industry is receiving the serious consideration and study of AHRC leaders. Negotiations are now under way for the possible establishment of a Pilot Sheltered Workshop as outlined in the association's leaflet. One of the great problems involved in these plans, is the question of winning industry over to the value and potentialities of the mentally retarded in various fields of work.

It has been established by careful study that there are 19 types of jobs in private industry which can be capably handled by individuals with a six year old mentality. It is widely believed that 50% of the mentally retarded can fill these positions, if the proper agencies are established.

"The job of educating Industry to the acceptance of the mentally retarded is the responsibility of all of us within this organization" an AHRC spokesman said. "In this connection, suggestions and comments from members are invited".

SUMMER CAMP FACILITIES FOR 1951 SOUGHT BY AHRC

Free camp facilities for retarded children are being sought by the Association, according to an announcement by Nathan Feder, AHRC president. It is hoped that some such facilities will be made available in time for the summer of 1951.

Mr. Feder met with representatives of the Juvenile Service League on April 12th. The League runs Camp Juvenile, which accommodates a total of 300 children each summer. Another meeting was scheduled to be held in the near future.

"I have every hope", declared Mr. Feder, "that the entire facilities of Camp Juvenile may be made available for our children for next year. The sympathetic reception our problems received from Mr. Abraham Jacobs, Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, and Mrs. James Gottlieb, officers of the Juvenile Service League, was most heartening."

The AHRC's Camp Committee has issued a request that parents unable to afford private camp facilities get in touch with Mr. Jack Max, Chairman of the Camp Committee, at the AHRC office.

AHRC REPRESENTATIVE TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION

An appearance by an AHRC spokesman on the Dennis James television program, "Okay Mother" has been arranged for early June, according to Eugene Gramm, Chairman of the Association's Publicity and Public Relations Committee. The program, which appears daily on Dumont station WABD at 1:00 P.M., is one of the most widely-viewed daytime television features.

Mrs. Shirley Hulnick, who is a borough co-ordinator for the Fund-Raising Committee, has been selected to appear on the program. She will be interviewed by Mr. James regarding the problems of a parent of a mentally retarded child, and what the AHRC is doing to ameliorate them.

FUND FELLOWSHIP (cont'd from p. 2)

Mr. Nathan Feder, AHRC president, in making this announcement said, "Once again we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Betty Raden and the ladies of the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund for proving to parents of mentally handicapped children that Society has its leaders who do care about this grave problem of mental retardation. Their efforts of behalf of our children will mark a new milestone in our program."

As we go to press we learn from our Westchester Chapter that they have been successful in organizing the first AHRC Cooperative School for the mentally retarded.

A building for this purpose is being purchased in Pelham Manor and classes are expected to start in the Fall.

(See Westchester Chapter Report on Pgs. 6 & 7)

AHRC MEMBERS RESPOND TO APPEAL FOR CHILDREN AT WILLOWBROOK

In response to a story in OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE requesting equipment for the retarded children at Willowbrook State School, AHRC members went into immediate action.

Mr. Ed Fliegel, who led this drive, reported that the following material was delivered to Willowbrook State School on May 6th:

17 high chairs, 4 play pens, 2 radios,
assorted juvenile furniture and toys,
and a considerable supply of clothing.

Dr. Harold Berman, head of Willowbrook, extended his thanks to the AHRC for their efforts in augmenting the equipment provided by the state.

AHRC members can offer additional assistance to the Willowbrook parents group (The Benevolent Society for Retarded Children) by providing the following needed equipment for the young children at Willowbrook:

Pull-toys	Scooters	Skates
Strollers	Walkers	Bicycles
Soft Toys	Rag Dolls	Rubber Toys
And clothing in good condition		

Donators should contact Mrs. Philip Markowitz, 1850 Bryant Ave., Bronx, N.Y. Telephone: DA 9-0472. Mrs. Markowitz will arrange to pick up material that cannot be delivered to her.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT LETCHWORTH ASK AID IN SECURING EQUIPMENT

At a meeting of the Welfare League for Retarded Children, Inc., a request was issued for the following equipment, to be distributed to children at Letchworth Village State School for the mentally retarded:

Phonograph Records	Big Rubber Balls
Athletic Equipment	Musical Instruments
8mm Film	Ping Pong Tables
Radio-Phonograph Record-Players	

AHRC members who can provide any of this equipment are requested to contact Eugene Gramm at AHRC headquarters. Offerings of other suitable recreational material for the retarded children at Letchworth are also welcomed.

Dear Editor,

I would like to have you publish the following information for parents with aphasic (brain-injured) children - that a class for such children is in existence on an experimental basis at Public School 47, East 23rd Street, Manhattan, under the jurisdiction of the Child Guidance Bureau of the Board of Education of New York City. Parents of aphasic children should contact the Bureau's offices at 228 East 57th St., New York City. The class is called "special class for aphasic children".

Your fellow-AHRC-member,
Jack Raynor

Dear Editors,

Just a brief note of my deep appreciation to be one of the fortunate to have my son examined and tested at the Flower Hospital (AHRC clinic). Believe me, words cannot describe the marvelous attention, the patience of the doctors. Our children are so used to being "thrown around"!

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) L. Lichtenstein

Dear Editors,

I would like to suggest to all AHRC members who expect to visit Orchard Beach in the Bronx this summer with their children that they go to Beach #1 so that we parents may get acquainted and give our children a chance to make friends with each other. We expect to have some sign or banner to identify our group (perhaps, just containing the letters "A.H.R.C."). I would also suggest that parents who live nearer the various Brooklyn beaches or the Long Island beaches do the same. They could advise the AHRC office of the locations where they wish to gather and the office could pass this information on to all interested members.

Also, looking forward to a continuation of the social activity program for our youngsters which my committee has successfully inaugurated, I would like to ask any member who has some sort of basement playroom to offer, that he contact me through the AHRC office. We would like to get such space in each of the boroughs for our fall program.

Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Leckart

P.S.

Full details concerning this program can be obtained by writing to me at 1165 Longfellow Ave., Bronx.

CHAPTER REPORTS

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

In January, 1950, Ruth and Martin Bennett met with Mrs. Ehrets, the teacher of the C.R.M.D. Class in Monticello, New York, for the purpose of discussing the formation of the Sullivan County chapter of the AHRC.

After notices in all the local papers and announcements on the local radio station, WVOS, a meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19th at the Bennett residence. Present were Mrs. Ehrets, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ben Newberg, and nine other parents.

Mrs. Bennett, as acting chairman, explained the aims and purposes of the parents' organization. She told of the wonderful strides the AHRC has made in the short time of its existence, and its plans for the future.

At a subsequent meeting on April 24th election of officers took place with the following slate being unanimously elected:

President, Mrs. Ruth Bennett
Vice President, Mrs. Louis Levine
Secretary, Mrs. Jeanette Sawitch
Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Ringel

It was agreed that at the next meeting, a fund-raising project for the summer and fall would be discussed.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Ehrets is leaving Monticello, and it is hoped that she will be replaced by a teacher who will equal her special merits. She has done wonders with the children in her CRMD class and has earned the praise of all concerned.

The meeting of May 10th was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Levine in So. Fallsburg. Membership cards were issued to all dues-paying members. Mrs. Bennett, our President, announced that as soon as we have twenty-five paid-up members we could have a representative on the AHRC Board of Directors.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett reported on their talk with Mr. Rutherford, the principal of the Monticello School. They asked his cooperation after explaining the aims of our organization. He agreed that the public needed education on this subject.

Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Levine told of the need for a CRMD class in Fallsburg. Although ten children are required in the area who need such special training, we feel sure there must be that number or more in Fallsburg. However, the educational authorities are hindered by the parents who refuse to admit to others, and even themselves, that their child is not like other children.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. Vapnek, Acting Secretary

Editor's Note:

A later, general public meeting was held June 2nd in the Monticello Courthouse. While the official minutes of this meeting have not reached us at time of going to press, we are advised that some fifty people attended. Guests from the New York City headquarters of the AHRC included President Nathan Feder and Executive Director Joseph T. Weingold. Several county officials and dignitaries were also present. Discussions on the various aspects of the problems faced by parents of mentally handicapped children were held, and plans were formulated for furthering the program of the Sullivan County Chapter.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER:

The regular general meeting was held May 22, 1950, at the Suffolk County Welfare Building, Bayshore. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. Chas. E. Birmingham, Associate Director of Catholic Charities of Long Island, who is one of our sponsors. He expressed the Christian outlook on helping the handicapped, once the problem is put before them, by saying "children are the most important of crops who should be loved and cared for and the American citizen is always willing to help the least of these." He stressed the fact that our children are born for a reason and it is up to us as parents to look for this reason.

The Fund Raising Committee gave details and asked for volunteers to help with some of the work in connection with a play which is being presented by The Players Workshop for our benefit at Sewanhaka High School Auditorium, Floral Park, June 9th and 10th.

The Education Committee gave a detailed report on the Summer Day Camp which will be open from July 5th to August 30th, 9:30 to 3:30, at the Newcastle School in Westbury. They asked for the loan of card tables, children's tables and chairs, cots and sand boxes for this period. This committee will work on a plan for a Saturday Craft-Day in the Fall.

A parent participation discussion was started with the introduction of one of our members who is a parent and a teacher of retarded children. This was a very enlightening discussion on special classes and how to attain them.

Plans for a social program for an adult group will be started. Anyone interested can get in touch with Mrs. J. Markowitz, 622 Broadway, Cedarhurst, Long Island.

The Speakers Committee report they are warmly received at all clubs at which they speak and thru this source have been able to start educating the public about our problem.

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Ballots were counted for the election of officers and Board of Directors. Officers will be installed at the next general meeting June 19th, Morris Street School, Rockville Centre, L.I.

R. Jedlicka,
Recording Secretary

May-June 1950

WESTCHESTER REPORT:

The big news this time is the final, conclusive fact that we are able to purchase the Pelham Cardiac Home for Children as a day school. Moving directly in the face of opposition of some unenlightened residents of Pelham Manor, the Board of the Pelham Home for Cardiac Children voted overwhelmingly in our favor. As suggested by Mrs. Samuel Greenberg, one of our members, our school will be called the Westchester AHRC (pronounced "ark"). Mr. Edgar Matthews, our able fund raising chairman, is working full time, and has done a magnificent job. We need to raise a great deal of money here in Westchester, and any suggestions in this direction will be gratefully accepted. As yet, our school program has not been developed. A school committee of professionals and parents will be set up soon for that purpose. ✕

Our Northern Westchester children are going to get a break too. A demonstration class in the Mt. Kisco public school, covering children from Chappaqua, Mt. Kisco, Bedford Hills, and Katonah, will probably start in September. These children will range approximately from seven to twelve years of age, with measurable I.Q.'s up to 70. In the preparation for this class, many groups come into play. Complete cooperation between parents, school, community, and professionals is being striven for. Our organization which has been the motivating force, will prepare all the parents of retarded children in these areas to understand the need for special education. Up to now, attendance in special classes was considered a stigma. A local pediatrician, psychologist and psychiatrist will examine all the children who are candidates for this class. The school will indoctrinate their normal children to accept and understand this new group. The Northern Westchester Junior League will work on creating better community understanding. Only with the cooperation of all these groups, does Dr. Bell think that the class will succeed.

On May 16th, Mr. John Flores, Supervising Principal of the Milton School in Rye, addressed our general membership meeting in the Central Y.M.C.A. in White Plains. Mr. Flores, who has been the Supervising Principal of his school for the past 33 years, spoke, with great humility, of his pioneering experiences with retarded children. As far back as 1916, he worked with a special adjustment class in Mt. Vernon. That experience taught him what education means to make a retarded child a contributing member of society. He praised our organization for stepping in to do the work that the public authorities have not yet done.

We were represented at two conferences recently. One was a conference at the Oakside School in

Peekskill, of School Attendance Personnel of the Southeastern Zone of New York State. Since these people are often the first to know about handicapped persons in a community, it was an important meeting for us. The other was a day long forum program, Agencies, Inc., on May 23rd at the Gramatan Hotel in Bronxville. "How Citizens Lead the Way" was the subject of the round table discussion we participated in. Great interest in our work was expressed by those present. Emma Rosenberg represented our organization on both these occasions.

Emma Rosenberg
Corresponding Sec'y.

TO ALL MEMBERS!!!

On a number of recent occasions, individual members of the AHRC have taken it upon themselves to initiate various types of action in behalf of the Association.

While your Association at all times welcomes and invites participation by all members, it must be emphasized that such individual action, taken without consultation or authorization from official sources, can be ill-advised and harmful.

This does not of course refer to the type of activity which is the legitimate individual function — the duty, even — of every member. For example, all members can and should do whatever they can to spread the Association's message, and obtain support for it, among their friends, acquaintances, organizations to which they belong, etc. However, this is vastly different from engaging in correspondence, in the Association's name, with a large radio network; or writing on Association stationery to municipal officials concerned with the Board of Education. These latter instances represent unauthorized action involving Association policy and responsibility.

If you have any ideas which you think will be valuable — regarding publicity, new projects, sponsors, fund-raising, or anything else — by all means, come in, telephone or write your Association about it. If the idea can be acted upon, you may be asked to help effectuate it — with proper advice and authorization — or it may be referred to the committee concerned for action. *But please do not, either personally or by correspondence, take the type of action illustrated above without such prior consultation and authorization.*

In this connection, all members of the Fund-Raising Committee who were supplied with stationery for their work in connection with the recent Dinner, are requested to return all unused letterheads to the office.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDED!

We are in great need of a mimeograph machine and typewriters for the AHRC office. If you can contribute either of these in good condition, please call: ORegon 5-0686.

AHRC TO SERVE COMMITTEE OF 100 IN CONNECTION WITH WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

The New York State Committee of 100, under the chairmanship of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, has invited the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, Inc., to appoint two of its members to serve as delegates. These delegates will function on the sub-committee in connection with its "Project 4" — problems of the mentally retarded. The Committee of 100 is now preparing a program which will represent New York State at the forthcoming Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

AHRC President Nathan Feder has appointed Joseph T. Weingold and Eugene Gramm as delegates.

JUSTICE PECORA, RT. REV. MSGR. LYNCH, AARON JACOBY AMONG NEW AHRC SPONSORS AND ADVISORS

The Committee on Sponsors and Advisors of the AHRC has announced the addition of a number of religious, industrial and civic leaders to the Association's Boards of Sponsors and Advisors. These are:

Board of Sponsors

Justice Ferdinand Pecora, New York State
Supreme Court
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jame J. Lynch, Director,
Catholic Charities of N.Y.
Rev. Charles E. Bermingham, Assoc. Director,
Catholic Charities of L.I.
Morris Kirsch, prominent industrialist and
philanthropist
Rep. Henry J. Latham, Congressman from
Queens, New York

Board of Advisors

Aaron L. Jacoby, President of Brooklyn Jewish
Child Care Council
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Board of Education's Bureau for
Children with Retarded Mental
Development
Dr. Harry C. Storrs, Senior Director, Letchworth
Village State School for the
Mentally Retarded
Dr. Emily Burr, Director, Vocational Guidance
Bureau, and well-known child-
guidance counsellor.

"It is gratifying" declared a spokesman for the Association, "to see such distinguished Americans lending their support, in ever-increasing numbers, to our work for our children. As leaders of our society, their action will inevitably have great effect in achieving sympathetic understanding of our problem from all the public."

DR. HARNETT AIDS AHRC COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH SOCIAL PROGRAM

Dr. Mary Harnett, Assistant Director of the New York City Board of Education's Bureau for Children with Retarded Mental Development, met recently with the AHRC's Committee on Social Activities for Young People. The Committee, which is headed by Mrs. Evelin Leckart, is engaged in working on plans for the Summer and Fall.

Mrs. Leckart expressed her appreciation for the interest and understanding shown by Dr. Harnett, and for the valuable guidance she is providing.

"WHEREVER WE MAY ROAM"

(An Editorial)

With this issue of OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE we suspend publication until after the summer vacation months. This does not mean that your officers, committees, and Executive Director will be idle during this period. On the contrary the AHRC office is humming with great activity these summer days and evenings. Committees are busily engaged in laying the groundwork for big things in the coming fall months.

In a sense, every AHRC member should have a plan of action for the coming vacation months. The majority of us will be leaving our homes to take up temporary residence throughout New York State. What a wonderful opportunity this offers to each of us for "spreading the gospel" wherever we go! Everywhere, there are parents of retarded children, friendless, bewildered, alone. How welcome to them news of our organization would be!

As an illustration, we point with pride to Lou Young, one of our devoted members whose business recently took him to a city in Virginia. Since this was outside New York State limits, and he could not inaugurate a New York State AHRC chapter out there, he was instrumental in starting a brand-new parents' group — The Association for the Help of Retarded Children of Virginia.

To help each of you carry the message of the AHRC to the far corners of the map, the Association will be glad to supply you with leaflets. Just send a postcard to AHRC - 1133 Broadway, NYC.

May the parents and friends who are the Association for the Help of Retarded Children enjoy a happy and rewarding vacation, and may the ensuing months bring all of us nearer to the goals we seek for the children whom we hold so dear.

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All questions and contributions for this newspaper should be addressed to OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE, Association for the Help of Retarded Children, Inc. 1133 Broadway, N.Y. 10 N.Y.

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