

NARTH BULLETIN

NARTH Conference Set for Los Angeles on October 23-24

The Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California will be the scene of the two-day NARTH Conference held in conjunction with the Claremont Institute on Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th.

William Bennett of Empower America, former U.S. Secretary of Education and Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been invited as Keynote Speaker. (As the *Bulletin* went to press, Dr. Bennett's schedule remained tentative. Final program details will be available by September 15th.)

This year's symposium will offer one full day focused on the needs of clinicians. Entitled, "Working with the Homosexual Client," the Friday program will center on a discussion of effective therapeutic techniques, with the morning devoted to the life's work of Charles Socarides, M.D., NARTH's president and co-founder.

Dr. Socarides is a veteran of the 1973 struggle over the removal of homosexuality from the Diagnostic Manual, an author of many books and journal articles on homosexuality, and—as both critics and supporters would agree—the most prominent living proponent of sexual-reorientation therapy.

In the afternoon, other clinicians will

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speak on subjects such as group therapy techniques, resolution of childhood gender-identity conflict, core relational conflicts common to homosexuality, and specific clinical interventions. Speakers include A. Dean Byrd, Ph.D., Richard Rupp, M.F.C.C., Stanley J. Leiken, M.D., Gregory Dickson, Ph.D. and Althea Horner, Ph.D.

Dr. Horner, a Los Angeles-based psychoanalyst, is the author of *Object Relations and the Developing Ego in Therapy*.

The Saturday program will be devoted to the concerns of the non-clinician. Entitled "Making Sense of Homosexuality," the day's discussion will include three panels—one on homosexuality and public education, another on the origins of homosexuality and homosexuality's impact on society, and a third addressing homosexuality and culture.

Panel participants include Jeffrey Satinover, M.D., author of *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, who will discuss the claims about biological origins of homosexuality; Hadley Arkes, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at Amherst College, and a defender of the Boys Scouts in their recent legal battle with gay activism;

Thomas G. West, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science at the University of Dallas; Harry Jaffa, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College; NARTH Vice President Benjamin Kaufman, M.D.; and Charles Socarides, M.D.

One popular speaker will be nationally syndicated columnist Don Feder, who has written on homosexuality and culture.

Midge Decter of The Heritage Foundation will be the featured luncheon speaker.

A newcomer to NARTH is panel participant and attorney Eleanor Durham, founder of the group Parents and Teachers for Responsible Schools. Ms. Durham's efforts to modify the Seattle school system's gay-affirming curriculum were described in detail the recent April *Bulletin*.

At lunch and dinner, the public will have the opportunity to meet and speak with the panelists. There will also be considerable time given in the two-day program to public discussion and questions and answers.

For further information and reservations, contact the NARTH office.