

### Emotional Factors Said to Affect Loss of Hearing

Cleveland - (Science Service) - Emotional factors affect hearing loss, three scientists reported to the Acoustical Society of America meeting here.

They have classified the psychic causes of hearing loss into three groups:

1. Availability, the existence in a person's life history of a "model" for deafness. This may be a period of temporary, partial deafness or close association with a deaf person.

2. Necessity, the discomfort, fear or frustration resulting from a person's attempt to adjust to the world in which he lives and for which he can find no solution except to shut out part of that world. Maintenance noted.

3. Maintenance, the advantages or gains given to the person because of his symptom, such as care and attention from others around him, exemption from certain efforts or difficulties on account of his "handicap," a sense of being "special."

Drs. Jane Farley, A. J. Derbyshire and Richard L. Carter of the Parly Foundation for Auditory Research, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, found these characteristics in a preliminary study aimed at discovering the emotional and social factors that may cause or contribute to loss of hearing.

Emotionally based hearing losses, they believe, are so common that their explanations apply to the life of virtually every person.

"Organically Deaf" Human beings, they reported, are "organically deaf" to such high pitched sounds as made by a dog whistle. Every person is also to some extent "psychically deaf," they noted.

The child who hears "ice cream" more easily than the similar sounding "wipe clean" and the mother who sleeps through the alarm clock but wakes instantly at the first whimper of her sleeping infant are two commonplace examples of selective perception.

The scientists attempted to explain how emotional factors operate to select what is heard and not heard, and also what particular psychic factors may do the selecting.

**Certain Common Needs** They found their subjects have certain common needs, attitudes and biographical facts that can be used to distinguish "deafness prone" individuals. In the group they studied, each person showed a need to avoid, rather than meet and solve, unpleasant or highly charged situations. The persons were also strikingly willing or anxious to sacrifice, or other debase or injure themselves "for others."

Most characteristic, they found, was the ability of their experimental subjects to create and maintain a kind of "fantasy world" - not the hallucinations of a psychotic patient, but the wishful and sometimes fearful dreams of love and glory that all persons have, made more substantial, more continuous and more resistant to the distractions of the workaday work.

**Pills Counteract Anticoagulants** Philadelphia, (Science Service) - Barbiturates, widely used in sedatives or sleeping pills, can interfere with the action of anticoagulant drugs often prescribed to help ward off blood clots in patients with heart or artery disease. If barbiturates are taken before anticoagulants, the anti-clotting drugs lose their effect, Dr. Murray Weiner of New York City told the scientific session of the American Heart Association here. Studies in both animals and humans, he said, showed that the barbiturates apparently prevent the anticoagulants from being absorbed. When sedatives or sleeping pills were given five hours after the anti-clotting drugs, however, this inhibiting effect was not seen.

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