

Dear Sir,

With the greatest will in the world, and no unkindness meant, I cannot help but deplore the demise of 'Bob Selman', Gestalt group leader a familiar friendly face on the humanistic psychology scene, and the advent of his more publicly-oriented 'doppelganger', 'Mr. Robert Selman, BA', as threatened in the latest Churchill Centre programme.

One always has a choice about such things, (as Princess Anne might have said, but didn't) and it seems to me a shame, especially in this movement which is still the only real alternative to the tentacles of poker-faced psychiatry, when formal titles or qualifications suddenly burgeon beside names which have hitherto preferred, and presumably enjoyed standing without them.

I am reluctantly made aware that some people feel less secure without degrees than with them, and of course there is nothing wrong with having them; but the 'me Tarzan-you Jane' approach which helped hundreds of people to forget their hang-ups about silly things like qualifications in groups, is going to look extremely silly indeed if 'Tarzan, B.A.' is going to become the logical heir of the process. That way we go round in circles.

Degrees are degrees are degrees. Wisdom or skill by any other name surely smells as sweet.

Yours, however, acquiescent-to-the-trend,

Mrs. Madeleine Beatrice Francis, B.A.

P.S. Re the apparently approaching bill in Parliament which hopes to restrict therapeutic practise to certain species of trained personnel (I forget which) I would like to add that I hope most group leaders, therapists, etc. will stand up for who they are or what they do, regardless of whether they are 'recognised' by the dim-witted minority trying to promote this bill. To the best of my knowledge, it never helped much, me the Gas Chambers in Nazi Germany, to try to prove you were Aryan.

## PEOPLE'S RE-EVALUATION COUNSELING INC.

A new break-away Peer Counseling group has been set up as 'People's Re-evaluation Counseling, Inc.'

They are committed to the process of Re-evaluation Counseling as developed by Harvey Jackins, but regret that the organizational structure did not work and was responsible for the loss of many good co-counselors and teachers.

P.R.C. is forming an international federation of independent co-counselors and co-counseling communities. They plan to explore the needs of a large variety of people, and ways to meet these needs. They expect that people are different. They will celebrate and grow from and enjoy these differences among us.

Anyone who may know of co-counselors who would appreciate the opportunity to join the group, please ask them to get in touch with Dency C. Sargent, 3 Columbia St. Hartford, Ct. 06106. U.S.