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APAL (Asociacion Psiquiatrica de la America Latina)

SIR:

During the V World Congress of Psychiatry, Mexico, December 1971, I apprized Dr. Clovis Martins of the QUARTERLY's desire to publish regularly information about APAL's activities. We hope that in this way we shall be able to keep American psychiatrists, and especially those of Latin American origin, aware of the activities of this important association.

APAL is the international association that embraces the principal psychiatric societies in Latin America. It is also the representative of Latin America in the Inter American Council of Psychiatric Associations.

Its current president is Dr. Clovis Martins (Brazil); Vice President, Dr. Daniel Murguia (Uruguay); Secretary, Dr. Antonio R. Pratarotti (Brazil); and Treasurer, Dr. Manuel A. Albuquerque (Brazil).

In 1961 APAL organized the first Latin American Congress of Psychiatry in Caracas, and since then it has grown steadily and methodically. Today, 13 Latin American psychiatric societies (each representing a country) are its members. Through the past 10 years it has arranged or given its auspices to many important symposia and congresses.

Now it has resumed publication of its journal, *Revista Apal*, after a lapse of several years. The new issue is a transcription of the Latin American symposium on "Progress in the Treatment and Resocialization of the Psychotic Patient" which took place in Brazil in 1971.

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