

CLOSING REMARKS

SERVADIO: May I say a word? As an old-timer at these conferences, ladies and gentlemen, promoted and supported by the Parapsychology Foundation, I submit that this meeting express by a vote of thanks the gratitude of all of us to the Parapsychology Foundation, and particularly to Mrs. Eileen Coly, President of the Foundation, to Mr. Allan Angoff, Chairman, Domestic and International Programs of the Foundation, and their collaborators, for all they have done to make this conference a success and our sojourn in this beautiful city so utterly pleasurable and downright unforgettable.

DINGWALL: I am seconding this resolution. Most of you have heard that Mrs. Garrett and I began work in the 1920s, and my earliest recollection of her was her sitting at a very small table in which we both heard a series of little raps, which enraptured both of us, because we thought there might be something there. Mrs. Garrett, of course, was an entirely unique medium. Not only her own mediumship was of immense interest to herself and to others, but she determined in the beginning that what was wanted in psychical research was the scientific approach. Of course, the Foundation, like every human institution, had its ups and downs, but she kept in front of her always the one aim and that aim was carried out in conference after conference. She got together a number of people connected with parapsychological studies in general; committed believers, and extreme skeptics, and we all met and discussed and began to know each other, and so knowledge of our subject began to spread.

WEST: Dr. Dingwall has proposed from the floor what I was going to propose from the chair: great appreciation and thanks to the President and members of the Parapsychology Foundation. You have already shown that you all support the motion. Thank you very much.

ANGOFF: Ladies and gentlemen, the Parapsychology Foundation is grateful to all of you for coming, from very far and from very near for these three days of deliberation and, if I may say so, revelation. For you have revealed how great and intense and inexorable is your

quest for a better understanding of human behavior. The printed record of these proceedings will reveal anew to a much larger audience how we have been enlightened, how we have differed, how we have exchanged ideas.

Let me not forget our six chairmen. They were drafted into the service and I must call the roll: John Beloff, Antony Flew, Helmut Schmidt, Emilio Servadio, John Cutten, and Donald West. Thank you gentlemen, for accepting this draft without alarm.

I must note that if you have found your mundane and less parapsychological requirements fulfilled so comfortably, even elegantly, here at the bars, at the dining rooms and other parts of the Amsterdam Hilton, please let me suggest that it is due to the indefatigable efforts of my colleague, the Parapsychology Foundation's Administrative Secretary, Robert Coly. He surely merits our enthusiastic applause.

Three days ago when I opened this conference, I spoke of Eileen Garrett and the great contribution she made when she organized the Parapsychology Foundation and inaugurated these international conferences, here in Holland, not so far from here, in the city of Utrecht, twenty years ago. Eileen Garrett said, you will recall, that she wished to diminish the isolation in which scholars inquiring into psychic phenomena worked. This conference, following in that great tradition, has further diminished that isolation. It is, I submit, an admirable achievement.

Again, on behalf of the Parapsychology Foundation, thanks and all good wishes.

Ladies and gentlemen, the twenty-first annual conference of the Parapsychology Foundation is adjourned.