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DALLAS--A world-recognized authority in the fields of schizophrenia and endocrinological psychiatry will speak to faculty at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and psychiatrists in the North Texas area October 20 and 21.

Dr. Manfred Bleuler of Zurich, Switzerland will make three appearances. At 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, he will address the medical school faculty in Edward H. Caryl Basic Science Hall, room 162. His topic will be "Let Us Stay Near to Our Patients." That evening at 7:30 he will address the North Texas Psychiatric Society at Timberlawn Hospital on schizophrenia.

Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Bleuler will speak to the faculty of the medical school on endocrinological psychiatry in room 201, Edward H. Caryl Basic Science Hall.

Dr. Bleuler is in Texas as special guest of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, UT Medical School at San Antonio, UT Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, and Scott and White Clinic in Temple.

The San Antonio visit was a part of the First Annual International Film Festival of Culture and Psychiatry: "Switzerland & Jung," sponsored by the San Antonio medical school. It was held Oct. 13-15, and was presented in cooperation with Incarnate Word College, Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio College, St. Mary's University, St. Phillips College, Trinity University, all of San Antonio, and The University of Texas at Austin.

The Bleuler family were honored guests for the festival of films, discussions, Swiss food, music and art.

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Dr. Bleuler gave the Saturday morning address for the festival which this year centered around the work of the great Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung. Jung began his psychiatric training at Burgholzli Hospital under Dr. Bleuler's father, Dr. Eugen Bleuler. Dr. Eugen Bleuler, the man who created the term "schizophrenia" to replace the formerly used term "dementia praecox," also knew Freud and was the first psychiatric clinician who acknowledged Freud's psychoanalysis.

His son, Manfred, was born in 1902 in Zurich where he lived with his parents in an apartment in the psychiatric clinic at the Burgholzli Hospital. A student of Rorschach, he received his degree in medicine in 1928; his thesis was on the Rorschach test of siblings.

Shortly before finishing his surgical training in the Kantonsspital Liestal, he had a serious accident while mountain climbing. Two fractured vertebrae and bleeding into the spinal cord caused total paralysis. Although he recovered to a large extent, one hand remained paralyzed and he had to give up his career in surgery. For four years he practiced as the only physician in a rather isolated Alpine valley. He also served as physician for a Swiss army battalion.

Following his army service, Professor Bleuler began his psychiatric training with his father in 1937. He also studied at Boston Psychopathic Hospital and Boston City Hospital in the U.S.

Later he became oberarzt and then privatdozent in the Psychiatric University Clinic in Basel. From 1942-1969 he was professor ordinarious of psychiatry at the University of Zurich and director of the 570-bed University Clinic at Burgholtzli where he was responsible for both undergraduate and postgraduate psychiatric training.

Since he retired from his work in Zurich in 1967, Professor Bleuler has been in private practice and has continued his research in schizophrenia and endocrinologic psychiatry. He is the author of many papers and chapters. A book on schizophrenia was published this year.

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