

who comes to him with some problem, some serious difficulty, some type of unhappiness, some type of behavior that he wishes changed to relinquish, some type of suffering that he no longer wants that he wishes to relinquish. The approach then is one of trying to help the person, every often through talk, to understand himself, to understand the causes and the purposes of his behavior and helping him then to see other words of acting, of behavior of relinquishing that way of behavior. A very psychological procedure.

Mr. JACOBS. If I retained properly the definition that you read, you included the phrase "the curing of psychological disorders."

The curing of psychological disorder could clearly include the treatment of organic disorder which manifested itself in a psychological disorder, could it not?

Dr. MELTZER. Would you repeat that?

Mr. JACOBS. Please read back the question.

(The question was read by the reporter.)

Dr. MELTZER. I do not think I can answer that, in that manner.

Mr. JACOBS. I will rephrase the question, then. I am simply saying that when a psychiatrist treats an organic disease or an organic disorder which manifests itself as a psychological disorder, it could be accurately said that that he is attempting to cure a psychological disorder; is that not correct?

Dr. MELTZER. Yes, sir.

Mr. JACOBS. Therefore, I am asking whether the term "psychotherapy" perhaps does not include at least the psychiatrist discipline as well as the psychologist discipline?

Dr. MELTZER. Are you asking as to the psychiatrist in psychotherapy?

Mr. JACOBS. I am asking if the term is not broader than the specific discipline of a psychologist, that is, the term "psychotherapy"?

Dr. MELTZER. Yes, and that is why we are not attempting to restrict it in this bill. We recognize that a large number of other things exist.

Mr. JACOBS. That is fine. Then you are saying that the practice of psychology includes psychotherapy without then qualifying the term "psychotherapy" as applied to the practice of psychology, and, perhaps you overshoot the runway.

Dr. MELTZER. If we have, I think we have helped the situation later in the bill when we point out that there is no intention to restrict the activities of other professions.

Mr. JACOBS. Then, you would have no objection to helping the situation immediately following the word "psychotherapy" if, indeed, it is included to restrict its meaning to the sphere of competence or the sphere of attempted competence of the psychologist?

Dr. MELTZER. The bill states that very clearly. It already says that.

Mr. JACOBS. Just as I read the definition?

Dr. MELTZER. It is not exactly in that part, but it has to do with the practice of psychology that he must practice within his competency or he will lose his license if he does not.

Mr. JACOBS. When you go to the definition section, you will agree with me then that the term "psychotherapy" could imply more than you are advocating that the psychologist be licensed to perform?

Dr. MELTZER. That was the intent.

Mr. JACOBS. Well, sir, I am not referring to your proviso.