

Note to the Reader

The members of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology held an Institute on July 8, 9, and 10, 1971, in Winter Park, Colorado, to discuss four issues of current significance.

Two position papers were presented on each issue. These presentations were followed by group discussion.

I. AUDIOLOGY AND THE DISPENSING OF HEARING AIDS

Chairman: Dr. J. D. Dixon

DISCUSSION LEADERS: DR. JOHN JANSEN
DR. F. M. LASSMAN
DR. R. R. RUPP

II. THE DEAF CHILD FROM ZERO TO THREE YEARS OF AGE

Chairman: Dr. R. B. Hood

DISCUSSION LEADERS: DR. J. A. WILLEFORD
DR. G. R. VAUGHN
MR. C. D. OSBORN

III. AURAL REHABILITATION WITH THE HARD-OF-HEARING ADULT

Chairman: Dr. C. A. Binnie

DISCUSSION LEADERS: MR. J. B. GRAINGER
DR. J. C. COOPER
MRS. I. S. NICHOLS

IV. SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL

Chairman: Dr. L. L. Loyd

DISCUSSION LEADERS: MISS M. C. COOPER
DR. J. J. O'NEILL
DR. G. H. KURTZROCK

The result of these deliberations was the formulation of the following resolutions:

Resolution 1.

WHEREAS, supportive personnel are becoming increasingly more involved in communication disorders (including audiology), and,

WHEREAS, there are no specified legal requirements regarding the training of supportive personnel, and

WHEREAS, there are no specified legal restrictions with regard to the activities in which supportive personnel may engage, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly designate the relationship between audiologists and supportive personnel, and

WHEREAS, there is serious concern about the utilization of supportive personnel by audiologists;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Speech and Hearing Association take a definite position with regard to the utilization of supportive personnel, in addition to its suggested guidelines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above resolution be enacted upon immediately.

Resolution 2.

WHEREAS, audiologists are prohibited by the Code of Ethics of ASHA from selling hearing aids, and

WHEREAS, HAIC is disseminating information from its new Washington Office stressing terminology and concepts such as, "after fitting services," in a manner implying aural rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, hearing aid dealers are using terms such as, "audiological specialist" to describe their activities, and

WHEREAS, hearing aid dealers in increasing numbers are licensed and hence more visible to lawmakers as legal entities available for dispensing hearing aids without the audiologist playing a role,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the participants in the 2nd Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology Institute on Rehabilitative Audiology held in Winter Park, Colorado, on July 8-10, 1971, urge the American Speech and Hearing Association to immediately address itself in the strongest possible terms to the issues of the audiologist and the dispensing of hearing aids.

Resolution 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this group considers these two issues to be the most critical today facing the profession of audiology and therefore warranting immediate attention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information about these issues and the work being done by ASHA concerning them be disseminated to the membership so that they can deal on a local level with problems arising from these issues.

The papers presented at this Institute were considered important enough to be brought to the attention of all professional people concerned about rehabilitation of the hearing impaired. The Executive Committee of the Academy authorized the publication of the position papers presented in one volume of this Journal.

—Editor