

JACK R. EWALT (1910-1998) PAPERS ARCHIVES FINDING AID

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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Jack Richard Ewalt received his M.D. from the University of Colorado in 1933. He also holds an honorary A.M. degree from Harvard (1959). He has held professorships in psychiatry at the University of Colorado, University of Texas, and Harvard. He has served as Director of the Psychopathic Hospital and Administrator of the Medical Branch Hospitals of the University of Texas. He was also Dean of the Post-Graduate School of the University of Texas. From 1951-1958 he was Commissioner of Mental Health for Massachusetts. In 1959 he became professor of psychiatry at Harvard and Superintendent of the Massachusetts Mental Health Center.

Dr. Ewalt is perhaps best known for his work as Director of the Joint Commission on Mental Illness and Health. The Commission's final report, Action for Mental Health was released in March of 1961.

Dr. Ewalt was president of the American Psychiatric Association from 1963-1964, and president of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology from 1963-1964. He had earlier been president of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (1951-1953).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The papers of Jack R. Ewalt came to the Archives of the American Psychiatric Association around 1972. (This assumption is based on notes made during an earlier processing.) The collection consists of papers from his years as president-elect and president of the American Psychiatric Association. The collection totals .75 linear feet and is divided into three series: articles and papers, correspondence 1962 - 1964, and miscellaneous.

SERIES: Articles and Speeches

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Folder 1

- Adolescence: psychological or social problem? n.d.
- Advances in psychological medicine, 1959
- APA-Japanese Psychiatric Association, n.d.
- Clinical and institutional therapy...n.d.

- Community mental health centers, 4/1964
- Community mental health centers plans and progress, n.d.
- Community mental health centers: 1964
- Community mental health centers..., n.d.
- Diagnosing psychiatric disorder..., n.d.
- Japanese visit..., n.d.
- Joint commission on mental illness and health, 1960
- Mental health in a changing world, 5/ 1 / 1964
- Mental health message, 5/ 1964

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- National aspects, 1959
- National association for mental health, n.d.
- Organizing to achieve progressive treatment, 1964
- Presidential address, 5/ 1964
- President's page, n.d. (3 issues)
- Private mental hospitals..., n.d.
- Psychiatric emergencies, 1/ 1964
- Psychiatry for the family physician, 1960
- Psychiatry in industry, 1960
- Psychotherapy and public health, 1960
- Psychotherapy of schizophrenic reactions, 1963

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- Research on treatment of the psychoses, n.d.
- Role of the hospital chaplain, n.d.
- Roles of private practice..., n.d.
- Social responsibilities of psychiatrists, n.d.
- Somatic equivalents of depression, 8/1964
- Stress: Myth, menace, and mystery, n.d.
- Testimony on NIMH appropriations before the Senate, n.d.
- Trends in the care of the mentally ill.

SERIES: Correspondence 1962-64

Much of the correspondence of Jack Ewalt deals with general issues that faced him during his terms at the APA, particularly making appointments to committees. He corresponded extensively when working on the joint meetings in Japan and Mexico. The miscellaneous series, which Dr. Ewalt kept filed separately, complements the correspondence series.



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8. "Third party letters" A – Z

SERIES: Miscellaneous

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9. APA Buildings: 1700 18th Street and the adjacent properties slated for acquisition, 1954 - 1962
10. Executive Committee, 1962 - 1964
11. Insurance commission, 1963
12. Internal management committee (includes management of APA central office), 1960-1963
13. Joint meetings, Japan and Mexico, 1963-1964
14. Long range policy, 1962-1963
15. Rights of the mentally ill, testimony, etc. 1962-1963
16. Search committee for new medical director, 1962
17. World Psychiatric Association, 1962-1963