

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS of the Conference on Spontaneous Phenomena dealt with international cooperation, further researches, an inquiry into methods of study, and continuation of its activity. The text of the resolutions follows:

I.

1. That this Conference approves in principle the preparation of an international plan looking towards better studies of spontaneous cases;

2. That the Conference urges upon the Society for Psychical Research, and the American Society for Psychical Research, the immediate development of a common plan for investigations in the English-speaking world;

3. That such a plan should comprise measures (a) for the discovery, careful sifting, authentication, and intensive study of a large number of cases, including recent cases; (b) for the development of hypotheses regarding the principles underlying them; (c) for the development of methods for testing hypotheses by experimental and other methods;

4. That representatives of parapsychology in non-English-speaking countries be urged to study the question of applying in their own countries, subject to such modifications as may be necessary, the plan recommended in Resolution 2 above.

5. That after a trial period of about a year, more or less, of redoubled activity in this field of investigation, proposals

for an international plan for the study of spontaneous cases should be submitted to the Parapsychology Foundation.

II.

That the Conference approves the nomination of a small International Committee, formed by one Member appointed by the Council of the SPR, one Member appointed by the Trustees of the ASPR, M. Amadou, Dr. Meier and Prof. Servadio, in order to examine:

1. Whether certain traditional methods of collecting, evaluating, and interpreting material, have a dependable parapsychological aim, and a good psychological, logical, and heuristic basis;

2. What implications for the future of parapsychology can be envisaged if such methods are accepted as reliable tools of parapsychological investigation.

The Committee is instructed to seek advice from the different national parapsychological organizations, and shall be free to consult any outstanding authority or expert as it should deem convenient. It should submit its conclusions to the Parapsychology Foundation within one year.

III.

1. That the Conference urges the continuance of the program of critical international correspondence on problems like "ESP Projection," and its further development, with a view to clarifying agreements and issues on crucial points and to focusing attention on problems calling for decisive action:

2. That the device for rating the evidentiality of spontaneous cases, which has been developed and used in

the International Project for ESP Projection, be further improved by international correspondence and by experiment, and be then considered in connection with the review recommended in Resolution I (3) above;

3. That plans be developed in detail and actual experiments be encouraged with a view to progress being made in the following fields: (a) recording and subsequent verification of dreams believed to show precognitive or other paranormal elements; (b) projection of one's own apparition by concentration of attention; (c) production of traveling clairvoyance by hypnosis; (d) inducing ESP projection by other means.

4. That plans be reciprocally reported and that results be so reported and published, subject to the necessary financial support being available.

IV.

That an international "follow-up" Committee be appointed to maintain international communications in this field of research, and to maintain contact with the Parapsychology Foundation, to which the parapsychological organizations in the countries represented on the Conference owe so much.