The members of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology held an Institute on
July 3, 4, and 5, 1971, in Winter Park, Colorado, to discuss four issues of current
significance.

Two position papers were presented to 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. J. B. Lassen
Dr. F. M. Lassman
Dr. R. R. Rupp

II. THE DEAF CHILD FROM ZERO TO THREE YEARS OF AGE
Chairman: Dr. R. E. Hend
Discussion Leaders: Dr. J. M. Willet
Dr. G. F. Vaughn
Mr. C. M. Osborn

III. AURAL REHABILITATION WITH THE HARD-OF-HEARING ADULT
Chairman: Dr. C. A. Binsie
Discussion Leaders: Mr. J. B. Grainger
Dr. J. C. Oop
Mrs. L. S. Nicholson

IV. SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL
Chairman: Dr. L. L. Loyd
Discussion Leaders: Mrs. M. C. Coop
Mr. J. J. O'Neill
Dr. G. H. Kurtzrock

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

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 sup-
portive 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 investigating guidelines, and

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

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Resolution 2.

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

WHEREAS, HAC is disseminating information from the new Washington Office stressing terminology and concepts such as, “after fitting services,” in a manner implying audiologist 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 4-10, 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