

where they would be able to diagnose various types of organic disease which would require medical treatment by a doctor of medicine?

Dr. MELTZER. The typical pattern of the work today in the sense that the colleges are trained to some extent, and then they are required to make sure that they consult.

As I pointed out before, colleges in particular and many, many physicians refer to psychologists to get these various similar kinds of questions answered. I weekly see people in my office who come from physicians or psychiatrists, and the question there is: Does this person have a psychological or organic disturbance? How sick is this person? Does he have a mental illness? Is he psychotic?

I refer patients to them, and they refer them to me, too. This is the kind of working closely together that goes on. This bill assures that the practice will continue.

If the psychologist goes merely on his way, he is liable to lose his license, if he does that.

Mr. GUDE. I am more concerned about the patient. Moving in another direction, the patient comes to the psychologist and thinks that he is in the hands of a person who would take care of his particular problem. My concern would be whether the psychologist would have the necessary professional training. There might be some disease which would indicate that the patient must go to a medical doctor. I think this is my concern, because this would make the psychologist more of a professional person, in raising the standards.

Dr. MELTZER. It would protect against the psychologist who does not have the sort of training required. This would provide that kind of protection that does not exist now.

Mr. GUDE. I was looking in the Yellow Pages of the Washington telephone directory. Would he be entitled to advertise in here if this legislation were enacted?

I see the name of a doctor listed under "Psychologists", who practices in D.C. He has a Ph.D and a P.S.D. in psychology. He says he specializes in Metaphysics, Epistemology, Hypnosis, Emotional Problems, Insomnia, Tension Release, Homosexual Problems, Memory and concentration Improvement and Post and Self-Hypnotic Therapy.

Dr. MELTZER. He would not be able to advertise.

Mr. GUDE. Thank you.

Mr. SISK. Are there any further questions?

My good friend has been here since we started this morning. Mr. Walker.

Mr. WALKER. I notice from our agenda that we have some other witnesses. I have been very interested in the colloquy between the members and the witnesses. I find it very interesting, as a matter of fact. They have already raised some questions that I am concerned with. However, so far as I am concerned, I would like, before I go ask any questions, to have an opportunity to listen to some of the other witnesses. There are other areas that I am a little concerned with.

Mr. SISK. Thank you.

As the list indicates, we will hear from representatives of the National Association.

We also have a group of psychiatrists here who will be testifying.

Mr. Zwach?