

CLOSING REMARKS

SERVADIO: Thank you. Well, ladies and gentlemen, friends and colleagues, before this conference comes to a close finally, may I, as a veteran of these meetings, suggest that a vote of thanks be expressed by all of us to those who made this conference so lively and so pleasurable. My thoughts, and I daresay say your thoughts and feelings go, first of all, to the President of the Parapsychology Foundation, Mrs. Eileen Coly, whose first name evokes for many of us the great and gentle personality of the founder of the Foundation, Mrs. Eileen Garrett, whose steps she is so ably and constructively following. Next, we certainly all wish to express our thanks to Allan Angoff, another propelling force of the Foundation and of these conferences. And we should not forget the tact and alertness and labor of Mr. Robert Coly and of all the other people who collaborated for the success, practical as well as theoretical, of our three days' work. May we and they meet soon again for further progress in our common pursuit.

LEWIS: And now Mr. Angoff is going to draw our various arguments together in what I am sure will be a very fruitful synthesis.

ANGOFF: Let me say, although our revels are now ended, I still recall the questions we asked ourselves when we began our discussions three days ago. Whose field is parapsychology? To whom does it belong? Who are its students and explorers? Well, we can at least say now and emphatically, I believe, that in the American vernacular (if you'll permit me in this international audience), that the anthropologists surely own a piece of it, or share an important part of it. Scores of your colleagues received your messages here, but many thousands more will receive them when the Parapsychology Foundation publishes in toto the complete proceedings, formal papers and informal discussions of this conference.

May I now turn and thank our six chairmen for their yeoman chores: Servadio, Smith, Lewis, Hardy, Van de Castle, Brier. It reminds me of my army days. Or, if you prefer, Rome, Stanford, London, Oxford, Virginia

and New York. I think you'll agree that the Parapsychology Foundation runs truly international conferences, and I haven't mentioned Johannesburg and lots of other wonderful places.

I am sure, however, you will not mind if I take the liberty of thanking for you and for myself, my colleague Bob Coly of the Foundation, for achievements which surely rank with your papers, if I may say so, and your discussions. He is the man, I will remind you, who has so effectively provided for our wants, our comfort, and for all the other great and small details so essential to the functioning of a conference, and conferences, I need not remind you, are more complex than they appear to be.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of our president, Eileen Coly, and of the trustees, our thanks to all of you, all participants and observers. Ladies and gentlemen, this conference is adjourned. Thank you.