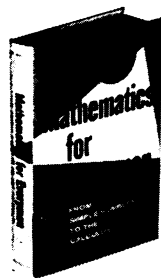


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The session was one of five special symposia dealing with the convention theme, "Psychology and the Problems of Society."

"We are using this year's convention of the American Psychological Association to examine and restructure the priorities of professional psychology," explained Drs. Jack Sawyer of Northwestern University and Howard Gruber of Rutgers University, co-chairmen of the committee on Psychology for Social Action.

Nonetheless, the dissidents followed their orderly take-over with a list of demands presented Tuesday to the APA council of representatives. They asked that the APA council:

- Endorse a resolution to end the war in Vietnam.
- Investigate discriminatory policies in accredited universities.
- Establish an investigating committee to determine whether the activities of the association's Division of Military Psychology are consistent with the objectives of APA.

The psychologists and students making up the social action groups were not the only ones presenting demands. The Black Student Psychological Association also asked for action. It requested funds to implement programs of larger black student recruitment in the field of psychology, development of realistic criteria for hiring black faculty, and centralization of scholarship funds. The APA council endorsed the black student demands, approved funds for a study preliminary to implementation, and postponed action on the social activists' demands until October, when the psychological association meets again in Washington.

Agreement with the objectives of the dissident psychologists and students and desires for general reordering of priorities in the behavioral science field were voiced not only by the small radical groups but by a substantial number of

sympathizers, many of them highly recognized professionals.

"Established forms for conducting meetings and dealing with authorities are no longer observed," Dr. Timothy W. Costello, New York City Deputy Mayor, told the American Board of Professional Psychology. "These are disconcerting changes for the older, more staid members of the establishment, but when properly understood they have a compelling logic about them," he said.

Dr. Kenneth E. Clark of the University of Rochester, who was the original chairman of the Symposium on Student Unrest, sympathized with the young insurgent groups, but said he would also like to see a greater representation of more moderate students protesting. "You have to notice the intensity of these young people and listen to them," he said. "They can't be ignored."

He gave the radicals 45 minutes to speak, saying that many of the psychologists had not been exposed to this before. There was the expectation, said Dr. Clark, that many of the 10,000 attending psychologists would be disappointed with the papers presented throughout the five-day convention.

This disappointment was with the failure of the papers to fulfill their intent and come to grips with the problems of society. According to a large number of outspoken psychologists, that is the active step that must be taken.

"We must," said Dr. George A. Miller, president of the APA, "somehow incorporate our hard-won knowledge more effectively into the vast social changes that we all know are coming—that must come if our nation and other nations are to survive and flourish."

Although psychologists have not been aloof or insensitive to the problems of society, said Dr. Miller, "I cannot escape the impression that we have been less effective than we might have been."

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Everyone talks about the condition of the environment but too few do anything about it. This week the American Chemical Society's Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs issued a report which stands as a comprehensive outline for action on air and water pollution, solid waste disposal and pesticides.

No scientific and technological miracles should be expected or waited for in the battle against environmental degradation, the ACS report emphasizes.

Instead, its 73 recommendations concentrate on ways to make better use of existing science and technology.

"This country can take enormous strides, now, toward a cleaner environment. The crucial requirement is that sufficient energy and support be devoted to the task," says the report.

Among proposed actions:

- More stringent Federal standards on automotive emissions.
- Regional inventories of pollutants from all sources.
- Stepped-up work on advanced, low-polluting power systems.
- More scientific involvement in research on sewage treatment.
- Emphasis on recycling of solid materials. ◇