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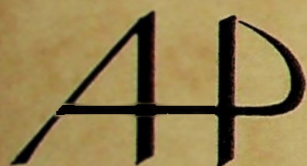
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AHP exists to link, for support and stimulation, people who have a humanistic vision of the person, to encourage others to share this view, and to show how this vision can be realized in the life and work of all.

Membership in AHP is open to anyone who shares these values and wishes to support our efforts.

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Introduction

by Jacqueline Doyle

What is this day about? Here is a brief statement by U Thant, who was Secretary General of the United Nations some years ago: "I do not wish to seem overdramatic, but I can only conclude from the information that is available to me as Secretary General that the members of the United Nations have perhaps ten years left in which to subordinate their ancient quarrels and launch a global partnership to curb the arms race, to improve the human environment, to defuse the population explosion, and to supply the required momentum to development efforts. If such a global partnership is not forged within the next decade then I very much fear that the problems I have mentioned will have reached such staggering proportions that they will be beyond our capacity to control."

That statement was written by U Thant, published in a book called *The Limits of Growth*, in 1969. We are now at 1980; 1984 is not far from us. Those ten years U Thant speaks of are the last ten years. The devastation he predicted isn't visible to us, and the frightening thing is that we must move while the threat is not yet visible. We must move toward resolution quickly now.

I bring you a message not of devastation but of hope. We face the greatest challenge in the history of humanity: we must learn how to contribute toward cooperation among all people in order to save our planet. No effective and unifying blueprint exists for teaching a planetary community to share. I firmly believe that everything we need in order to solve this problem exists; *we have all the elements necessary for the resolution of this crisis.*

The issue that remains is for us to remove the blocks that exist to the use of those elements, to the use of our wisdom. Those blocks are human blocks, blocks of fear, blocks of greed, blocks of misunderstanding. Why does humanistic psychology address itself to this? What better could it address itself to, I ask you. The people speaking here today are very gifted, and have worked for personal change, for social change, for political change for many years of their lives. They have been asked here today because they are passionate people. This is not an intellectual or cool movement.

This is a movement. Heretofore there have been many brilliant and disparate voices that have spoken out on all the topics gathered here today. Starting today my hope is for a unification of all the reform movements that we represent: the people who want to change the environmental conditions of the planet can be linked to the people who want to change the environments within the homes of America, who are interested in how husbands and wives relate, and the rights of children; that all these forces could come together; and that we as humanistic psychologists will be part of that force, and feed energy to it to begin its coalescence today. That is the exciting prospect, that the possibilities are right in our hand. The excitement is here; the energy is here; a great deal of knowledge exists.

Let's devote our energy to clearing away the blocks to our brilliance and to enacting the needed changes in a human and kind way. □

Each of six caucuses at the Political Party presented a position paper in the printed program, and we reprint those, followed by the statements made by each caucus leader. Then we print the reports from each caucus which gave one. Throughout the issue: selected comments from the participants. Party co-host Jacqueline Doyle's introduction which she made at the meeting is on this page; co-host George Leonard's philosophical summary which begins on page 5 was written after the event. □

A note on the program format:

AHP 1980 Conferences

May 9-11
McCormick Inn
Chicago

Midwestern Regional Conference:
Limited Infinity. Irwin Aloff, coordinator, 2716 West Chase
Street, Chicago 60645.

May 16-18
Sheraton Hotel
Philadelphia

Eastern Regional Conference:
Humanistic Alternatives for Personal and Social Change.
Susannah Lippman, coordinator, 2 Washington Square Village,
#6-T, New York 10012.

June 6-11
La Crosse

American Holistic Medical Association is co-sponsoring
with AHP: *Healthy People: Medicine in the 80s*;
Norman Cousins is Keynote speaker.
AMHA, Route #2, Welsh Coulee, La Crosse, Wisconsin,
54601, 608-786-2660.

June 20-22
Evergreen State
College, Olympia

Northwestern Regional Conference:
Social Change. Kathy Proctor, coordinator, 13520 NE 29th
Place, Bellevue, Washington 98005.

July 26-August 3
Geneva

Fourth Annual European Conference:
Personal Growth and Social Transformation. Sabine Kurjo,
coordinator, 10 Route de Ferney, CH-1202, Geneva,
Switzerland.

August 16-30
Snowmass Village
Colorado

AHP's 18th Annual Meeting:
1) Communities (August 16-23); 2) Conference (August 23-27);
3) Institutes (August 28-30). Jack Drach, coordinator, AHP

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August 16-30 Snowmass Village, Colorado